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NIGERIA ELECTED TO IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 2026-2028 TERM, CONGRATULATES AMBASSADOR FLORENCE AJIMOBI ON HER APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR ON THE BOARD

The Federal Government of Nigeria is pleased to announce Nigeria's election to the 35-member Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the 2026-2028 term.

The Federal Government also wishes to warmly congratulate Her Excellency Dr. Fatima Florence Ajimobi, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Austria and Nigeria's Resident Representative to IAEA, on her appointment as Governor on the Board.

Following the election held on 17 September 2026, during the Seventh Plenary Session of the 70th IAEA General Conference, in Vienna, Austria, Nigeria was elected alongside ten other new members of the Board: Angola, Brazil, Greece, Honduras, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovakia and Sweden.

With this outcome, the new composition of the Board for the 2026-2027 period will be as follows: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, India, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America. Nigeria retains its membership of the Board for the 2027-2028 period.

Nigeria's election to the Board comes at a crucial time when nuclear safety, security and safeguards prominently feature in global discourses on the application of nuclear science and technology for peaceful and developmental purposes particularly in healthcare, energy, agriculture, food security, water-resource management and environmental sustainability.

The Federal Government, therefore, considers Nigeria's election not only a recognition of its commitment to advancing the "Atoms for Peace and Development" mandate of IAEA but also an opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of international cooperation for the strengthening of global nuclear governance architecture for the benefit of humanity.

The Federal Government commends **Ambassador Ajimobi** and the Embassy of Nigeria in Vienna on this laudable milestone. It is confident that the new Governor on the IAEA Board will provide effective representation and engage constructively on policy directions that advance IAEA's mandate and promote Nigeria's nuclear priorities and interests in the Agency.

Established on 29 July 1957, IAEA functions as the world's central intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field, with the Board of Governors and the Annual General Conference of Member States serving as its policy-making bodies. Nigeria became a Member State of IAEA in 1964. Among other areas, Nigeria currently cooperates with the Agency under the Country Programme Framework (CPF) for the period 2024–2029, focusing on five priority areas: nuclear and radiation safety and security; food and agriculture; health and nutrition; water and environment; as well as energy planning and development.

Nigeria remains committed to working with the IAEA, its Member States and other partners to promote nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes, strengthen nuclear safety and security, as well as enhance international cooperation on nuclear energy for the advancement of global development and shared prosperity.

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