

## OPENING PLENARY: GLOBAL EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

### **Session Organizer: Krishna P. Singh (Holtec International)**

The current technical and socio-political drivers for nuclear new build programs in the U.S. and international markets will be discussed and analyzed by the national and international industry leaders in this plenary session. While some major economies have firmly hitched their energy generation to nuclear energy, new plant construction in the U.S. has lost its momentum. The speakers will address the clean energy paradox in the West wherein nuclear power is losing ground even as its role to combat the increasing carbon burden on the environment becomes ever more imperative. How the industry might regroup and rise again to emulate its impressive growth in Asia will be discussed by the panelists followed by an interactive dialog with the audience.

### **Keynote Speaker:** *Bryan Hanson (SVP & CNO, Exelon)*

**Speakers:** *Dr. Sekhar Basu (Chairman Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary Department of Atomic Energy)*  
*Jose Gutierrez (President & CEO Westinghouse)*  
*Edward McGinnis (Acting Assist Secretary U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Nuclear Energy)*  
*Yuriy Nedashkovsky (President National Nuclear Energy Generating Company “Energoatom”)*  
*Maria Korsnick (President and Chief Executive Officer Nuclear Energy Institute)*