<u>Economy Secretary welcomes nuclear</u> conference to Wales

The International Nuclear Pool Chairmen's Conference takes place once every three years and is traditionally held in London. However this year the organisers have taken the decision to hold the conference in Wales.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said:

"The Welsh Government recognises the role of Nuclear Power in a low carbon energy mix and is very aware of the huge economic opportunities offered to Wales by this important sector. We are working hard to build our skills base and develop the capacity of our supply chains so that we can maximise opportunities in the sector both today and into the future.

I am pleased that our ongoing work to build capacity and attract investment is recognised within the industry and proud that the organisers of the International Nuclear Pool Chairmen's Conference have chosen Wales as their first location outside of London."

Dr Tim Stone, Chairman of Nuclear Risk Insurers, said:

"Given the importance of nuclear to the Welsh economy and its heritage across the region, it seemed very fitting to host the International Nuclear Pool Chairmen's Conference in Wales this year. The strength of the skills, knowledge and innovation in Wales is critical, not just for the country's growth but for the sector's global expansion."

The International Nuclear Pool Chairmen's Conference 2018 is taking place between 18th and 22nd June with events held at the Celtic Manor and National Museum of Wales, Cardiff. It is organised by the Nuclear Risks Insurers Ltd which acts as the UK's insurance market's underwriting agent for all matters of nuclear insurance.