

# HVDC Operators' Forum 2026

## Agenda Wednesday 10 June (Day 1)



### Morning Session

- 09:00** Teas, Coffees, Cakes and Registration
- 09:30** **Welcome and Overview of the Event**  
*Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre*
- 09:45** **Opening**  
*Dave McKay, SSEN-T*
- Session 1** **“Big Picture Strategic Planning”**: What are the game changers for 2030 and beyond?
- 10:05** **Introduction**  
*Ben Gomersall, The National HVDC Centre*
- 10:15** **Clean Power 2030 and Beyond**  
*Miriam Zachau Walker, DESNZ*
- 10:35** **VSC HVDC Controls - Gaps and Possible Ways Forward - Results from the 'Evolution of VSC HVDC Controls Project'**  
*Mike Barnes, University of Manchester*
- 10:55** **Coffee Break**
- 11:15** **HVDC Technology- International Trends and Opportunities**  
*Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre*
- 11:35** **Big Picture Resilience**  
*Robert Keast, Carbon Trust*
- 11:55** **Panel Q&A**
- 12:15** **LUNCH**

**Tours, Exhibition & Networking**



### Afternoon Session

- Session 2** **“Technology Developments”**: How should HVDC product design change in response to strategic needs?
- 14:15** **Introduction**  
*Adam Scott, The National HVDC Centre*
- 14:25** **Regulatory and Policy Aspects of the Meshed DC Grid**  
*Biljana Stojkovska, Hitachi Energy*
- 14:45** **Control & Protection Developments to Facilitate Future Multi-Terminal HVDC systems**  
*Carl Barker, GE Vernova*
- 15:05** **Coffee Break**
- 15:25** **Multi-vendor HVDC: Trends, Experiences, and Ongoing Development**  
*Fred Page, Mitsubishi Electric*
- 15:45** **Superconducting Fault Current Limiters for HVDC Grids**  
*Alberto Bertinato, SuperGrid Institute*
- 16.05** **Panel Q&A**
- 16.45** **Close**

**Event Dinner**  
**10<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Westerwood Hotel – The Conservatory**  
**Starting at 18:30**

# HVDC Operators' Forum 2026

## Agenda Thursday 11 June (Day 2)



### Morning Session

- 08:30** **Teas and Coffees**
- 09:00** **Welcome to Day Two**  
*Simon Marshall, The National HVDC Centre*
- 09:10** **HVDC Centre Achievements**  
*Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre*
- Session 3** **“Lessons from Owners and Operators”:  
What are the key challenges in delivery,  
operation, and asset management?**
- 09:30** **Introduction**  
*Colin Foote, The National HVDC Centre*
- 09:35** **Preparing for Day One: Building Operational  
Readiness During Construction**  
*Ian Reed, NeuConnect*
- 09:55** **Recent Developments from the Moyle  
Interconnector**  
*Vahid Sabzpoosh, Mutual Energy*
- 10:15** **Lessons from operating the CMS link**  
*Cameron McHardy, SSEN Transmission*
- 10:35** **Coffee Break**
- 10:55** **HVDC Transformer Bushing Replacement  
Strategy**  
*David Monkhouse, National Grid Ventures*
- 11:15** **Lessons from operating Greenlink**  
*Matthew Gibson, Greenlink*
- 11:35** **Learnings from Sofia windfarm**  
*Chris Smith, RWE*
- 11:55** **Panel Q&A**
- 12:15** **LUNCH & NETWORKING**



### Afternoon Session

- Session 4** **“De-risking Integration”:  
How do we de-risk HVDC integration at scale?**
- 13:15** **Introduction**  
*Dong Chen, The National HVDC Centre*
- 13:25** **EMT Model Requirements for Plant  
Connections in EirGrid and SONI Systems**  
*Sebastien Denetiere, RTE international &  
Treisa Sahaya, EirGrid*
- 13:45** **Network Reduction Techniques for  
Interaction Analysis**  
*Diptargha Chakravorty, Siemens Energy*
- 14:05** **TO experiences of de-risking HVDC  
integration**  
*Afshin Pashei, NGET*
- 14:25** **System Operator Perspectives on the Future  
use and Operation of HVDC Technology**  
*Ankur Majumdar, NESO*
- 14:45** **Wrap-up**  
*Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre*
- 15:00** **Close**