

# **Prospects for nuclear energy development in the Middle East**

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The goal of this presentation is to analyze the impact of the developments and transformations in the Middle East that began in late 2010 – early 2011 (i.e. the events that are often referred to as the Arab Spring) and of the Fukushima nuclear accident on plans and prospects for nuclear energy development in the region. The presentation will start by providing an overview of nuclear energy development plans in the Middle East and describing both the most universal and country-specific reasons for Middle Eastern states to launch nuclear energy programs, including the assessment of effects caused to these plans and reasons by Arab Spring and Fukushima nuclear accident. At the end the audience will be presented with the two scenarios (optimistic and pessimistic ones) on how many NPP projects could be started and implemented in the region during next 15 years.