

Friday, December 2

Keynote Speech and Q&A

9⁰⁰ am – 10⁰⁰ am

Alexandr Vondra, Minister of Defense, Czech Republic

Coffee Break

10⁰⁰ am – 10³⁰ am

Session Five: Managing Nuclear Threats and the New Framework for Civil Nuclear Cooperation

10³⁰ am – 12⁰⁰ pm

The Non-Proliferation Treaty system is frequently tested and challenged especially when questions of compliance and enforcement arise. The United States is taking steps with international colleagues to build an international framework for civil nuclear cooperation. Such a framework could rely on a combination of government and industry commitments to reassure states in compliance with their nonproliferation obligations that all of their nuclear fuel servicing needs can be met by the commercial marketplace without fear of disruption. This panel will address a number of complex issues and what steps are necessary for a new framework for civil nuclear cooperation to succeed.

Moderator:

Tomáš Klvaňa, Managing Partner of Good Cause LLC and the Executive Director of The Zdeněk Bakala Global Non-Profit Programs, Czech Republic

Participants:

Norman Eisen, United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic

Mark Fitzpatrick, Director, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Programme, International Institute for Strategic Studies, United Kingdom

Elena Sokova, Executive Director, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Austria

Pavel Žáček, Former Director of The Institute of Totalitarian Regimes, Czech

Lunch

12⁰⁰ pm

Forum Adjourns



THE NEW NUCLEAR CHALLENGE FORUM

December 1-2, 2011
Prague, Czech Republic

PROGRAM

Thursday, December 1

9⁰⁰ am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tomáš Klvaňa, The Zdeněk Bakala Global Non-Profit Programs and Aspen Prague Organizing Committee, Czech Republic

9¹⁵ am – 10³⁰ am

Session One: Fukushima, Japan and the World

The Japanese Earthquake with magnitude 9.0 on Friday, March 11, 2011 and the large tsunami that followed causing severe damage to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant and local community has been a national challenge for the Japanese people and has had far reaching implications for how Japan achieves its energy needs and how the world views nuclear energy. Ambassador Fujisaki will share insights from the Japanese perspective.

Ichiro Fujisaki, Japanese Ambassador to the United States

10³⁰ am – 11⁰⁰ am

Coffee Break

Nuclear Energy in Historical Context

11⁰⁰ am – 11¹⁵ pm

Vladimir Dlouhý, Goldman Sachs, Czech Republic

Session Two: International Regulatory Reactions to Fukushima

11¹⁵ am – 12⁴⁵ pm

The Fukushima disaster has also had global implications for nuclear operators, countries, and international regulators. Some scientists and policy makers say that the 2011 Japanese nuclear accident revealed that the nuclear industry lacks sufficient oversight, leading to renewed calls to redefine national nuclear regulatory mechanisms and the mandate of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to better police nuclear power plants worldwide. This panel will discuss what effect Fukushima has had on the nuclear regulatory environment and implications for the industry globally.

Moderator:

Steven Korn, President and CEO, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Czech Republic

Participants:

Dana Drábová, President of the State Office for Nuclear Safety, Czech Republic

Denis Flory, Deputy Director General for Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA, Austria

William Ostendorff, Commissioner, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, United States

Lunch

12⁴⁵ pm – 14³⁰ pm

Session Three: An Interview with Anne Lauvergeon

14³⁰ pm – 15³⁰ pm

Moderator:

Elliot Gerson, Executive Vice President of Policy and Public Programs and International Partnerships, The Aspen Institute, United States

Participant:

Anne Lauvergeon, Former CEO, Areva, France

Coffee Break

15³⁰ pm – 16⁰⁰ pm

16⁰⁰ pm – 17³⁰ pm

Session Four: The Future of Nuclear Power – Renaissance or Not?

Despite the Japanese nuclear disaster earlier this year, the latest IAEA projections show that the use of nuclear power will continue to grow quite significantly. While some countries will phase out nuclear, many more have approached the IAEA expressing interest in acquiring nuclear power. This session will discuss the investment and policy landscape for nuclear power generation in the face of public skepticism, increased global energy demand, climate change targets and nuclear safety.

Moderator:

Luis Echávarri, Director-General, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, France

Participants:

Peter Bradford, Adjunct Professor, Vermont Law School and Former NRC Commissioner, United States

Hergen Hays, Director of Nuclear New Build, Department of Energy, United Kingdom

Pierre Lévy, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, France

David Stearns, Financial Advisor, United Kingdom

Petr Závodský, Director Nuclear Power Plants Construction, CEZ, Czech Republic

19⁰⁰ pm – 22⁰⁰ pm

Reception and Gala Dinner

Keynote Speaker:

Rt. Hon. Lord Peter Mandelson, Chairman, Global Council LLP, United Kingdom

Location:

Troja Castle, Prague, Czech Republic