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## **Nuclear Energy Summit: The Global Nuclear Industry Affirms Its Strategic Role and Speaks with One Voice in Paris**

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**On the occasion of the Global Nuclear Energy Summit, hosted by France on 10 March 2026 in Paris under the high patronage of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), 25 national and international nuclear industry associations have signed a joint declaration reaffirming the role of nuclear power as a key pillar of sustainable, secure and resilient energy systems.**

This initiative, led by the **GIFEN**, brings together organisations from 22 countries across Europe, Asia and the Americas that are developing or considering the use of civilian nuclear energy.

At a time marked by intensifying climate disruption and steadily rising global energy demand, the sector reaffirms through this collective mobilisation its commitment to nuclear power as a cornerstone of **sustainable, secure and resilient energy systems.**

### **An essential tool for carbon neutrality**

The signatories recall that nuclear energy is one of the very few means of producing large quantities of low-carbon electricity that is both dispatchable and continuous.

The nuclear industry reiterates its support for the objective of **tripling global nuclear capacity by 2050** and emphasises that achieving carbon neutrality will require the large-scale deployment of all low-carbon solutions. In this respect, nuclear power constitutes a structural tool for diversifying energy systems and sustainably reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

## **A Driver of Economic Development and Sovereignty**

Access to reliable and affordable energy is a prerequisite for economic development, industrial competitiveness and social cohesion. The nuclear industry contributes to the stability of electricity prices, strengthens energy sovereignty and supports the creation of highly skilled jobs across the entire value chain.

Given the capital-intensive nature and longtime horizons of nuclear infrastructure, the signatories **call for financial frameworks that are both appropriate and predictable.**

## **Innovating to Meet Tomorrow's Energy Needs**

Large-scale reactors, SMR and AMR: **innovation is expanding the range of possibilities** in terms of flexibility, integration into existing systems and adaptation to local needs.

Beyond electricity generation, nuclear energy enables the development of **new applications**, including low-carbon hydrogen production, industrial and district heating, desalination, nuclear medicine, radioisotope production, as well as advanced research and industrial applications.

Industry leaders also stress the importance of investing in **education, skills development** and **operational excellence** in order to ensure the safe and sustainable expansion of nuclear programmes.

**Xavier Ursat, President of GIFEN, stated:** *"Through this joint declaration, the global nuclear industry reaffirms in Paris its collective commitment to contributing to the energy and economic sovereignty of nations, as well as to climate action. As demand for low-carbon electricity continues to grow worldwide, nuclear power is increasingly establishing itself as an energy of the future—one in which the French industry stands out through its comprehensive offering, integrated industrial supply chain and strong innovation ecosystem".*

Signatories : **GIFEN** (France), **NIA** (United Kingdom), **Belgian Nuclear Forum** (Belgium), **FinNuclear** (Finland), **AIN** (Italy), **IGEOS Nuclear** (Poland), **ABDAN** (Brazil), **OCNI** (Canada), **CNA** (Canada), **SAF et NSS** (Slovenia), **Nucleair Nederland** (Netherlands), **UNF** (Ukraine), **BulAtom** (Bulgaria), **Swiss NuklearForum** (Switzerland), **KAIF** (South Korea), **Foro Nuclear** (Spain), **NIATR** (Turkey), **JAIF** (Japan), **FICCI** (India), **ROMATOM** (Romania), **NNA** (Norway), **NuclearSweden** (Sweden), **CNEA** (China), **Nucleareurope**, **World Nuclear Association**

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