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North Sea Transition Authority joins the DANR Hub

The North Sea Transition Authority (NTSA), which regulates and influences the oil, gas and carbon storage industries in the United Kingdom, has joined the Data as a National Resource (DANR) hub. DANR, launched in Spring 2022, is powered by the PPDM Association, and aims to be the go-to knowledge hub for regulators, National Oil Companies (NOC), National Data Repositories and technology and service providers. Subscribers to the hub have full access to a resource library, training, subscriber showcase, virtual events, and much more.

The NTSA has joined the Petroleum Agency of South Africa and SKK Migas as early adopters and supporters of the DANR initiative, which builds on new and existing relationships between regulatory agencies, NOCs, and service providers. The hub serves to bring these organisations together, to collaborate and share experiences, provide training and freely available resources, and offers opportunities to network with providers of enabling technology and services at a programme of events. In particular, the hub seeks to support emerging economies in seeking and attaining inward investment through licensing rounds for oil and gas, renewable energy and carbon capture, utilisation, and sequestration.

Andy Thompson, NDR Manager at NTSA, noted that the development of DANR and the NSTA's subsequent involvement is very timely for the UK offshore energy sector, as they balance their commitment to ongoing hydrocarbon exploration and production with the Energy Transition. "We are working on a number of projects that are relevant to the content that DANR provides, and are anticipating working closely with the DANR community on learning from and providing support to, in particular, other regulatory agencies. We are working to unlock value in petroleum related data that has application across traditional and emerging use cases. Our activities include digitising archived SEG-D, conditioning non-machine-readable legacy documentation, and enabling machine assisted content classification, all projects which we are sure will chime with other similar agencies around the world. As we move into the Energy Transition, it is vital that we work together to progress to more sustainable forms of energy generation, whilst acknowledging that hydrocarbon exploration and the associated data still forms a very large part of our energy future".

Trudy Curtis, CEO of the PPDM Association, is delighted that NTSA have joined DANR at this early stage. "It's a pleasure to see a mature agency like NTSA join the DANR program. As the community continues to grow, mutually beneficial relationships between mature and growing agencies will remain a key focus and benefit. Our objective, to ensure that high quality data can be stewarded as a valuable national resource, depends on the expertise that participants bring to the table."

DANR is accessed through subscription, at minimal cost for NOCs, Regulators and NDRs. Sponsorship is invited from service providers, and a range of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information visit www.danrhub.org.

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About DANR

The Data as a National Resource Knowledge Hub provides resources for National Data Repositories, Regulators and National Oil Companies, including a resource library, training, subscriber showcase, virtual events and more. DANR is powered by the PPDM Association. www.danrhub.org; www.ppdm.org

About NTSA

NTSA regulates and influences the oil, gas and carbon storage industries in the UK. It helps drive North Sea energy transition, realising the significant potential of the UK Continental Shelf as a critical energy and carbon abatement resource. The NTSA holds industry to account on halving upstream emissions by 2030. <https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/>