UNFC and Nuclear Fuel Resources

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It is a small world

50 mines / centres in 15 countries

Asia - 36 % (37)

- Kazakhstan 28% (12)
- Uzbekistan 5%
- China 2% (7)
- India 1% (6)
- N America 23% (11)
 - Canada 20% (3)
 - United States 3% (8)
- Pacific 16% (3)
 - Australia 16% (3)
- Africa 13% (9)
 - Namibia 8% (2)
 - Niger 6% (2)
 - Malawi (1)
 - South Africa 1% (4)
- Europe 10% (4)
 - Russia 7% (2)
 - Ukraine 2% (1)
 - Czech Republic 1% (1)
- S America 1% (1)





23 potential 'new comers' Africa

- Botswana
- Cameron
- Central African Republic
- Gabon
- Mauritania,
- Mali
- Morocco (by product)
- Tanzania
- Tunisia (by product)
- Zambia (also by product)

S. America

- Argentina, Peru
- Colombia, Paraguy, Guyana
- Chile (by product)

Europe

- Finland (by product)
- Greenland , Denmark– (by product)
- Spain
- Slovak Republic, Sweden
- Mongolia

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Jordan (also by product)

Asia

Dynamic Flow of resources



CRIRSCO template





"Red Book"

- Joint IAEA OECD/NEA Uranium: Resources, Production and Demand
- Published since 1965



NUCLEAR

AGENCY



Tracks geographical distribution



Tracks resource progression

Resource category	2009	2011	Change (1 000 tU) ^(a)	% change
Identified (total)				
<usd 260="" kgu<="" td=""><td>6 306.3</td><td>7 096.6</td><td>790.3</td><td>12.5</td></usd>	6 306.3	7 096.6	790.3	12.5
<usd 130="" kgu<="" td=""><td>5 404.0</td><td>5 327.2</td><td>-76.8</td><td>-1.4</td></usd>	5 404.0	5 327.2	-76.8	-1.4
<usd 80="" kgu<="" td=""><td>3 741.9</td><td>3 078.5</td><td>-663.4</td><td>-17.7</td></usd>	3 741.9	3 078.5	-663.4	-17.7
<usd 40="" kgu<sup="">(b)</usd>	796.4	680.9	-115.5	-14.5
RAR				
<usd 260="" kgu<="" td=""><td>4 004.5</td><td>4 378.7</td><td>374.2</td><td>9.3</td></usd>	4 004.5	4 378.7	374.2	9.3
<usd 130="" kgu<="" td=""><td>3 524.9</td><td>3 455.5</td><td>-69.4</td><td>-2.0</td></usd>	3 524.9	3 455.5	-69.4	-2.0
<usd 80="" kgu<="" td=""><td>2 516.1</td><td>2 014.8</td><td>-501.3</td><td>-19.9</td></usd>	2 516.1	2 014.8	-501.3	-19.9
<usd 40="" kgu<sup="">(b)</usd>	569.9	493.9	-76.0	-13.3
Inferred resources				
<usd 260="" kgu<="" td=""><td>2 301.8</td><td>2 717.9</td><td>416.1</td><td>18.1</td></usd>	2 301.8	2 717.9	416.1	18.1
<usd 130="" kgu<="" td=""><td>1 879.1</td><td>1 871.7</td><td>-7.4</td><td>-0.4</td></usd>	1 879.1	1 871.7	-7.4	-0.4
<usd 80="" kgu<="" td=""><td>1 225.8</td><td>1 063.7</td><td>-162.1</td><td>-13.2</td></usd>	1 225.8	1 063.7	-162.1	-13.2
<usd 40="" kgu<sup="">(b)</usd>	226.6	187.0	-39.6	-17.5



In 1 000 tU 7

IAEA Classification

AEA

Decreasing economic attractiveness

1			IDENTIFIED	RESOURCES	UNDISCOVERED RE	SOURCES
		<usd 40="" kgu<="" th=""><th>Reasonably Assured Resources</th><th>Inferred Resources</th><th>Prognosticated Resources</th><th></th></usd>	Reasonably Assured Resources	Inferred Resources	Prognosticated Resources	
	e at costs	USD 40-80/KgU	Reasonably Assured Resources	Inferred Resources	Prognosticated Resources	Resources
	Recoverabl	Reasonab Assured Resource Resource	Reasonably Assured Resources	Inferred Resources	Prognosticated Resources	peculative
	F	USD 130- 260/KgU	Reasonably Assured Resources	Inferred Resources	Prognosticated Resources	S

Decreasing confidence in estimates

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IAEA Classification

- Confidence level of the estimates
- Market based cost of producing (or recovering) the resource (ore concentrate – yellow cake).
- Identified resources
 - Reasonably Assured Resources (RAR) estimates based on specific sample data and measurements -RECOVERABLE
 - Inferred Resources estimates based on direct geological evidence in the extensions of well-explored deposits; but specific data inadequate - RECOVERABLE

Undiscovered Resources

- Prognosticated Resources estimates based on indirect evidence in well-defined geological trends or areas of mineralisation – IN SITU
- Speculative Resources estimates based on indirect evidence and geological explorations – IN SITU



Production terminology

- Production centres a production unit consisting of one or more ore processing plants, one or more associated mines and uranium resources that are tributary to these facilities.
 - **Existing** production centres are those that currently exist in operational condition and include those plants which are closed down but which could be readily brought back into operation.
 - <u>Committed</u> production centres are those that are either under construction or are firmly committed for construction.
 - Planned production centres are those for which feasibility studies are either completed or under way, but for which construction commitments have not yet been made. This class also includes those plants that are closed which would require substantial expenditures to bring them back into operation.
 - Prospective production centres are those that could be supported by tributary RAR and Inferred, i.e., "Identified Resources", but for which construction plans have not yet been made.



International resources reporting (5)

	IDEN	NTIFIED RESOUR	CES	UNDISCOV.	ERED RESOUR	CES		
NEA/IAEA	Reasonably	y Assured	Inferred	Prognosticated	Spec	culative		
Australia	Demons	strated	Inferred	Undiscovered				
710.50 0.000	Measured	Indicated	Injerreu					
Canada (NRCan)	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Prognosticated	Speculative			
United States (DOE)	Reasonably	y Assured	Estimo	nted Additional	Spec	Speculative		
Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	A+B	СІ	С2	P1	<i>P2</i>	Р3		
UNFC*	G1	G2	<i>G3</i>		<i>G4</i>			

* UNFC correlation with NEA/IAEA and national classification systems is still under consideration



UNFC 2009 3 dimensional system



Simplified Classification

	Estre et est	Sales Production							
	Extracted	Non-Sales Production							
ЭС		Class	E	C					
nitially in plac	Future recovery by commercial development projects or mining operations	Commercial Projects	1	1	1,2,3				
dity in	Potential future recovery by contingent	Potentially Commercial Projects	2	2	1,2,3				
commo	development projects or mining operations	Non-Commercial Projects	3	2	1,2,3				
Total C	Additional quantities in known	n place associated with deposits	3	4	1,2,3				
	Potential future recovery by successful exploration activities	Exploration Projects	3	3	4				
	Additional quantities in potential	n place associated with I deposits	3	4	4				

Detailed Classification

Extracted	Sales Production								
Exilacieu	Non-Sales Production								
	Class	Sub-class		Categories					
			E	F	G				
Future recoverv by		On Production	1	1.1	1,2,3				
commercial development	Commercial Projects	Approved for development	1	1.2	1,2,3				
projects or mining operations		Justified for development	1	1.3	1,2,3				
Detential future	Potentially	Development Pending	2	2.1	1,2,3				
recovery by contingent	Commercial Projects	Development on hold	2	2.2	1,2,3				
development projects or mining	Non-Commercial	Development Unclarified	3.2	2.3	1,2,3				
operations	Projects	Development not Viable	3.3	2.3	1,2,3				
Additional quantiti	es in place associated v	vith known deposits	3.3	4	1,2,3				
Potential future recovery by successful exploration activities	Exploration Projects		3.2	3	4				
Additional quantitie	s in place associated wi	3.3	4	4					

Alignment with other systems

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	UNFC-	2009	CRIRSCO (minerals)	SPE-PRMS	(petroleum)	
		On Production			On Production	
	Commercial Projects	Approved for Development	Mineral Reserves	Reserves	Approved for Development	
		Justified for Development			Justified for Development	
Deposit	Potentially	Development Pending	Mineral		Development Pending	
Known	Projects	Development On Hold	Resources	Contingent	Development	
	Non-Commercial	Development Unclarified	Not Defined	Resources	Unclarified or on hold	
	Projects	Development Not Viable	Not Defined		Development Not Viable	
	Additional quan	tities in place	Not Defined	Unreco	verable	
it					Prospect	
Depos	Explor Proje	ation cts	Exploration Results	Prospective Resources	Lead	
tential					Play	
Ро	Additional quan	tities in place	Not Defined	Unrecoverable		

Spot price Vs Long-term price



Uranium and Equity Markets in 2011

•*Currently uranium is traded for* **\$120/Kg U to \$160/Kg U(\$45.00 to \$60.00/lb)**

•10 -15 % of the sales is on Spot prices

•85 – 90% sales is on long-term contract of 10 years or more

For a project to be comitted 85-90% term sales will have to be in place.
Spot prices are important indicators on which the uranium stocks are valued.



UxC Broker Average Price (BAP)

Attempting allignment (1)

UNFC Class	UNFC Sub- Class	CRIRSCO	IAEA-NEA	Status	E	F	G
	On Production			Existing	1	1.1	1,2,3
Commercial Projects	Approved for Development	Mineral Reserves	Identified Resources <\$ 130/Kg*	Committed	1	1.2	1,2,3
	Justified for Development		<\$50/lb Ŭ3O8	Planned	1	1.3	1,2,3
Potentially commercial projects	Development Pending	Mineral Resources	Identified Resources	Prospective	2	2.1	1,2,3
	Development on Hold	Discovered	<\$ 130/Kg* <\$50/lb U3O8		2	2.2	1,2,3
Non-	Development Unclarified	economic*	Identified Resources		3.2	2.3	1,2,3
projects	Development not Viable		>\$130/KgU* >\$ 50/IbU		3.3	4	1,2,3
Exploration		Exploration	Prognosticated		3	3	4.1
Projects		Data	Speculative Resources		3	3	4.2,4.3



Attempting alignment (2)

UNFC Class	Sub-class	Е	F	G	Status	Description
	On Production	1	1.1	1,2,3	Existing	Extraction taking place
Commercial Projects	Approved for development	1	1.2	1,2,3	Committed	Funds committed and implementation under way
Tiojects	Justified for development	1	1.3	1,2,3	Planned	Detailed feasibility studies completed
Potentially commercial	Development Pending	2	2.1	1,2,3	Prospective	Project activities ongoing to justify development in foreseeable future
projects	Development on hold	2	2.2	1,2,3		Project activities on hold; may be subject to significant delay
Non-commercial	Development Unclarified	3.2	2.2	1,2,3		Economic viability cannot be determined due to insufficient information
projects	Development not Viable	3.3	2.3	1,2,3		No reasonable prospects for economic extraction in foreseeable future
Exploration		3.2	3	4.1	Prognostic.	Based primarily on indirect data in well defined trends
projects		3.2	3	4.2	Speculative	Based primarily on indirect data

U resources in UNFC sub-classes

IAEA	Existing	Committed	Planned	Prosp	ective			
	On Production	Approved for	Justified for	Development	Development	Development	Development	Exploration
UNFC		Development	Development	Pending	on Hold	Unclarified	not Viable	Projects
Code	1/1.1/1,2,3	1/1.2/1,2,3	1/1.3/1,2,3	2/2.1/1,2,3	2/2.2/1,2,3	3.2/2.2/1,2,3	3.3/2.3/1.2.3	3.2/3/4
Argentina			?	?				
Australia	238993	8	66500	???				
Botswana				82195				
Brazil	10700	76100						800000
Canada	151200	81000	76900	???				850000
Czech Rep	1463	1						20.
Finland		8700						
Greenland				134654				
Jordan				12720		59360		65000
Kazakhstan	581803	24616						800000
Malawi	12321			17086	i			
Mexico				3758		800000		13000
Mongolia			40852					1411000
Namibia	151000)	300900					
Niger	111000	279000						649000
Peru				23546	6	4057		39700
Poland								20000
Portugal						7000		1500
Russia	115370	31119	282750					963800
Slovakia				10049				2
South Africa	256200							1223200
Spain				14000				16
Sweden						13490		
Tanzania				66260				
Turkey				9129				
Ukraine	71684		89885	48120				397500
Zambia				19452				
N. A.S.	ALA							

Uranium resources of Peru*

No	Deposit	Operator	Deposit Type	Resources (tU)	Average Grade (%U)	UNFC Class	UNFC Sub Class	E	F	G
1	Colibri 2-3	Macusani Yellowcake	Volcanic	7916	0.019	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	2+3
2	Corachapi	Macusani Yellowcake	Volcanic	2656	0.017	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
3	Isivilla	Vena	Volcanic	3049	0.033	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
4	Nuevo Corani	Vena	Volcanic	1594	0.017	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
5	Tantamaco	Vena	Volcanic	8331	0.0186	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
6	Turmalina	-	Volcanic	500	0.3	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	2+3
7	Tuturumani	Vena	Volcanic	467	0.0085	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	2+3
8	Calvario Real	Vena	Volcanic	300	0.0233	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	3
9	Macusani District	Fission Energy	Volcanic	1790	0.1	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	2+3
10	Vilacabamba		Volcanic	500	3	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	3
11	Colquijirca		Volcanic	500	0.2	Non-commercial project	Development un-clarified	3.2	2.2	3
12	Bayovar	Vale/IPEN 2012	Phosphate	16000	0.006	Exploration project	[Prognosticated]	3.2	3	4.1
13	Various Locations	IPEN	Other (Cu-Pb-Zn- Ag-W-Ni)	5600	-	Exploration project	[Prognosticated]	3.2	3	4.1
14	Corongo	IPEN 2012	Granite - related	-	-	Exploration Project	[Speculative]	3.2	3	4.2+4.3
15	San Ramón	IPEN 2012	Granite - related	-	-	Exploration Project	[Speculative]	3.2	3	4.2+4.3
16	Coasa	IPEN 2012	Granite - related	-	-	Exploration Project	[Speculative]	3.2	3	4.2+4.3

Tanzanian example*

No	Deposit	Operator	Deposit Type	Resources (tU)	Average Grade (%U)	UNFC Class	UNFC Sub Class	E	F	G
1	Manyoni district (6 deposits)	Uranex NL	Surficail – (lacurtrine- playa)	11125	0.022	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
2	Nyota	Uranium One	Sandstone (tabular)	55135	0.025	Potentially commercial project	Development Pending	2	2.1	1+2+3
3	Likuyu North	Uranex NL	Sandstone (tabular)			Exploration project		3.2	3	4
4	Likuyu South	Uranex NL	Sandstone (tabular)			Exploration project		3.2	3	4
5	Mteramwahi South	Uranex NL	Sandstone (tabular)			Exploration Project		3.2	3	4
6	Mteramwahi North	Uranex NL	Sandstone (tabular)			Exploration Project		3.2	3	4
7	Matemanga	Uranex NL	Sandstone (tabular)			Exploration Project		3.2	3	4
8	Bahi	Uranex NL	Surficail - (lacurtrine -playa)			Exploration project		3.2	3	4
9	Itigi	Uranex NL	Surficail - (lacurtrine -playa)			Exploration project		3.2	3	4



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