

Regulatory and Cultural Framework

- Attendees were a mix of regulators and vendors
- Regulations generally fairly recent and up to date (i.e. Ghana & Nigeria)
- Disclosure periods too long in some cases; need to be reviewed (Norway)
- Balance between regulations and guidance difficult to strike (regulations are more difficult to update; guidance must not stray beyond the scope of regulations)
- **No NDR is effective if data can't be accessed and used (it can't promote the basin)**
- Data ownership and IP: data not truly open if 3rd party use restricted
- Australia use “creative commons” licence
- Regs for spec data difficult to get right in many jurisdictions; contracts often at variance with regulations

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- Culture in UK has improved since OGA set up
- The downturn may have contributed
- IOC's vary greatly in their behaviour in different jurisdictions;
- In NW Europe they generally behave well;
- Not always the case in developing countries who need desperate for new revenue; these countries may also lack expertise but have the advantage of a clean slate (and can implement the latest best practice)

