

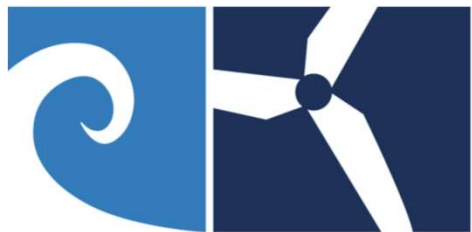
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# DRBF Offshore Wind Task Force

## The WFO Offshore Dispute Resolution Committee

11th August 2022



WORLD FORUM  
OFFSHORE WIND

**OFFSHORE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

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**Part 1:  
WFO**



# WFO OBJECTIVE

World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO) is the world's only organization 100% focused on promoting offshore wind energy on a global scale. WFO is registered as a non-profit organization (e.V.) in Germany, with offices in Hamburg, Tokyo, Taipei and New York. WFO's international members represent the complete offshore wind value chain including utility companies, manufacturers, service firms as well as other non-profit organizations. WFO's unique global profile facilitates access to governmental and international forums in order to open new offshore wind markets and to advocate for global offshore wind growth.

# WFO ACTIVITIES

## INFORMATION

Weekly newsletters, reports and other publications provide our members and the public with key information on industry developments. Our Information activities also serve as an opportunity for collaboration with members on joint publications.

## EVENTS

WFO organizes events for its members and the public in order to share knowledge on offshore wind, foster expert discussions on key issues in the industry, and provide networking opportunities. Be sure to check out our calendar for information on upcoming webinars, workshops, and other events.

## ADVISORY

As more and more countries announce their plans for developing offshore wind energy, WFO leverages its unique global profile to help open up new markets and advocate for global offshore wind growth.

# Our WFO Membership



# WFO Team



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# WHY?

We are lacking qualified institutional support for alternative dispute resolution in offshore wind

Procedural know-how in alternative dispute resolution combined with offshore wind know-how, that would help us

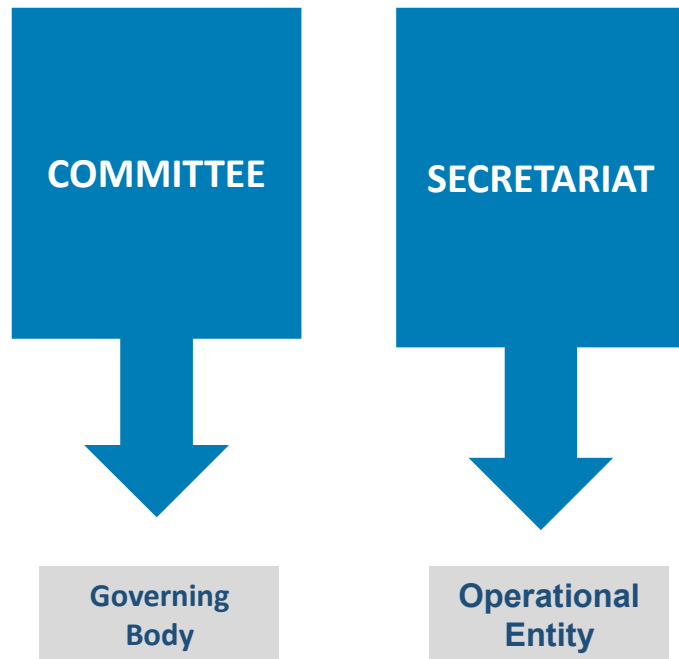


We would like to have arbitration or adjudication familiar with the needs of offshore wind

Conventional dispute institutions seem to struggle with offshore wind peculiarities



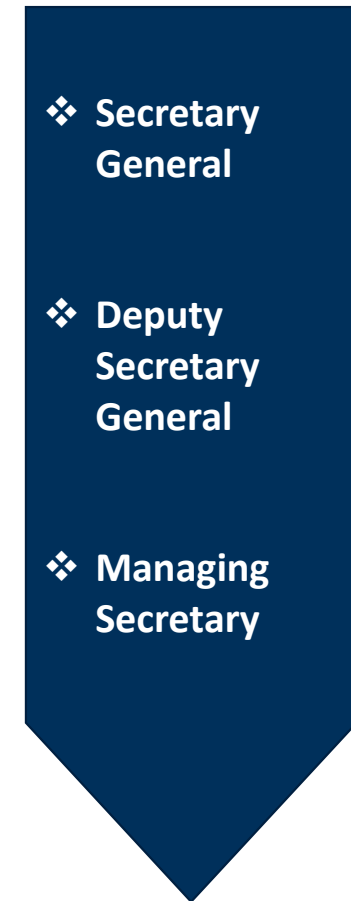
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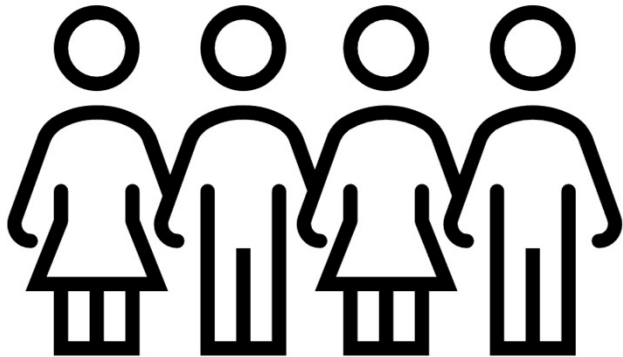
## COMMITTEE



## SECRETARIAT



WFO Offshore Dispute  
Resolution Committee



Committee gathering  
once every three months

## COMMITTEE (ODRC)

ODRC is an entity of WFO whose purpose is to promote and develop alternative dispute resolution in Offshore Wind field and to establish Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules adapted to it.

The Committee receives, organizes and manages the input for the dispute resolution rules and facilitates their development and contributes to the promotion of the general work of the WFO.

# SCHEME



Expert Proceedings

Adjudication

Mediation



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**Part 3:  
ODRC Expert List**

## ODRC Update

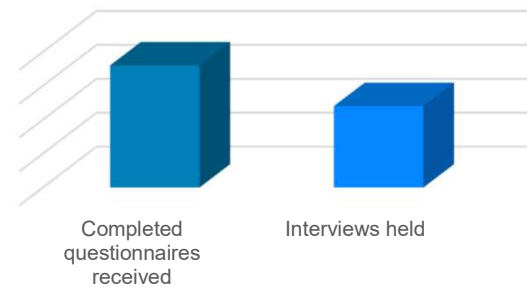
1. Expert List
  - 20 experts already reviewed, interviewed and confirmed
  - From Germany, UK, France, Australia, US
  - Covering wide variety of technical disciplines as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution expertise
2. Promotion of ODRC over the globe
  - There are already contracts out there incorporating the WFO ODRC expert nomination
  - First edition of Expert Rules will be released on WindEnergy Fair in Hamburg in September 2022
  - Cooperation agreements, e.g. with SOCIETY OF MARITIME ARBITRATORS New York

## 2. Skills and reach

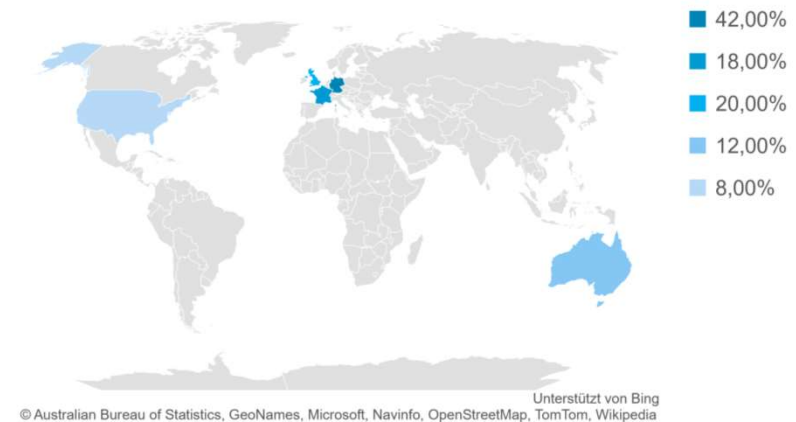
### Skills covered already:

- Soil/Geotechnical
- Marine
- WTGs
- Foundations
- Sub-stations
- Cables
- Vessels
- Coating
- Loads
- Electrical/Mechanical Engineering
- Harbor Logistics
- SCADA
- Software
- Schedule analysis
- Commercial
- Legal

### Status



### Regional Distribution of Experts





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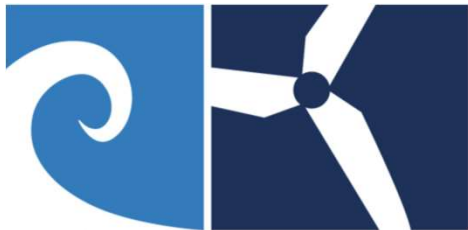


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# Offshore Wind Taskforce Deliverables

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→ Leo Grutters (Co-Chair)



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→ Sebastian Hoek



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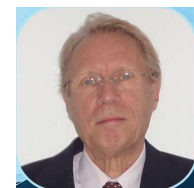
→ Tobias Voigt



→ Jim Perry (Ambassador)

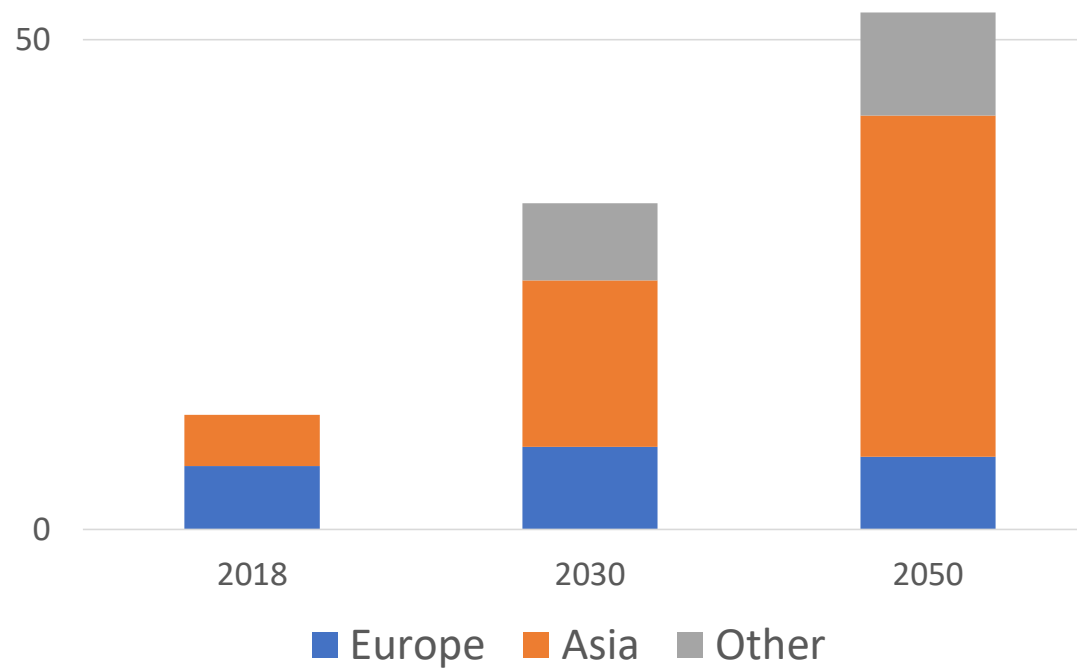


→ Volker Jurowich (Ambassador)

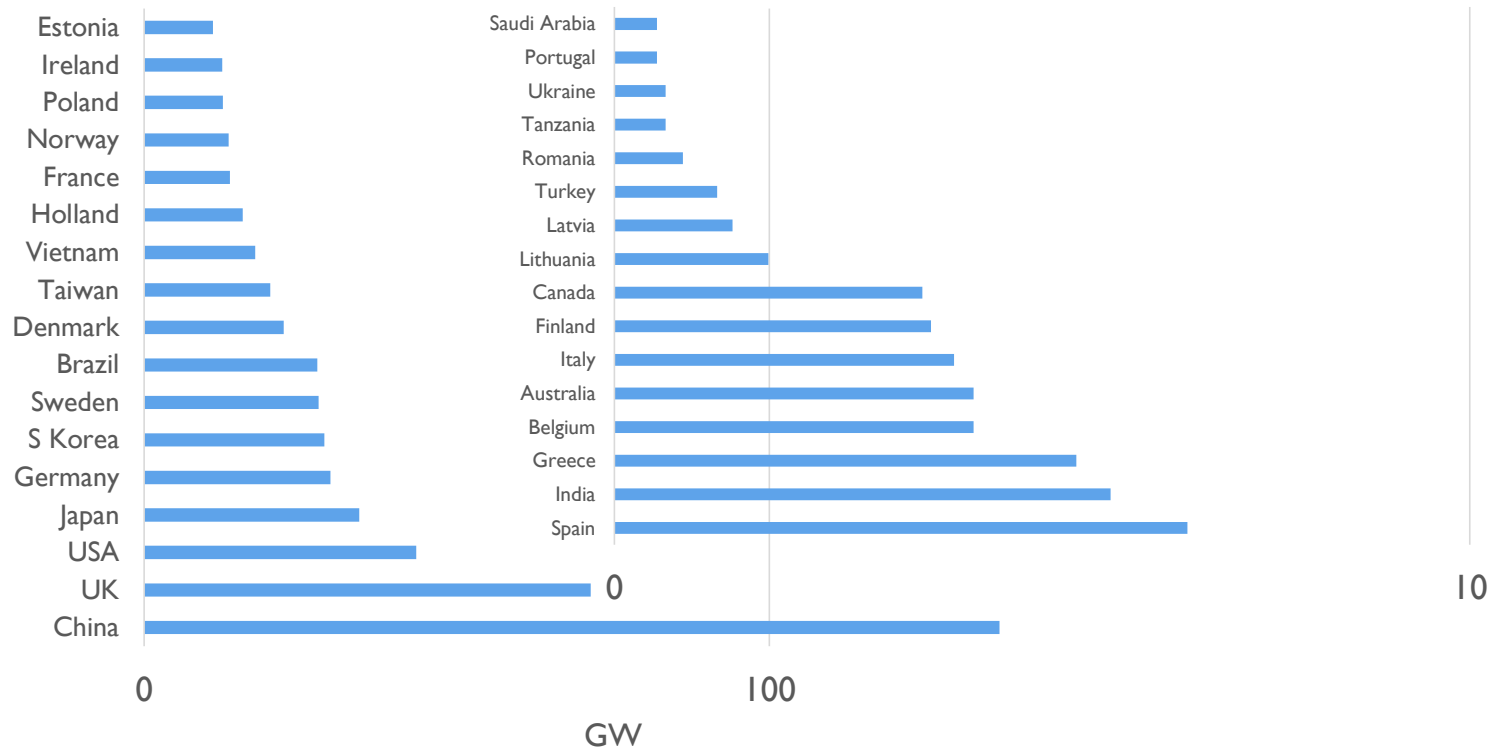


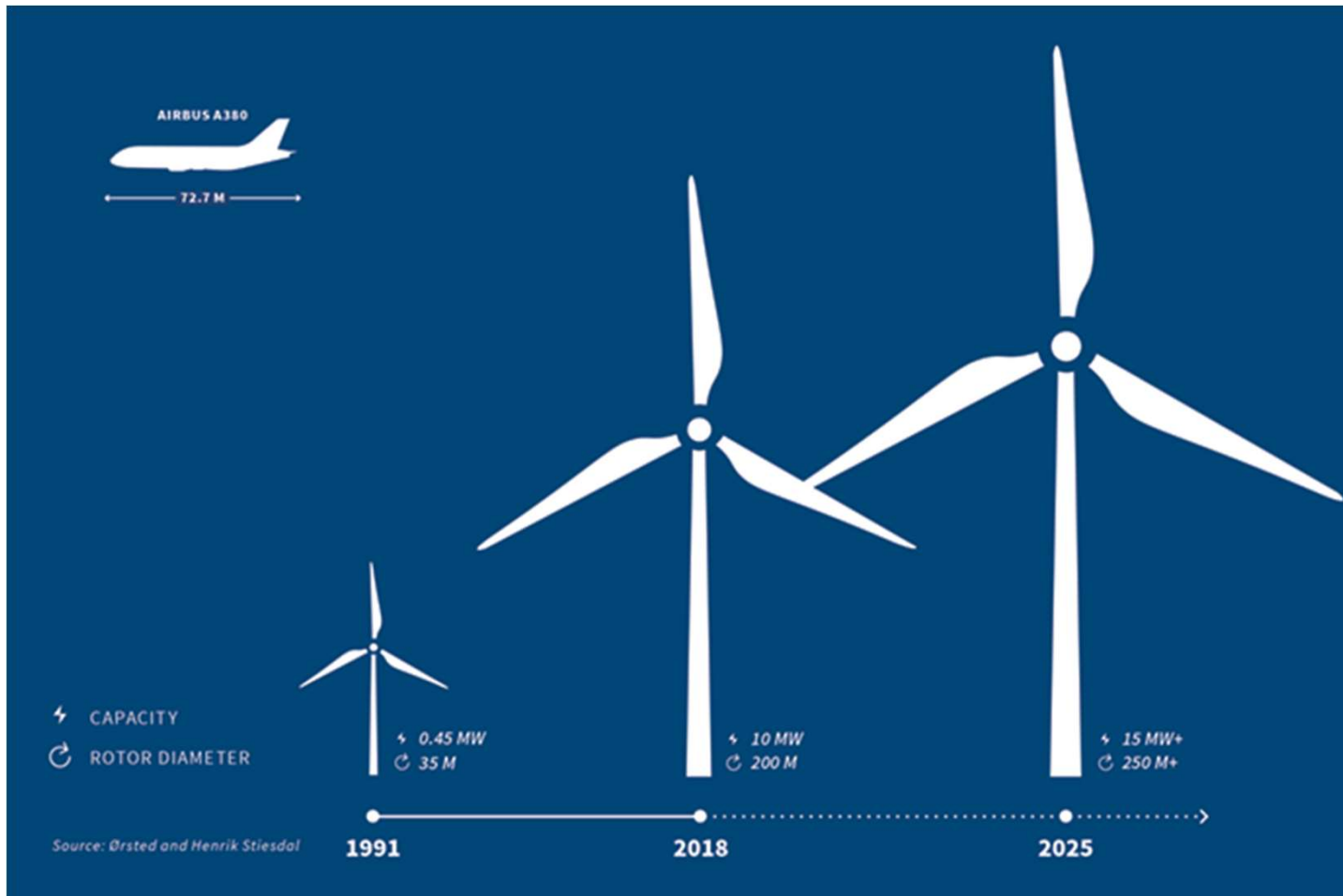


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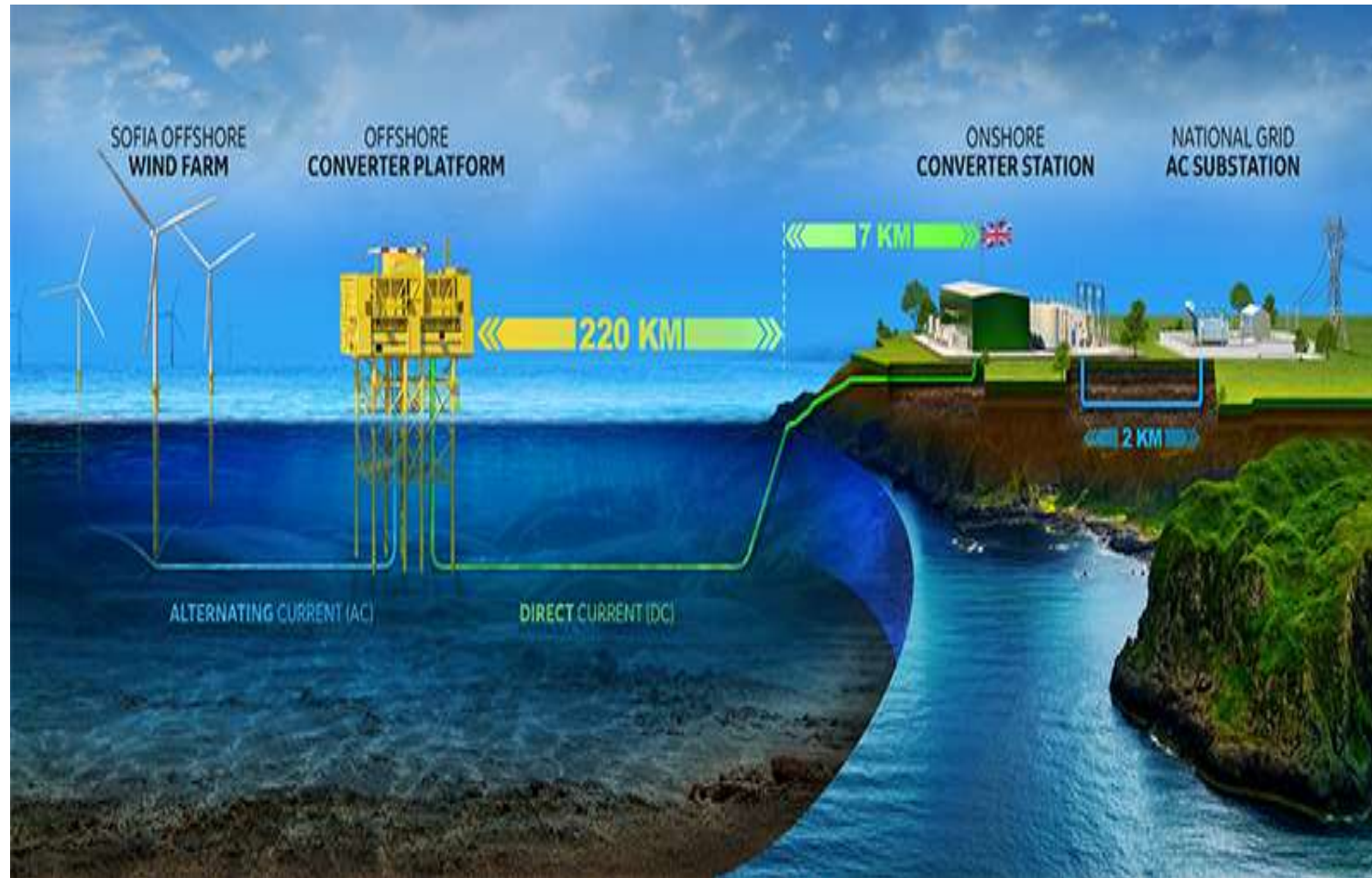
# Coming to a Country near you











## Why a Taskforce?

- Offshore wind started in Europe
  - Now worldwide and deeper waters
- Complex contract formats
- No EPC, typically 5 major contractors
- Challenging environment
  - Permanent offshore structures, grid interfaces
- World Bank support in developing countries
- DBs utilised but not the norm

# Potential Dispute Flashpoints

- New Technologies & Standards
- Sequencing of Major Operations
- Delay cost of vessel hire
- Integration of Onshore & Offshore Elements
- Transmission System interface





# Purpose

- Grow DBs in a growing market
- Work with allies
- New members of DRBF
- DRBF supporting a sustainable future

# Deliverables

- Industry specific database
  - Market sector and technical data
  
- DRBF members available to work in offshore
  
- Develop and implement strategy for more DBs
  
- Sector specific events

