

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

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International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Latest News

Amid growing concerns over nuclear non-proliferation, the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency held talks with the head of Rosatom, Russia's state nuclear energy corporation recently.

About International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

- It is the **world's leading intergovernmental organisation** for **scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field**.
- The Agency's **genesis** was **U.S. President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" address** to the General Assembly of the United Nations on 8 December 1953.
- The IAEA **Statute** was approved on 23 October 1956 and **came into force on 29 July 1957**.
- The IAEA is an **autonomous organization within the United Nations system**.
- It **reports to both** the United Nations **General Assembly and the UN Security Council**.
- Its **primary goal** is to ensure that **nuclear energy is not diverted for weapons purposes**.

- The IAEA works with its Member States and multiple partners worldwide to promote the safe, secure, and peaceful use of nuclear technologies.
- It is widely known as the **world's "Atoms for Peace and Development" organization.**
- **Member Countries:** The agency currently has **180 member states**, reflecting its wide international mandate and credibility.
- **Headquarters: Vienna, Austria.**

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Institutional Structure

- **General Conference:** The General Conference, composed of **all member states**, **meets annually** to **approve budgets** and **set general policy directions.**
- **Board of Governors:** The Board of Governors, comprising **35 members**, meets about five times a year to: approve safeguards agreements, carry out statutory functions, and appoint the Director General.
- **Secretariat:** The Secretariat, led by the Director General, handles the IAEA's daily operations.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Functions

- **Promoting Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy:** The IAEA encourages the use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, emphasizing sustainability and safety.
- **Safety and Security:** The agency **establishes safety standards** and **provides assistance** to ensure that nuclear operations are conducted safely and securely.
- **Verification:** The IAEA **conducts inspections** and **monitoring to verify compliance with nuclear non-proliferation agreements.**

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