

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to wish the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation a happy 15th anniversary.

The VCDNP's story is - in many ways - a Vienna story. Established on the initiative and with the support of Austria's Foreign Ministry and made real through the expertise of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute, VCDNP has built a home for research and discussion in the heart of the international non-proliferation and disarmament community.

Both housed in Vienna as one of the important global centres of multilateral diplomacy, the International Atomic Energy Agency, established in 1957, and the VCDNP are close partners and mutual beneficiaries, including through our Practical Arrangement signed in 2023.

The Vienna diplomatic community has been greatly benefitting from the IAEA-VCDNP collaboration including the many seminars or events like the "Powering Hope" discussion with Charles Oppenheimer in December 2024 which was a reminder that honest dialogue and insightful analysis are keys to positive action in the spirit of "Atoms for Peace and Development".

At the IAEA, we look forward to many more years of collaboration with the VCDNP and wish you all the best for the future.

Vienna, 10 March 2026



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