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## **The value of early engagement between stakeholders to ensure successful deployment of SMRs in the Global South**

There has been limited engagement between developers and potential end-users of SMR technologies in the Global South. To ensure the successful deployment and sustainable operation of these technologies, early engagement between reactor vendors and end-users is essential. NGOs like the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) are well positioned to provide a platform for dialogue in an environment that enables frank and open discussion and facilitates better understanding of challenges and priorities. The VCDNP, in collaboration with the African Commission for Nuclear Energy (AFCON) and other partners, is organising a three-day, multi-stakeholder workshop in South Africa from 30 April to 3 May 2024. The workshop will focus on challenges to deployment and to consider what can be done to better prepare African markets for SMRs. It will also provide an opportunity for international financial institutions, investment funds and philanthropic foundations to understand their critical role in the successful deployment of SMRs. Regulators and policymakers from African countries and international experts, including the IAEA, will participate. The VCDNP's paper will discuss the process and the outcome of this multi-stakeholder engagement, drawing lessons learned for future engagement with vendors, investors, policymakers and climate change and development assistance communities.

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