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## Eisuke Tada appointed Deputy-Director General of the ITER Organization

Effective 1 May 2015, the ITER Council has appointed Eisuke Tada to one of two Deputy Director-General positions at the ITER Organization.

Mr Tada will work in close coordination with the recently appointed ITER Organization Director-General, Bernard Bigot; with a second Deputy Director-General—the Chief Operating Officer—who will be appointed in the coming weeks; and with the heads of the seven Domestic Agencies of the ITER Members to establish a dedicated team in charge of the management of the ITER Project. More specifically, as Relations Coordinating Officer, he will be charged with ensuring high quality interaction within the ITER Organization and with the seven ITER Domestic Agencies and major external stakeholders, and with overseeing project control, nuclear safety, security and quality assurance project-wide.

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Trained as a mechanical engineer at Gunma University in Japan, Mr Tada holds a doctorate in engineering from Tohoku University. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Director-General of the ITER Organization, he was Deputy Director-General of the Naka Fusion Institute (part of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency, JAEA) and head of the Japanese Domestic Agency for ITER. As such, he was responsible for Japan's in-kind contributions to the ITER Project and all ITER-related activities in Japan.

Mr Tada's experience with fusion, and with ITER, dates back to the earliest days of his career. Straight out of university, in 1978, he entered the world of fusion research at the former Japanese Atomic Energy Research Institute (JAERI, now JAEA). Ten years later, he joined the Conceptual Design Activities for ITER in Garching, Germany. He then graduated to project leader during the Engineering Design Activities that produced the ITER Final Design Report in 1998.

Mr Tada was one of the seven ITER Organization "pioneers" who arrived on site in 2006 following the decision to site the ITER Project in France. Between 2007 and 2010, he held the strategic positions of Head of Office for Central Integration & Engineering and Head of Project Office.

The ITER Organization is proud to welcome into its senior management team a specialist who has devoted most of his professional life to the ITER Project and who has demonstrated, for almost four decades, an unwavering commitment to the cause of fusion energy.



## **BACKGROUND TO THE PRESS RELEASE**

ITER—designed to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion power—will be the world's largest experimental fusion facility. Fusion is the process that powers the sun and the stars: when light atomic nuclei fuse together to form heavier ones, a large amount of energy is released. Fusion research is aimed at developing a safe, abundant and environmentally responsible energy source.

ITER is also a first-of-a-kind global collaboration that brings together seven members (China, Europe, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA) representing half the world's population and 85% of the planet's industrial product.

Nine-tenths of Member contributions are delivered “in-kind” in the form of buildings and components for the ITER installation.

The ITER Project is under construction in Saint-Paul-lez-Durance, in the south of France.