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"Looking Back, Looking Forward in Stakeholder Engagement"

10-year Anniversary Colloquium of the FSC

15 September, OECD Conference Centre, Paris

The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and its Radioactive Waste Management Committee (RWMC) proudly celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence with a one-day open Colloquium in Paris. The Colloquium takes stock of FSC achievements, conducts a multi-stakeholder discussion of important themes in the governance of radioactive waste management, and gathers guidance on new directions to be taken by the FSC in coming years. The Colloquium welcomes some 80 participants: local and national opinion leaders and stakeholder representatives, government policy and regulatory officials, R&D specialists, implementers and industry representatives from 16 countries, and journalists.

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Forum on Stakeholder Confidence 10-Year Anniversary Colloquium

*15 September 2010, 09:00-18:20
at the OECD Conference Centre, Paris 16th arrondissement, France*

OPENING OF THE FSC 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COLLOQUIUM

Session Chair: Janice Dunn-Lee

9:00	<p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p><i>Janice Dunn-Lee, NEA Deputy Director General</i></p> <p><i>Marie-Claude Dupuis, NEA RWMC Chair (and Andra's Director General)</i></p> <p><i>Hans Riotte, Head, NEA RPRWM</i></p>
9:25	<p>Presenting the FSC and its 10-Year Anniversary Colloquium</p> <p><i>Janet Kotra, FSC Chair</i></p> <p>The FSC Chair will briefly present the FSC, and outline the background and objectives of the Colloquium. Namely, to reflect on past years' accomplishments; to strengthen our relations with our membership, stakeholder communities, and practitioners; and to gain new insight and energy for our upcoming programme of work.</p> <p><i>Supporting document: A DECADE OF FSC MEETINGS - a table recalling the presentations, speakers, and major ideas heard.</i></p>
<p>PLACING THE FSC IN CONTEXT</p> <p><i>Session Chair: Janet Kotra, USNRC (USA)</i></p>	
9:35	<p>The FSC: Spread of Knowledge</p> <p><i>Yves Le Bars, Founding Chair of the FSC</i></p> <p>The FSC was an unusual initiative in 2000, the culmination of a trend within the NEA and the RWMC. The founding chair will review the early years of the FSC and the transfer to other fields of the learning and experience of the FSC; he will also share the feedback he received.</p>
9:55	<p>The FSC: A Contribution to Understanding Between Technicians and Civil Society</p> <p><i>Cécile Massart, Artist (Belgium)</i></p> <p>“The FSC has performed work of critical value for the ongoing dialogue between cultures across time. Everyone knows that radioactive waste has taken its place in the archaeological stratum of the 21st century, but it's another story to accept this and moreover, to create a forum for elaborating this 'archive' ...”</p>

10:05	<p>FSC Lessons: Are They Specific to Radioactive Waste Management?</p> <p><i>Fernando Gonzalez-Hermosilla, Análisis e Investigación S.A.(Spain)</i></p> <p>In the past decade the FSC has explored a dozen important themes and identified recommendations for improving societal confidence in our management of radwaste. Are these reasonable, operational recommendations? Can they be applied – and are they being applied – in other practical situations?</p>
10:25	Discussion
10:50	<i>Break</i>
STAKEHOLDER EXCHANGES ON CENTRAL FSC THEMES	
<p>1st Thematic Exchange: “Building a Durable Relationship Between a Host Community, a Facility, and Major Institutional Players with Quality of Life in Mind¹”</p> <p><i>Chair: Claudio Pescatore (NEA)</i></p>	
11:20	<p>Introductory talk:</p> <p>Betting on Technology, on Economics, and/or on People?</p> <p><i>Prof. Erik van Hove, ret., U. Antwerpen (Belgium)</i></p> <p>The goal of radioactive waste management is to protect health, safety and the environment... but can we not place <i>quality of life/well-being</i> at the heart of this endeavour? The FSC has innovated by looking at waste management facilities and siting processes as positive opportunities to add value: to improve sustainability of decisions and community well-being. There are several approaches to developing a sustainable relationship, based on e.g. socio-economic development, but how do we figure-in quality of life and the long term?</p>
11:35	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Is “added value” mainly about increasing economic wealth? Is a “durable relationship” only a means to ensure long-term memory of an installation?</p> <p>What can our generation do to imbue an installation and RWM with values and meaning that our descendents will gladly carry on and develop?</p> <p>Panellists will reflect on quality of life and the links envisioned between present and future communities.</p> <p><i>Panellists: Mayor Kris Van Dijck, Dessel (Belgium); Marcos Buser, Buser & Finger (Switzerland); Catarina Blom, Uppsala Regional Council (Sweden); Mariá Vila d’Abadal, GMF and AMAC (Spain)</i></p>
12:05	<p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>The session chair moderates audience comments and questions.</p>
12:30	<p><i>Lunch</i></p> <p><i>The buffet lunch in the OECD Château is kindly offered by Nagra and SKB</i></p>

2nd Thematic Exchange: “Partnering for Long-Term Management of Radioactive Waste”²	
<i>Session Chair: Markus Fritschi, Nagra (Switzerland)</i>	
13:45	<p>Introductory talk</p> <p>Inclusive Governance – Is it here? How far does it reach? <i>Gilles Hériard-Dubreuil, Mutadis and ANCCLI (France)</i></p> <p>Societal response in the past decades to RWM facility development has provoked genuinely creative institutional efforts to engage stakeholders; bottom-up societal initiatives; and diverse transversal research programmes. To what extent do the present achievements constitute a solid and irreversible trend towards inclusive governance? What are the objectives and characteristics of inclusive governance? Based on findings from two European activities (COWAM cooperative research programmes, and the “Aarhus Convention and Nuclear” – ACN – initiative by ANCCLI and DG-Energy), views of local actors are presented regarding the current level of implementation in the EU of inclusive governance in the context of RWM. Also outlined are the main conditions and means for an efficient and sustainable contribution by civil society to the quality and safety of RWM.</p>
14:05	<p>Panel Discussion : Developing and Sustaining Partnership</p> <p>In its decade of existence the FSC has been able to trace experimentation in new forms of joint work between RWM institutions and local or regional communities. In particular, “local partnerships” have been useful for developing both technical and socio-economic planning for RWM facilities.</p> <p>What are the challenges faced when entering and conducting a partnership? What happens at the end of a partnership? Has the partnership approach given better confidence to the range of stakeholders? What are the expectations on the various institutional actors?</p> <p><i>Panellists: Local stakeholder representatives from Belgium, France, UK and Hungary, and implementer from Slovenia</i></p>
14:50	<p>Plenary Discussion</p> <p>The session chair moderates audience comments and questions.</p>
15:15	<i>Break</i>

JOINT ASSESSMENT OF THE FSC AS A FRAMEWORK FOR LEARNING	
<i>Session Chair: Mitsuo Takeuchi, NUMO (Japan)</i>	
15:45	<p>Introductory talk</p> <p>The FSC Framework – Feedback and analytic view <i>Prof. Martin O’Connor, U. de Versailles-St.-Quentin (France)</i></p> <p>The FSC has used a variety of approaches to explore and deepen reflection on RWM themes. How singular is the FSC approach in the stakeholder confidence panorama? How specific is its methodology of learning? What does the FSC experience teach us about improving mutual learning among institutional actors and other stakeholders?</p>

	The FSC List of Contacts was also consulted by questionnaire before the Colloquium on the FSC approaches: what particular learning resulted, and for whom?
1st Joint Assessment: “The FSC National Workshops and Community Visits in Retrospect: Their Meaning and Impact³”	
16:05	<p>Host Country Perspectives</p> <p>Over the years, the FSC has held seven National Workshops and Community Visits centring on topics of concern to the stakeholders. Institutional and community hosts will make short statements on the impact and meaning of this activity.</p> <p>Finland Canada Belgium Spain Germany Hungary France</p> <p><i>Comments from the FSC List of Contacts questionnaire consultation may also be reported.</i></p>
16:50	Other Participants’ Comments from the floor
17:00	<p>Surfing the FSC</p> <p><i>Javier Lezaun, Institute for Science, Innovation and Society, University of Oxford</i></p> <p>The web site of the Forum on Stakeholder Confidence is a repository of accumulated knowledge. The FSC has published 12 major reports and 16 proceedings of topical sessions and workshops, as well as flyers condensing the lessons learnt. All are available to the public, most via free download from www.nea.fr/fsc. A scholar surveys this literature to give a picture of what is there, what it means, and perhaps what is missing...</p> <p><i>The session chair will also report comments from the questionnaire to the FSC List of Contacts.</i></p>
17:15	Comments from the floor

EMERGING TOPICS AND ISSUES –LOOKING FORWARD

Session Chair: Erik Setzman, SKB (Sweden)

17:25	<p>Forward-looking perspectives from the day’s discussions and presentations</p> <p><i>Beate Kallenbach-Herbert, OEko-Institut (Germany)</i></p> <p>The FSC Programme of Work can be updated and enlarged. Based on the discussions heard today, and on the consultation prior to the colloquium, what are the major themes that should be developed for improved societal confidence in RWM in the coming years?</p>
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<p>17:40</p>	<p>Plenary Discussion : Central Challenges for the Next 10 Years</p> <p>Perhaps the challenges for the next 10 years are not the same as those faced 10 years ago by the radioactive waste management community. Now that collaborative decision processes are widely established, new demands are placed on the table - for instance, stakeholder collaboration in operations (beyond incorporating monitoring into design). How can these challenges be anticipated and met, in order to improve stakeholder confidence in the societal management of radioactive waste?</p>
<p>18:10</p>	<p>CLOSURE OF THE FSC 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY COLLOQUIUM</p> <p><i>Janet Kotra (FSC), Janice Dunn-Lee (OECD NEA)</i></p>
<p>18:20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adjourn to Cocktail Reception</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The cocktail reception in the OECD Château is kindly offered by GNS and Posiva</i></p>

¹ The FSC has issued a brochure and a flyer in several languages on this theme. See www.nea.fr/fsc

² idem

³ FSC national workshops are described in a flyer in several languages. See www.nea.fr/fsc