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Welcome To The Floating Offshore Wind Conference

Official Event Programme

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08.15 Registration, Informal Networking & GIC Welcome

09.00 Morning Chair's Opening Remarks

Cian Desmond, Project Director, **ESB**

Supply Chains: Pipeline & Capacity – Panel Discussion & Q&A

09.10 **Secure The Future Of Floating Offshore Wind: Foster Strategic Supply Chain Collaboration To Increase Resilience & Capacity, Overcome Bottlenecks, Improve Scalability & Boost Confidence To Meet Demand**

- Assess the current capabilities of floating offshore wind pipelines and unpack strategies to increase the scalability and efficiencies of the supply chain
- In an unstable geopolitical environment, assess the potential opportunities to foster international collaboration and develop a robust global supply chain which furthers the capacity and commercial viability of floating offshore wind pipelines
- As various test projects and new farms gain momentum, harness the opportunity to analyse the steps that developers need to take to make their supply chains efficient and workable on a commercial scale
- Create streamlined processes that connect the needs of the developers with the practicalities of optimising the supply chain to develop collaborative relationships between developers and contractors
- Identify critical supply chain bottlenecks and craft optimal solutions to ensure seamless operations

Sebastian Bringsværd, Director of Origination, **Vårgrønn**

Ricardo Rocha, Global Technical Director, **BayWa r.e.**

Claire Stjernfalt, Senior Contract Manager, **Vårgrønn**

Financing Floating Offshore Wind – Industry & Investor Perspectives

09.45 **Increase Investor Confidence & Adopt Proactive Risk Mitigation Methods To Increase Bankability, Unlock Investment & Maximise Returns**

- Escaping the Catch-22: when it can often feel like investments are needed to prove to investors that the project is viable, identify the critical assurances that financers need from industry to move forward and confidently invest in the floating offshore wind market
- Discover the common pitfalls made when applying for funding and develop effective strategies to mitigate against such uncertainties
- Assess the potential for new technologies or operational strategies to secure investment
- Increase the accuracy of your financial forecasting by adopting optimum long-term cost assessment and reduction evaluation methods that incorporate maintenance, downtime and operational costs
- Scope for collaboration: can investment opportunities be furthered by collaborating with sectors such as fisheries or solar?

09.45 **Industry Perspective**

Per Lund, CEO, **Odfjell Oceanwind**

10.10 **Investor Perspective**

Mohit Verma, Vice President, **MUFG**

10.35 Morning Refreshment Break With Informal Networking

Bankability & Derisking Floating Offshore Wind – Panel Discussion & Q&A

11.05 **From Government Policies To Technological Innovations: Align Financers, Developers & Insurers To Achieve Bankability & Scalability**

- Highlight the role of government policies and funding in increasing the confidence of financers, and what can be done to translate this into tangible support and funding
- Unpack the potential for emerging technological innovations to accelerate the scalability of floating offshore wind projects and improve project economies
- Assess how to overcome logistical challenges of space, costs and capacity to successfully scale-up the production of projects and increase the cost-efficiency of floating offshore wind
- ROI: analyse the return on investment that financers expect from floating offshore wind and how reasonable these expectations are as floating offshore wind gradually increases scalability

Thomas Fureder, Managing Director, Power and Utilities, **Barclays**

Craig Duffy, Commercial and Finance Director, **Buchan Offshore Wind**

Georgios Kalpias, Vice President, CIB, HIF, Power & Renewables, **HSBC**

Roberts Proskovics, Technical Account Manager – Renewable Energy, **Aviva**

Rob Marsh, Global Co-Head of Energy, **Norton Rose Fulbright**

Environmental Impact, Sustainability & Biodiversity

11.40 **Sustainability, Biodiversity & Marine Protection: Unpack Best Practices To Anticipate & Minimise The Environmental Impact of Floating Offshore Wind**

- Where does floating offshore wind fit into the full ecosystem? From sea birds to sea life, weave mitigation and monitoring into the project development to satisfy ecological concerns
- Foster constructive engagement between floating offshore wind developers and fisheries to assess the potential challenges and opportunities for mutually beneficial collaboration
- From artificial reefs to multiple energy sources… highlight how to utilise the footprint of floating offshore wind to positively contribute towards the marine protected area network
- Marine Spatial Prioritisation: discuss the possibilities of co-location to ensure that floating offshore wind projects do not harm marine biodiversity

Ian Simms, Head of Consents, **Buchan Offshore Wind**

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Roadmap To 2030 – The Future Of Floating Offshore Wind – Panel & Q&A

12.05 **From Targets To Technology: Pave The Roadmap To 2030 & Beyond & To Secure The Viability, Scalability & Commercial Success Of The Floating Offshore Wind Sector**

- Lessons learned: analyse the successes and shortcomings of recent bidding rounds, test and demo projects and similar projects in fixed offshore wind to pave the way to future successes
- From fisheries to solar… what are the potential opportunities for wider industry collaboration to craft new strategies and maximise energy output?
- How can the floating offshore wind industry attract the best talent to help the industry thrive? As the industry develops, what skills and training are going to be needed?
- The future of floating: where is the world of floating offshore wind heading? Unpack the current trends and new feats of engineering and technology that are propelling the industry forward into the 2030s and beyond
- Making Renewable Energy Eco-Friendly: how can evidence and research support the floating offshore wind sector to grow, and how can that ensure that marine and coastal ecosystems continue to thrive?

Steve Jermy, CEO, **Celtic Sea Power**

Sebastian Bringsværd, Director of Origination, **Vårgrønn**

Michelle Quinn, Director of Offshore Wind, **The Scottish Government**

Aidan Campbell, Head of Floating Offshore Wind, **DESNZ**

Guilherme Castro, Offshore Wind Innovation Manager, **The Crown Estate**

12.40 **Topic Generation Form Submission**

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12.45 **Lunch & Informal Networking For Speakers, Delegates & Partners**

13.45 **Afternoon Chair's Opening Remarks**

Dr Isabel Divanna, Associate Director, **The Carbon Trust**

Port Infrastructure: Increasing Deliverability & Capacity – Panel & Q&A

13.55 **Capability & Capacity: Collaborative Approaches To Innovate & Expand Port Infrastructure To Increase Deliverability & Scale**

- Gain crucial insights on the current capability and capacity of port infrastructure, and forecast future port capabilities to plan long-term targets and strategic goals
- How can we anticipate the capabilities of ports to support the maintenance of floating offshore wind turbines – and how this will evolve in the coming years?
- Building a shared future: how can ports, government and the floating offshore wind industry come together to build fit-for-future infrastructure which blend developer goals with port practicalities and will secure sustainable futures?
- What role will governments play in supporting port infrastructure and development in the coming years – and how can we strengthen government backing and investments?
- Port ops and new tech: what impact can new technologies like advanced cranes and innovative vessels have on port operations?

Mike Corney, Project Director, Celtic Sea PDA3, **Equinor**

Andy Reay, Head of Offshore Wind, **Associated British Ports**

Miles Carden, CEO, **Falmouth Harbour**

Mike Barlow, Sales Director, Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions, **ERICSSON**

Adrian Green, Engineering & Contracts Director, **Heavy Lift Projects**

Exclusive Project Market Update

14.30 **Green Volt: Defining the next chapter of floating offshore wind**

- Green Volt represents Europe's first commercial-scale floating offshore wind project, illustrating how early large-scale developments can help shape the direction of the floating wind sector.
- The project continues to be refined to support a stronger business case, with ongoing efforts aimed at improving efficiency and helping the broader market move toward long-term profitability
- Lessons learned from the development process are being shared, offering useful insights that may benefit future floating wind projects as the industry evolves

Charlotte Elmelid, Electrical Systems Manager, **Vårgrønn**

Technical Advances: Turbines & Platforms

14.55 **Decisions On Design: From Regulatory To Cost-Efficiency To Environmental Impact, Overcome Complexities Of Developing Turbines & Platforms For Floating Offshore Wind**

- From regulatory restrictions to reliability to ports and O&M, holding a magnifying glass up to the current trends and challenges in turbines and platforms design and manufacturing
- Simplification and standardisation: how can we work towards more uniform designs to better collaborate with supply chain and reduce costs across the board?
- Designing for a long life at sea! From smooth installation to easy component interchange, building reliable, technically exceptional floating turbines with supply chains and potential bottlenecks in mind
- How do different designs for floating offshore wind turbines and platforms vary in their environmental impact? Discover how to craft design strategies that take environmental considerations into account
- Highlight the upcoming trends and latest technical advances in turbines and platform design that are poised to make waves in the world of floating offshore wind

Edward Unwin, Lead Offshore Engineer, **Buchan Offshore Wind**

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15.20 Evaluation Form & Feedback

We would love to hear your thoughts from the conference today, please do submit your feedback via the QR code on the screen. Many thanks in advance!

15.25 Afternoon Refreshment Break With Informal Networking

Operations & Maintenance – Panel Discussion & Q&A

15.55 **From Innovation To Cost-Efficiencies To Safety: Tackling The Increasing O&M Challenges Faced In Floating Offshore Wind As We Scale**

- Greater power, greater yield, greater risk! How can we scale up our O&M strategies from demo, to test to live projects until we are able to deliver in-situ major component exchange and long-term servicing?
- Lessons learned: pooling the combined wisdom of engineers, developers, tech and O&M leads around the specific challenges of operations and maintenance in floating wind for new floaters and platform designs with O&M requirements at the heart
- From floating oil and gas to fixed bottom wind, how can we transfer learnings across industries for safer, more cost-effective O&M which delivers results across the project lifetime?
- Costs, costs, costs: how to accurately forecast the long-term costs of O&M, and the factors that need to be considered when approaching this challenge
- AI, drones, predictive component exchange… explore the cutting-edge advancements in technology and components to propel floating offshore wind into the 2030s and beyond
- Safety first: with more unpredictable weather, how can you reduce risk to both the maintenance teams and the assets?

Michael Mitchell, Business Development Manager, **Siemens Energy**

Alistair Morris, Offshore Wind Manager, **The Carbon Trust**

Grid Infrastructure

16.30 **Capacity, Connectivity & Commerciality: Designing Grid Infrastructure For Efficient Energy Export & Securing Investments To Achieve Commercial Scale**

- Highlight how to collaborate across industry with government and network operators to ensure the grid infrastructure is prepared to incorporate floating offshore wind
- Routes to tackle the funding dilemma: substantive, collaborative strategies to secure grid infrastructure investment to make floating offshore wind projects commercially viable
- Craft grid infrastructure designs that facilitate the export of energy both on a domestic scale and across international borders
- Maritime boundaries: navigate complex regulatory frameworks and issues to successfully share the maritime space in floating offshore wind projects

Gabriel Bernardes, Project Director, **GE Vernova**

16.55 Afternoon Chair's Closing Remarks & Official Close Of Conference

Dr. Isabel Divanna, Associate Director, **The Carbon Trust**