

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**
Laura Schade, DESNZ
- 10:35** **Big Picture Resilience**
Robert Keast, Carbon Trust
- 10:55** **Coffee Break**
- 11:15** **HVDC Technology- International Trends and Opportunities**
Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre
- 11:35** **VSC HVDC Controls - Gaps and Possible Ways Forward - Results from the 'Evolution of VSC HVDC Controls Project'**
Mike Barnes, University of Manchester
- 11:55** **Panel Q&A**
- 12:15** **Group Photo & Lunch**
- 13:15** **Invite to Join to Tours, Exhibition & Networking Session**



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
10th June 2026
Westerwood Hotel – The Conservatory
Starting at 18:30

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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** **FIFA – extending the life of the UK’s first
HVDC interconnector**
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** **Coffee Break**
- 14:40** **System Operator Perspectives on the Future
use and Operation of HVDC Technology**
Ankur Majumdar, NESO
- 15:00** **HVDC Supervisory Control Technology from
the System Operator’s Perspective**
Gumin Kwon, KEPCO
- 15:20** **Wrap-up**
Ben Marshall, The National HVDC Centre
- 15:30** **Close**