



OCNI Welcomes French Delegation to Strengthen Canada–France Nuclear Collaboration

Toronto, ON — The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) welcomed a French delegation to Canada this week in collaboration with GIFEN and Nuclear Valley France, marking a series of engagements aimed at strengthening international partnerships across the nuclear supply chain.

The visit began with technical tours at BWXT Canada Ltd. and Eclipse Automation, where delegates gained firsthand insight into the capabilities, expertise, and innovation within Canada’s nuclear sector.

The delegation was then welcomed to the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre for a full day of presentations and discussion with OCNI members and partners. The session featured a broad cross-section of industry, including organizations such as CNL, NWMO, Kinectrics, Calian, Alithya, Siemens Energy Canada, and others, highlighting the depth and readiness of Canada’s nuclear supply chain.

This week of engagement has focused on strengthening relationships between Canadian and French companies, with discussions centered on new build opportunities, refurbishment, innovation, and long-term supply chain collaboration.

A key milestone of the visit was the signing of a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GIFEN, the Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA), and OCNI. The signing took place at the French Embassy in Ottawa earlier this week and reinforces a shared commitment to continued cooperation and knowledge exchange between both countries.

The program will conclude with the Canadian French Nuclear Industry Seminar, held in advance of CNA2026. This final session will provide an opportunity for the delegation to further engage with Canada’s nuclear ecosystem while continuing discussions on future collaboration and partnership development.

“Canada’s nuclear supply chain is globally competitive, and partnerships like this are essential to ensuring we remain at the forefront of innovation and project delivery,” said Ivette Vera-Perez, President and CEO of OCNI. “Through collaboration with France, we are creating meaningful opportunities for our members while strengthening the international connections needed to support long-term growth in the nuclear sector.”

"These 8 days roadshow has been a resounding success. We are extremely pleased and satisfied to have organized all these events together with the OCNI team and it has provided our delegation with invaluable insights into the Canadian market and its current momentum.

Participants were highly impressed by the visits to BWXT and Eclipse Automation, while the seminars and B2B sessions in Toronto and Ottawa successfully generated high-value business leads for our companies. A truly productive mission for the Franco-Canadian nuclear partnership!

The signing of the MoU between OCNI, CNA and GIFEN at the French Embassy of France in Ottawa was a definitive highlight.

We are now collectively linked to facilitate and encourage the exchanges and connections collaboration between our respective members, we see this agreement as a major step forward, creating a strategic framework that will foster fruitful collaborations and long-term synergies between our respective members."

OCNI looks forward to building on the momentum from this week and continuing to foster collaboration between Canadian and French nuclear industries.