

**2018 Technical Meeting of the Underground Research Facilities (URF) Network for Geological Disposal on Global Progress in Developing Geological Disposal Solutions
BARC, GCNEP, New Delhi, India, 21-25 May 2018**

Sunday	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Venue Focus	GCNEP Introductions Peaceful uses (India) RWM and Fuel Cycle (India and IAEA)	GCNEP Review network activities Global programme updates Scoping future work (1)	GCNEP "Roadmap" project "Compendium" project Cultural visit	GCNEP URF – Place and use to support DGR programme Technical tour GCNEP Topical focus site characterization	GCNEP Conclude topical focus site characterization Scoping future work (2)
Travel logistics - Assumed Arrival New Delhi	9:30-11:00	Official Welcome (BARC, GCNEP, NRG, and IAEA) Nuclear Power – A global perspective for the century (IAEA – Ch. Xerri) Address by Chief Guest, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB – S.A. Bhardwaj)	Review 2017/2018 Activities Scoping future work (Intro)	"Roadmap" project - update (H. Jung & S. Mayer)	URF – Place and use to support DGR programme China: Construction and RD&D at the Beishan URF Switzerland: RD&D in a generic URF and opportunities for international cooperation (Nagra – I. Blechschmidt)	Site characterization and siting (ctd.) China Canada
		Break	Break	Break	Break	
	11:30-13:00	Progress in managing the back-end of the Fuel Cycle in India (NRG/BARC – Mr K. Agarwal) Solutions and prospects to address the back end (IAEA – Ch. Xerri)	Global progress towards (re) initiating a DGR programmes (ctd.): The programme of Czech Republic (SURA – J. Slovak) The programme of Japan (JAEA – M. Naito) The programme of Germany (BGE – Th. vonBerlepsch)	"URF Compendium" project – update (H. Jung & S. Mayer)	URF – Place and use to support DGR programme (ctd) Korea: The KURT URF and early plans for further URF RD&D in Korea Czech Republic: RD&D at the Bukov URF	Scoping future work (2) Propose successor project to "Roadmap". Suggest candidate successor projects to "Compendium".
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	14:00-15:30	Recent developments in waste management in India (NRG/BARC – C.P. Kaushik) Progress in implementing Deep Geological Repository (DGR) in India (NRG/BARC – R.K. Bajpai) From licensing to industrial DGR pilot in France (Andra – E. Huret)	Global progress towards (re) initiating a DGR programme (ctd) The programme of South Africa (NRWDI – V. Twala) The programme of Ukraine (SAZEM & NAS – A. Nechitailo & I. Shybetkyi) The programme of Lithuania (LEI – G. Poskas)	Cultural excursion in New Delhi	Technical tour GCNEP: Laboratory visit	Concluding remarks and closure
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Venue Location: BARC - Global Center for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP), New Delhi	16:00-18:00	Visit to RWM exhibition stall Global progress towards implementing DGR: The programme of Switzerland (Nagra – I. Blechschmidt) The programme of China (BRIUG – Z. Zong) The programme of Canada (CNSC – S. Grant)	Scoping future work (1) Group discussion building on 2017 suggestions.		Site characterization and siting – Past and planned work towards site selection Managing site investigations (IAEA – H. Jung & S. Mayer) India Switzerland	
		Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	