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Anastasiia Andriushina

Associate Stakeholder

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Anastasiia Andriushina is an Associate Stakeholder Engagement Officer in the IAEA's Department of Nuclear Energy. Her role is to facilitate stakeholder outreach activities, including the preparation and implementation of various training activities, conferences, and the development of publications in the field. Before joining the IAEA, she was the head of a division at Rosatom's Technical Academy that worked with international organizations on the training of foreign personnel from both newcomers and expanding countries on various nuclear infrastructure issues for the construction and operation of nuclear facilities.



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Andrea Borio di Tigliole

Programme Coordinator
IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy

Mr Andrea Borio di Tigliole holds an MSc in Nuclear Engineering and a PhD in Nuclear Power Plant Science and Technology. Before joining the IAEA in 2012, he directed the Nuclear Research Centre at the University of Pavia and served as Chief Technical Director of a TRIGA reactor and subcritical assembly. He was also Deputy Technical Director of the European Commission's ESSOR research complex in Ispra, Italy.

Andrea Borio has authored or co-authored around 100 scientific papers in nuclear physics, reactor physics, and measurements. He served as Director of an international master's program on nuclear and radiation technologies at the Istituto Universitario di Studi Superiori of Pavia and led various research projects funded by Italian institutions. Additionally, he was a Board of Directors member at RSE (Ricerca Sistema Elettrico), Mr Borio currently serves as Programme Coordinator in the Department of Nuclear Energy.



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Sophie Boutaud de la Combe

Director

IAEA Office of Public Information and
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Sophie Boutaud de la Combe has been the Director of the Office of Public Information and Communication at the IAEA since 2019. With over 20 years of experience in strategic communication, crisis management, advocacy and public relations, she began her career with the United Nations in 2004, after serving in the French Navy as Deputy Chief of Communication for the French West Indies. Ms Boutaud de la Combe has extensive experience in peacekeeping, having worked in Haiti from 2004 to 2019, including as Director of Communications and Spokesperson for the UN mission. She also served as Senior Communication Advisor for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon from 2011 to 2012. She holds a PhD in Environmental and Urban Law and a MSc in Public Law. Additionally, she is a published author and certified Master coach.



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Peter Bryant

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Peter Bryant is the Director of ESG & Radiation Strategy at Sizewell C, where he focuses on delivering sustainable outcomes, social value, funded decommissioning, and policy engagement. He previously served as Head of Environment, Radiation Protection, and Radioactive Waste Management at EDF in the UK. With extensive expertise in radiological protection, he has held the role of President of the UK Society for Radiological Protection and currently chairs the World Nuclear Association's Radiation Protection Working Group. He also serves as Vice Chair of the International Radiation Protection Association's Group on Public Understanding and is a member of the ICRP Task Group 120 on Radiological Protection for Radiation Emergencies and Malicious Events, as well as the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency Expert Group on International Recommendations. Additionally, he holds an Honorary Professorship in Physics at the University of Liverpool, specializing in Radiation Protection Science and Nuclear Energy Policy, and is a Senior Fellow at the University of Suffolk in Environment & Energy Research.



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Irena Chatzis

Stakeholder Engagement Officer
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Irena Chatzis is a Stakeholder Engagement Officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency under the Department of Nuclear Energy, where she is in charge of a results-oriented programmatic response to Member States' priorities in the field of stakeholder engagement for nuclear power programmes and related communication plans. Her portfolio also includes designing and implementing communication strategies and campaigns for major nuclear energy-related events. She holds a MSc degree in psychology.



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Mikhail Chudakov

Deputy Director General
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IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy

Mikhail Chudakov has been the Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy since February 2015. Prior to his appointment at the Agency, Mr Chudakov served as the Director of the Moscow Centre of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) since February 2007.

Prior to this, beginning in 1995, he held a number of senior managerial positions in Russia's Rosenergoatom nuclear utility, including being appointed the Deputy Director General of Rosenergoatom and Director of Bilibino Nuclear Power Plant in April 1999. From 1993 to 1995, Mr Chudakov served as Adviser at WANO in Moscow and in London. Between 1983 and 1993, he worked in a variety of roles at the Kalinin Nuclear Power Plant, including Senior Reactor Operator.



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Jeffrey Donovan

Communication, Outreach and
Stakeholder Involvement Officer
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Jeffrey Donovan is a former international journalist who has been with the Vienna-based IAEA for nearly a decade. Since 2019, Mr Donovan has led communications and outreach for the IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy. His work for the Agency has taken him around the world on a variety of missions, including the last four UN Climate Change Conferences. A frequent moderator of IAEA events on nuclear energy, Mr Donovan began his journalism career in Italy and enjoyed stints with Reuters, The New Yorker magazine and Bloomberg News. A native of California, Mr Donovan holds a BA degree in History from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a MA in Global Diplomacy from the SOAS University of London. In addition to English, Mr Donovan is fluent in Italian, Spanish and Czech.



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Aleshia Duncan

Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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Aleshia Duncan is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Cooperation in the Office of Nuclear Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. With a strong background in international nuclear energy policy, she has served in various roles at the Department of Energy, managing bilateral and multilateral relations. Internationally, Ms Duncan has held posts in France with the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and in Japan as the Energy Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. She has a BA in International Relations from Pennsylvania State University and an MA in Community Counseling from Trinity University, Washington, DC.

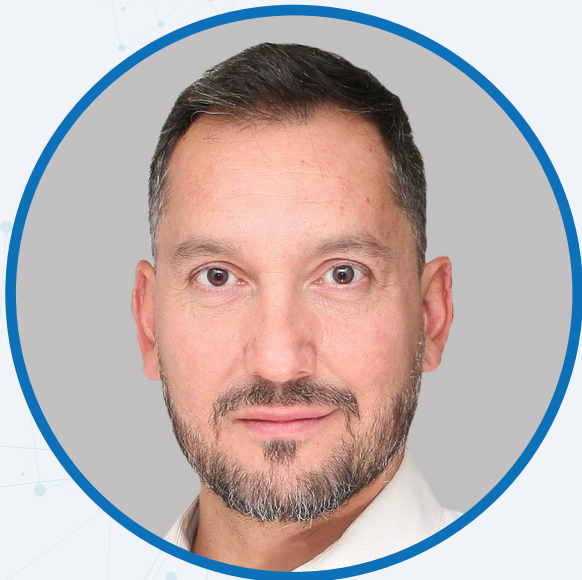


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Javier Farias

Communication and Stakeholder
Engagement Specialist

Javier Farias is a seasoned consultant in stakeholder engagement with an MBA in Communication Management.

With over 20 years of experience in strategic communication, media relations, and crisis management, he was trusted with developing and implementing the communication strategy for the construction and opening of the Atucha II Nuclear Power Plant in Argentina.

As an external expert for the International Atomic Energy Agency, Javier shares his knowledge of stakeholder engagement with countries that are developing nuclear power by participating in expert missions. His strengths lie in crafting impactful communication campaigns and building lasting relationships within the nuclear energy sector.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Javier is an active member of Rotary Club Cid Campeador, where he leads public image initiatives.



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Nayana Jayarajan

Outreach Officer

IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety
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Ms Jayarajan is a former journalist, strategic and crisis communicator for intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations. She has established and managed websites, social media, publications and multimedia and served as spokesperson for the KAICIID Dialogue Centre (an intergovernmental organization), the International Press Institute (a non-governmental advocacy organization) and the Nabucco Gas Pipeline (a trans-European energy project). She currently works with the IAEA's Incident and Emergency Centre, where she supports the development and implementation of technical guidance and training for Member States on how to effectively communicate with the public in a nuclear or radiological emergency. She previously worked as a journalist for India's national newspaper, the Hindu, and global business news network CNBC, and worked for a time with Greenpeace, where she learned the basics of driving policy change through communications.



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Jean-René Jubin

Senior Nuclear Safety Officer
IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety
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Jean-René Jubin has 30 years' experience in the nuclear industry, having worked in various regulatory roles in France and the UK, holding different positions, before joining the International Atomic Energy Agency. At the IAEA, as Senior Nuclear Safety Officer, he supports regulators worldwide in various areas, including regulatory communication. He played a leading role in the development of the IAEA's first safety standards on communication and consultation with interested parties, resulting in the GSG-6 guidance document published in 2017. Jean-René has also organised numerous workshops and training sessions in this area.



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Urszula Kuczynska

Communication Expert

With over eight years of experience in Poland's nuclear power programme, Ms Kuczynska transitioned to the Polish in 2022 to Radioactive Waste Management Plant, where she oversees outreach, communication, and stakeholder engagement initiatives. She is also a key member of a project team examining the social dimensions of Poland's energy transition, particularly in the context of integrating Generation III/III+ and IV nuclear reactors. In collaboration with an independent think tank, she provides strategic insights to central government bodies on issues related to a just energy transition. Additionally, she is the author of *Nuclear for the Climate*, reflecting her long-standing commitment to environmental protection.



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Lisa Lande

Senior Nuclear Expert

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Ms Lande is the Senior Nuclear Expert on Management and Leadership where she supports Member States with leadership and talent development, management systems, human performance and organizational resilience efforts. Ms Lande is a licensed clinical and organizational psychologist and holds a PhD in educational psychology. She brings over three decades of human and organizational factors experience and knowledge to bear within technical and international organizations around the world and continues to influence broad-based and cooperative change efforts internationally. Recognized as one of 2020's top ten global influencers in health and safety by HSE People, Ms Lande is an active member of Women in Nuclear (WIN) Global and WIN IAEA, the American Psychological Association (APA), the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychologists (SIOP), the Association for Psychological Science (APS), and the Resilience Engineering Association (REA).



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Meritxell Martell

Founder and Director
Merience

Meritxell Martell is the founder and director of Merience, a consultancy company focused on communication and stakeholder engagement in the field of ionising radiation research. She has over 20 years of experience as an international consultant working for organizations including the IAEA, NEA or European Commission. She received her PhD in environmental sciences from the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. She is also the executive director of the Group of European Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities (GMF) and the secretary of the SHARE platform on social sciences and humanities in ionizing radiation research.



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Stefan Mayer

Team Leader

IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy

Stefan Mayer is team leader for radioactive waste disposal in the IAEA Department of Nuclear Energy.

He has over 25 years of professional experience in radioactive waste disposal and his current responsibilities are focused on responding to IAEA Member States' requests for information, cooperation and support towards implementing needed disposal solutions.

Prior to joining the IAEA, Mr Mayer was employed by the French national radioactive waste management organization, Andra, and by the Technical Support Organization to the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analysis (CNWRA).



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Stefano Monti

President

Italian Nuclear Association
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Stefano Monti, President of the Italian Nuclear Association (European Nuclear Society Member Society) and Director of Research at Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), brings over 40 years of expertise in the nuclear field. Formerly Head of the Nuclear Power Technology Development Section at the IAEA, he has also led ENEA's Division of Reactor and Fuel Cycle Safety, served as President of Sperimentiamo le tue idee (SIET), and was on the Board of the Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN). Monti has contributed to key international committees, including the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and the IAEA Technical Working Group on Fast Reactors. Under his leadership, ENS aims to expand its scientific impact and global collaborations.



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Charles Oppenheimer

Founder,
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Charles Oppenheimer is the founder of Oppenheimer Project and Oppenheimer Energy Ventures - entities dedicated to tackling existential risks, with a primary focus on fission technology and its importance in the dual threats of nuclear proliferation and climate change. Charles has been an invited speaker at global events and conferences on science and diplomacy, nuclear non-proliferation and nuclear energy. He has appeared in interviews by major media networks such as CNN, TIME and recent documentaries on the subject of his grandfather, the late J Robert Oppenheimer, his legacy as well as his commitment to international cooperation.

Charles has also been published in journals including The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, TIME and USA Today. Prior to founding the Oppenheimer entities, Charles spent 20+ years in Silicon Valley as a technical architect and angel investor. He is also an early investor in social enterprises in sub-Saharan Africa. Charles holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Oregon.



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Jeremy J. Whitlock

Senior Technical Advisor
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Jeremy J. Whitlock is a Senior Technical Advisor in the IAEA Department of Safeguards, providing oversight of the IAEA's preparations for safeguarding advanced reactor and related fuel cycle technologies – a process known as Safeguards by Design.

Before joining the IAEA in 2017 Mr Whitlock spent 22 years at Chalk River Laboratories in Canada as Manager of the R&D programme in Non-proliferation and Safeguards from 2006-2016, and prior to that as a reactor physicist in CANDU and research reactor design.

Mr Whitlock received a BSc in Physics from the University of Waterloo (1988), and an MEng and PhD in Reactor Physics from McMaster University (1995).

He is a Past-President, Fellow, and former Communications Director of the Canadian Nuclear Society, and a past Board Member.