



**KENYA'S STATEMENT AT THE 68<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
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**Mr. President,**  
**Rafael Mariano Grossi IAEA Director General,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. It is with great honor that I deliver this statement on behalf of Kenyan delegation.

**Mr. President,**

2. I congratulate you on your election to the presidency of this 68<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of IAEA General Conference. Allow me also to extend my congratulations to the other Bureau Members on their election. We have full confidence in your leadership to steward the work of this session. I assure you of my delegation's full support and constructive engagement.
3. The 2024 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Report paints a concerning picture. With only six years remaining, the current pace of progress falls significantly short in achieving the intended targets. The lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, rising conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and worsening climate crises have significantly impeded progress. Without substantial investment and scaled-up efforts, the implementation of the SDGS will remain out of reach.

**Mr. President**

4. Given the immense potential of nuclear technology and its application to support sustainable development, this is a call to us and the Agency to scale up action in order to play our part towards the collective action required to realize the goal of a more resilient and prosperous world and ensure no one is left behind.
  
5. Kenya remains committed to support the Agency's statutory objectives of promoting access to peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology for sustainable development as well as enhancing nuclear safety and security, and strengthening nuclear verification and non-proliferation efforts globally.

**Mr. President**

6. Kenya's collaboration with the IAEA has been pivotal in enhancing our capabilities in leveraging nuclear science and technology for sustainable development with a view to enhancing the country's energy security and independence while mitigating climate change as well as improving access to cancer care, agricultural productivity, water and environment management in line with the country's Vision 2030 and Bottom-Up Transformation Agenda.
  
7. In line with international best practice, Kenya is following the Agency's guideline in the implementation of the nuclear power programme. Currently, Kenya is in Phase II, with construction of a

Nuclear Power Plant set to commence in 2027, and it is expected that the nuclear power plant will be connected to the electric grid electric in 2034.

8. My delegation appreciates the Agency's continued support in capacity building and expert reviews of the country's nuclear infrastructure as Kenya endeavors to introduce nuclear power in its energy mix.
  
9. Kenya hosted the second installment of US \_Africa Nuclear Energy Summit in Nairobi from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The Summit underscored the opportunities nuclear power presents to reach Net Zero by 2050 and highlighted the significance of Nuclear Power for socioeconomic development of the Continent.

**Mr. President,**

10. My delegation welcomes the progress in the implementation of the Rays of Hope initiative to increase access to affordable and sustainable radiotherapy services. The Government of Kenya has made significant strides in the health sector, particularly in the fight against cancer. With the support of the Agency, we have established two major cancer treatment centers in Nakuru and Mombasa each with ongoing construction of additional bunkers. We express our gratitude to the Agency and international partners for the technical, financial and material support in making this possible.

**Mr. President**

11. In February 2024, Kenya expressed its political commitment to the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources and its two guidance documents: The Guidance on the Import and Export of Radioactive Sources and The Code Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources. This is a testament of Kenya's commitment towards strengthening its regulatory framework for nuclear safety and security, and supporting global efforts of securing nuclear and radioactive materials.

**Mr. President**

12. The Government of Kenya appreciates the collaboration with the IAEA over the years that has shaped the establishment of Non Destructive Testing and Dosimetry laboratories. Through the Agency support the Dosimetry laboratory has been able to support both the industrial and healthcare sector by providing traceability to the international system of units through calibration services.
13. Through the Kenya Bureau of Standards, we aim to establish a Regional Designated Centre for Non Destructive Testing to serve the broader African region. Kenya looks forward to collaboration with the Agency in the establishment of local schemes for personnel training, qualification, and certification to ensure the presence of a competent human resource base in this sector.

**Mr. President,**

14. Kenya is also pursuing the establishment of a Nuclear Research Reactor to enhance our ability to undertake scientific research in nuclear energy technology.

15. In the area of environmental protection and water resource management, the IAEA's support has been invaluable. The provision of equipment and training has enhanced our capabilities in groundwater assessment and management, making our objective of availing clean and safe water for our population more achievable. Kenya has identified blue economy as the next frontier for socioeconomic development. In this regard, Kenya supports the work undertaken by the Agency in environmental protection, in particular the NUTEC Plastics initiative, and appreciates the support received to put in place a pollution monitoring programme covering major contaminants and ocean acidification.

**Mr. President**

16. Kenya continues to support the work of the Agency in the field of Food and Agriculture, in promoting climate smart agriculture, combating outbreaks of trans-boundary zoonotic and animal diseases. We welcome the launch and implementation of the Atoms 4 Food initiative and look forward to the Agency's continued support in availing the much-needed transformational solutions in averting the

growing food crisis. We urge the Agency to continue its efforts in sourcing for funds from traditional and non-traditional partners, to support successful implementation of the initiative.

17. Kenya stands ready to share its expertise and institutions and to continue partnering with the Agency including in hosting fellows from our region. We are pleased to note that the Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority has been designated as a Regional Designated Centre for education and training in radiation protection.

18. In conclusion, Kenya reaffirms its commitment to the peaceful use of nuclear technology and looks forward to continued collaboration with the IAEA and member states. Together, we can harness the power of nuclear science to drive sustainable development and improve the quality of life for all.

**I wish this 68<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the General Conference fruitful deliberations. Thank you all**