

The Role of the Nuclear Development Forum (NDF)

Mission Statement

The NDF has been established to lock in momentum to secure the long-term future of nuclear power generation in the UK. It will support and advise the Office for Nuclear Development (OND) in its role to build and maintain the UK as the best market in the world for companies to invest in nuclear power by bringing together Government with key industry stakeholders to ensure that there is regular and high level contact between all parties on the issues that matter the most to potential investors and operators.

Terms of Reference

To bring together the nuclear industry with Government to facilitate dialogue and engagement in order to:

- Ensure the OND is aware of industry's views on the facilitative actions required to deliver new nuclear investment in the UK;
- To advise Government in developing the right framework, consistent with energy policy goals, to secure the long-term future of nuclear power generation and a globally competitive supply chain in the UK, including ensuring that effort is being directed in all necessary areas;
- Bring challenge and hold the OND to account for delivery of its programme of work including the facilitative actions set out in the White Paper.

Working Principles and Practices

- The Forum, which will meet three times a year, is chaired by the Secretary of State for Business. Membership is from senior representatives from the nuclear industry including vendors, operators, key suppliers, contractors and unions involved in the industry, and Government.
- Membership is by invitation only and is on an individual basis. Forum participants will draw on their experience as members of their respective organisations to provide collective leadership to the future nuclear industry.
- This is a stakeholder forum which proceeds by agreement and partnership; members are not required to commit to any particular solution or programme of work.
- NDF must be able to discuss issues that may be commercially or politically sensitive, without prejudicing the interests of the industry or Government. Members will be entitled to discuss possible changes of policy or practice without implying the approval of their companies, ministers, etc