



NDR Advisory Committee No.8

Microsoft Teams Meeting

03 June 2020
(10:00 to 11:30)

Attendees

- Nic Granger, OGA (NG) - Chair
- John Seabourn, OGA (JS)
- Andy Thompson, OGA (AT)
- David Lecore, OGA (DL)
- Phil Harrison, OGA (PH)
- Miriam Paterson, OGA - Secretariat
- Simon James, OGA (SJ)
- Carlo Procaccini, OGA (CP)
- Jo Bagguley, OGA (JB)
- Niall Webster, BP (NW)
- Garry Baker, BGS (GB)
- Katy Heidenreich, OGUK (KH)
- Joyce Adie, CNOOC (JA) (VMR)
- Jane Hodson, Premier Oil (JH)
- Dan Brown, CDA (DB)
- John Underhill, Heriot-Warr (JU)
- Rod Crawford, Zennor (RC)

Apologies

- Steve Ashley, OGTC (SA)
- Nick Richardson, OGA (NR)

Meeting Papers

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Meeting Notes from Agenda

1. Introductions completed (NG).

JS has been promoted to the role of Chief Digital Officer.

SJ has moved into role of Digital Programme Manager.

GB is now permanent invitee with his new role of Head of National Geoscience Data Centre at BGS.

2. John Seabourn presented the OGA Digital Strategy

RC queried how we see the interaction with open data and NDR going forward. JS addressed this query using slide 6 of the presentation. Data will be shared out by the Open Data site using API through the NDR also.

JS explained that the OGA have over 50 component applications under the Digital Energy Platform and work is ongoing to bring all of these under one harmonious entry point.



RC agreed this answered his query but asked why he couldn't see a note of the BGS database. JS reiterated that OGA are working towards a single entry point as data is spread across multiple parts of the estate and this work will include integration with external sourced of definitive information, such as BGS and UK Hydrographic Office.

RC queried if there will be search facilities in the open data portal for unstructured data. JS confirmed that the OGA are considering elastic searches in conjunction with the development of NDR 2.0.

JU raised the topic of the Crown Estate and queried if shallow seismic site surveys were to be made available, and that their inclusion would be a major boost for the value of the NDR. CP responded that the OGA and the Crown Estate are well aligned and share responsibilities with regards to licencing and leasing.

Action 08/01 - CP took an action to follow up on the query regarding shallow seismic site surveys.

3. Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Membership

NG introduced the slide on TOR and advised that JS has undertaken a review of membership.

JS advised the committee that it is the OGAs intention to broaden the remit of this advisory group. The NDR is no longer standalone and we should be engaging across the platform. JS presented the TOR questions:

Q1. Does everyone understand what the wider platform is made up of?

Q2. Are people happy to widen the remit of the Advisory Committee?

JS explained that with the ongoing review of the MER strategy, as an organisation our vision is changing slightly, and we want to cover this across all forums. There was a positive response from the committee towards this. KH commented that representation from other regulators such as BEIS should be considered.

NW agreed with the proposal that, if its remit is to broaden, the NDR Advisory Committee should be re-named.

JU raised that there is a big push for industrial decarbonisation, people thinking about CCS, hydrogen, offshore wind, geothermal etc. so expanding the remit of data that exists or is collected would be good to capture in the NDR.

RC raised that we need to bring along the people funding this development, he commented that the aspirations are wide ranging but undefined and there is a need to ensure people paying the levy are engaged with the OGA vision.

NG responded that it is the OGAs expectation that the industry reps on this committee will raise the interests of industry.

Action 08/02 - KH stated that we should agree there is an action coming out for each committee member to take some of these questions that are being raised and come back to feed thoughts in from their respective communities.



DB commented that the focus on data, stewardship and publication rather than system is the right way forward and these skills should be reflected in the committee representation.

JA queried where the emerging focus areas are for information reporting and how to put weight behind those. DL responded that several data compliance campaigns, such as well ownership and other header information in WONS, are ongoing. Foundational issues need to be addressed before increasing number of campaigns; the support and response of companies is needed for this to progress.

NW supported the reintroduction of user groups for WONS, PEARS, etc. Changes in personnel on the user side mean some are not so familiar with processes etc, so some focused groups would help Licensees to meet requirements of the OGA in terms of Compliance.

JS to revise Terms of Reference taking into account points raised (**Action 08/03**).

4. **Year 1 milestone review**

AT talked the committee through slide 15. 25 March was the 1-year anniversary of the NDR. Not all registered users continue to use the system however this is not a concern. The SNS Megamerger was made available in support of the 32nd Licensing Round and over 40 copies have been distributed.

5. **Continuous Improvement**

AT shared a summary of continuous improvement of the NDR service. Discussion points included the API which is now live. Companies will be able to integrate their systems with the NDR to query and download any well data and ancillary seismic data they have entitlement to.

AT also stated that the OGA and service provider is working towards enabling a Secure FTP service - this will enable larger data sets to be uploaded over the network. Enabling continued reporting and compliance during the lockdown and beyond and providing reporting licensees with the opportunity to avoid the costs and other overheads of having data written to physical media to fulfil reporting obligations.

6. **NDR² Procurement process, status and timelines**

The contractual arrangement with our current service providers has been extended for 12 months, with break clause after 6 months. It is currently intended that the current service will continue until mid-2021.

The tender for the new service was issued in March – since then several vendors used their opportunity to raise questions to the OGA. Clarifications have been returned and bids for the new service are expected by end June. Note that slide 17 differs from the pre-read circulated.



7. Discussion Points

DB presented ISC SIG points:

1. Loading of seismic field data, potentially in small amounts on tape media, by organisations which may soon exit the UK.

DL responded that this will be considered on a case by case basis. At this stage, the OGA does not require significant amounts of seismic field data to be reported to the NDR. However, if there is a risk of losing the data this will be considered. The act of a company leaving the basin is not necessarily a risk, but if it is a company who will cease trading, the OGA will consider relation to MER. Such queries should be raised to the OGA for consideration.

Action 08/04 - DB to ask the company that has raised this query to contact the OGA to discuss the circumstances and options.

2. The new NDR might be used as an industry platform through which data may be processed in situ without the requirement for it to be downloaded.

JS – the OGA is very open for data to be accessible and workable in situ. While being mindful of the OGA's remit, its funding and the purpose of the NDR it may be that proposals for the new NDR include this and similar considerations. This will be a conversation for the OGA's future supplier.

3. How requirements of the Energy Act 2016 might be operationalised, to ensure a precise understanding of retention and reporting requirements, regarding 'other licence information', such as engineering information arising from decommissioning operations.

DB – there are still grey areas on how to meet reporting requirement for some data types. Would it be beneficial to establish a Working Group to look at this? PH would be supportive of establishing a Working Group. **Action 08/05** - PH to review potential working groups to sit under this advisory committee

8. Committee Check In – Open Floor for Members

No further comments.

NG closed by reiterating the call for people to present any ideas for the OGA approach to Digital, Data and Technology at future meetings.



Action	Assigned	Description	Owner	Target date
05/01	16.09.19	Provide general explanatory message to ISCs in relation to Site Surveys	PH	Closed
05/03	16.09.19	Investigate idea of wiki/FAQ page for NDR related information	PH	Closed
05/04	16.09.19	Collaborate on an article	JU/SJ	Ongoing
07/01	04.03.20	Schedules to be circulated to the advisory committee	DW/SJ	Closed
07/02	04.03.20	Circulate summary of the workshops	TK	Ongoing
07/03	04.03.20	Ensure link with exploration taskforce	NR	Closed
07/04	04.03.20	Send email requesting success stories	DL	Closed
08/01	03.06.20	CP to follow up on query regarding availability of shallow seismic site surveys	CP	02.09.20
08/02	03.06.20	All committee members to discuss the following two questions with their respective communities and report this back at next meeting: Q1: Does everyone understand what the wider platform is made up of? Q2: Are people happy to widen the remit of the Advisory Committee?	All	31.07.20
08/03	03.06.20	JS to revise Terms of Reference taking into account points raised	JS	02.09.20
08/04	03.06.20	DB to refer the company that wishes to report seismic field data to the OGA	DB	02.09.20
08/05	03.06.20	PH to review potential working groups to sit under this advisory committee	PH	02.09.20