

**Seventh Edition of the International
Conference on Geological Repositories
(ICGR-7)**

*Empowering Progress in Developing Deep
Geological Repositories*

Busan, Republic of Korea

27-31 May 2024

Draft Preliminary Agenda

ICGR-7 General information

Location

BPEX Busan Port International Exhibition & Convention Center
206 Chungjang-daero, Dong-gu
Busan
Republic of Korea

Registration

Registration will open at BPEX from Monday, 27 May 2024 from 10h00-18h00, and re-open on Tuesday, 28 May 2024 from 8h00-18h00. Participants will be met upon arrival by NEA staff on the conference floor and will be requested to register to obtain NEA visitor badges.

Badges are to be worn when attending lectures and all other events.

A passport or another form of photo identification is required to obtain a visitor badge for ICGR-7.

Monday, 27 May 2024

Younger Generation Session

11:45-13:00	<i>Lunch for younger generation session participants</i>
13:00-13:15	Opening remarks for younger generation session
13:15-13:30	Presentation from NEA
13:30-13:45	Presentation from IAEA
13:45-14:00	Presentation from European Commission (EC)
14:00-14:15	Setting the stage – breakout session introduction
14:15-15:30	Younger generation breakout session
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00-16:30	Feedback from breakout session
16:30-17:30	Icebreaker session & networking activity
18:30-20:30	<i>Dinner for younger generation session participants</i>

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

09:00-09:30	Opening remarks
Session 1 – Lessons learnt: experiences in developing licensing of DGR facilities	
09:30-10:30	Presentations by countries with DGR development experience
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00-12:15	Panel discussion: developing licensing of DGR facilities
12:15-13:15	<i>Lunch</i>

Session 2 – Setting the foundations for initiating DGR programmes

- 13:15-14:15 Panel discussion: national status of DGR development programmes
- 14:15-15:15 Establishing legal and regulatory frameworks for DGR development through early interaction between regulators and implementers
- 15:15-15:45 *Break*
- 15:45-16:45 Building a roadmap for DGR development: essential steps and considerations for initiating DGR programmes
- 16:45-17:00 End of day remarks
- 17:00-19:00 **ICGR-7 Poster Session & Cocktail Hour**
BPEX main hallway

Wednesday, 29 May 2024

- 09:00-10:00 ICGR-7 keynote remarks

- 10:00-10:30 *Break / Press conference*

Session 3 – Siting approaches for DGRs

- 10:30-11:30 Panel discussion: siting approaches for DGRs and lessons learnt
- 11:30-12:30 Successful stepwise approaches in stakeholder engagement throughout DGR siting and the safety case
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

Session 4 – Cross-cutting aspects and societal considerations

- 13:30-14:30 Public engagement strategies and stakeholder involvement: addressing social, ethical, and cultural factors in DGR implementation

14:30-15:30	Panel discussion: capacity building initiatives and knowledge management – ensuring continued competency and expertise
15:30-16:00	<i>Break</i>
16:00-17:00	Rise of new and innovative technologies, future nuclear systems, and impact on the development of DGRs
17:00-17:15	End of day remarks
18:30-20:00	ICGR-7 Conference Dinner <i>Grand Ballroom of Commodore Hotel, Busan</i> <i>- Shuttle service to be provided from BPEX to Commodore Hotel</i>

Thursday, 30 May 2024

Session 5 – Fostering the use of existing R&D facilities and international co-operation

09:00-10:00	Role of underground research laboratories (URLs) in DGR advancement and strategies for promoting knowledge sharing
10:00-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-11:30	Panel discussion: International co-operation, relevant initiatives, projects and networks
11:30-12:30	Exploring potential use of multinational infrastructures for managing radioactive waste
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>

Session 6 – ICGR-7 Breakout Sessions

13:30-13:40 Introduction to breakout sessions

13:40-15:10 Breakout discussion session

15:10-15:40 *Break*

15:40-16:30 Feedback from breakout session

Session 7 – Summary of ICGR-7

16:30-16:45 Key takeaways from ICGR-7 Younger Generation Session

16:45-17:00 Summary of ICGR-7 and closing remarks

Friday, 31 May 2024

Optional ICGR-7 site visit to Wolsong LILW Disposal Center Gyeongju, Republic of Korea

Site visit – Wolsong LILW Disposal Center

Registered site visit participants will be requested to meet in front of BPEX Conference Centre at 8h15 sharp on 31 May and will return to BPEX from Gyeongju by 14h30.

Please note that pre-registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis to participate in the site visit. Capacity is limited to 100 registered ICGR-7 participants.

Registration will open on 4 March 2024 at 12 CET, and registration modalities will be communicated via email on this date to registered and paid ICGR-7 conference participants. If the site visit reaches capacity before the registration deadline, a wait-list will be established and you will be informed of your position on the list.

Registration for the site visit will close on 1 April.