
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) SECRETARIAT

The IAEA Secretariat staff is composed of over 2,200 employees from over 90 countries. The following six offices make up the Secretariat: the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Application, the Department of Management, the Department of Nuclear Energy, the Department of Technical Cooperation, the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, and the Department of Safeguards. The Secretariat implements programs and activities approved by the agency's policy-making organs, which are headed by the Director General (DG).

The Director General:

On 2 July 2009, the Board of Governors elected Ambassador Yukiya Amano of Japan, who received the required two-thirds majority, as the fifth Director General of the IAEA. Mr. Amano's opponents included Mr. Abdul Samad Minty of South Africa and Mr. Luis Echávarri of Spain. However Amano and Minty were the last two opponents in the final round of voting. This round of voting succeeded a vote in March which produced no decisive victor. Mr. Amano was confirmed as Director General by the IAEA [General Conference](#) in September 2009 and began his term 1 December 2009.

The previous Director General, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, was appointed in 1997 and served until 30 November 2009.

The Director General is elected by the IAEA Board of Governors and subsequently approved by the General Conference in renewable four year terms. [Former Director Generals](#) include Mohamed ElBaradei (1997-2009), Hans Blix (1981 – 1997), Sigvard Eklund (1961 – 1981), and Sterling Cole (1957 – 1961).

The Director General is responsible for the appointment, organization, and functioning of the Agency's staff. [Four offices report directly to the Director General:](#)

- *Secretariat of the Policy Making Organs (PMO)*: The goal of this division is to ensure the efficiency of agency meetings and to

facilitate the completion of the policy-makers' responsibilities.

- *Office for Internal Oversight Services (OIOS)*: This division aims to facilitate the agency's changes through improved management, accountability, and overall program performance.
- *Office of External Relations and Policy Coordination (EXPO)*: This division works to create coordinated policies for all the agency's programs while maintaining communication between member states, United Nations bodies, and other international groups.
- *Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)*: This division works to ensure the legality of the agency's actions, prepare legal documents, create a multilateral legal approach, and provide advice and legal guidance common to the United Nations system.

The Director General periodically reports to the Board of Governors on issues such as the implementation of safeguards agreements in a specific member state.

Department of Nuclear Sciences and Application:

The Department of Nuclear Sciences and Application implements the Major Programme on Nuclear Techniques for Development and Environmental Protection, a large component of the IAEA. The Major Programme is composed of the following [five divisions](#): Food and Agriculture, Human Health, Water Resources, Protection of the Marine and Terrestrial Environment, and Physical and Chemical Applications. These divisions were created in 2002 by the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. The department is headed by Mr. Werner Burkart.

Department of Management:

The [Department of Management](#) is divided into five divisions: Division of Budget and Finance, Division of General Services, Division of

Conference and Document Services, Division of Personnel, and the Division of Information Technology. Together, the divisions work to ensure the overall efficiency of the agency; including finance monitoring, security of the Vienna International Centre, effectiveness of agency meetings, human resources, and finally to oversee the administration of technology information. The Department of Management is directed by Mr. David Waller.

Department of Nuclear Energy:

The [Department of Nuclear Energy](#) works to maintain the safe and efficient use of nuclear power. This includes developing waste technologies and the fuel cycle, furthering engineering knowledge, and maintaining nuclear information knowledge and management. Research and development plays a large part in the department, particularly in waste technology and nuclear reactors. In accordance with the IAEA, the department focuses on the maintenance and development of nuclear knowledge for peaceful purposes. The department also hosts the [International Nuclear Information System](#), an information source for scientific literature pertaining to the development of peaceful nuclear uses. The department is headed by Mr. Yuri Sokolov.

Department of Technical Cooperation:

The [Technical Cooperation Department](#) of the IAEA is a specialized organization of the United Nations that works to transfer nuclear technologies to peaceful applications throughout the world. Employing a staff of over 190, the department works to create sustainable energy for member states. Each year, the Technical Cooperation Department publishes its Technical Cooperation Report, which is prepared by the Director General. The report focuses on three main pillars: 1) Strengthening the Agency's Cooperation Activities, 2) the Program's Accomplishments and Impacts, and 3) the Management, Financial Resources, and Program Delivery Indicators. The Department of Technical Cooperation is headed by Ms. Ana Maria Cetto.

Department of Nuclear Safety and Security:

The [Department of Nuclear Safety and Security](#) works to establish IAEA safety standards and knowledge management. Furthermore, the department provides the applications for standards of the nuclear installations, radioactive

sources and materials, and the management of radioactive wastes. Ultimately, the department works to protect people and the environment from the effects of radiation and reduce the chance of nuclear accidents. The department works to advise and protect the public by publishing safety reports, adhering to five main [conventions](#): Convention on Nuclear Safety, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident, and the Joint Convention. In order to maximize safety, the department combines [safety procedures](#) from thematic areas (such as legal frameworks and management) with nuclear facilities and activities. The department is headed by Mr. Denis Flory.

Department of Safeguards:

The [Department of Safeguards](#) works to analyze the safeguards program and provide assurances of compliance. The Department of Safeguards is composed of the following divisions: Division of Technical Support, Divisions of Operations, Division of Safeguard Information Technology, and Division of Concepts and Planning. The department verifies safeguard compliance through an independent and technical system that verifies the accuracy and completeness of the nuclear declarations and activities as acknowledged by states. The department uses three strategies to enforce safeguards: Traditional Measures, Strengthening Measures, and Integrated Safeguards. Traditional measures and safeguards are performed by the IAEA upon state-declared nuclear facilities. Strengthening measures (which are meant to strengthen the safeguards), fall into two categories: those under legal authority and those under complementary legal authority as confirmed by the Additional Protocol. When implemented by a state, the strengthened measure essentially becomes a comprehensive safeguard that allows for the inspection of declared and undeclared nuclear sites. Finally, the integrated safeguard approach combines all safeguards, including the Additional Protocol, to achieve maximum efficiency and assurance. The department has safeguards in force in over 900 facilities around the globe. According to the IAEA's [background paper](#) submitted to the 2010 NPT Review Conference, as of 2010, the Department employed "around 730 staff members, of whom some 245 are full-time safeguards inspectors."

The Department is headed by Mr. Herman Nackaerts.