

# 2026 Nuclear Business Innovation Conference Agenda

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Scottsdale, AZ

**Monday, January 26**

Time	Details	Location
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception	West Pool Lounge Area

# Tuesday, January 27

Time		Session	Details
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast		East Patio
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks – Welcome	General Session	Phil Zeringue
8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Keynote – State of the Industry	General Session	Ryan Pickering (Oppenheimer Energy), Luke Martin (ScottMadden)
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Morning Break		Expo Area
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Real Workforce Issues: Addressing Capacity, Skills, and Pipeline Challenges in Nuclear	General Session	Led by Gary Adkins (Enercon); Sam Rieck (RTS); Nicole Hughes (ThomasThor); Travis Russell (Enercon)
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	From Hype to Hands-On: Practical Applications of GenAI in Utility Operations	General Session	Lead by Phil Zeringue Josh Bell, NPX Remington Oliver, Vistra Ahmer Rafiq, XCIS AI
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	East Patio & Expo Hall	
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Turning AI Into Real Plant Performance	General Session	General Session · Jesse Thomas (Southern Nuclear); Scott Tjaden (Constellation); Melissa Bader (Enercon)
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Applying Weighted Equipment Risk to Strengthen Operational Decisions at Vistra	General Session	General Session · Remington Oliver (Vistra)
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Leveraging Supplier Partnerships to Improve Operation	General Session	General Session · Michael Christianson (Park Nuclear); Alex Rogers (Entergy)
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Break	Expo Hall	Expo Hall
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Navigating the Shift: How Changing Regulations Are Reshaping Nuclear at Every Level	General Session	General Session · Rani Franovich (Deep Fission); James Slider (NEI)
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Scheduling as Strategy: Turning Labor Data into Competitive Advantage	General Session	General Session · Dan Scholz, Carter Lloyds (Indeavor)
4:15 PM – 5:00PM	Doing Hard Things at Scale: How APS Is Advancing Toward 100% Automated CAP Screening at Palo Verde	General Session	General Session · Phil Zeringue (Nuclearn); Nick Sullivan, Leo Huizar, Anthony Denaro (APS)
6:00 PM	Evening Cocktails	Sun Watcher Patio	
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Evening Dinner & Event	Sun Watcher Patio	

# Wednesday, January 28

Time		Session	Details
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast	East Patio	East Patio
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Welcome	General Session	Phil Zeringue
8:10 AM – 8:40 AM	Robotically Deployed Radiation Mapping Solutions for Enhanced Radiation Protection	General Session	Erika Suzuki (Gamma Reality)
8:40 AM – 9:30 AM	Advancing Nuclear AI Trends and Breakthroughs in Nuclear Operations	General Session	Brad Fox, Jerrold Vincent (Nuclearn)
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Derisking the Adoption of Advanced Technology in Nuclear Operations	General Session	Pete Mrvos & Jonathan Nistor (Blue Wave Labs AI)
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Advancing Nuclear Operations: Highlights from the Nuclearn Product Roadmap	General Session	Lorenzo Slay (Nuclearn)
10:30 AM – 10:35 AM	Closing Remarks	General Session	Phil Zeringue
12:00 PM	Shuttle Pick Up	Luncheon Offsite	
12:15 PM – 4:15 PM	Social Offsite	Offsite	

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