



Saudi Arabia: AREVA and EDF sign an agreement with the National Institute of Technology to develop nuclear skills in the country

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AREVA and EDF have signed a cooperation agreement with the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Bahrah with the aim of contributing to the development of technical nuclear skills in Saudi Arabia.

This cooperation with a leading technical institute demonstrates the willingness of the French nuclear industry to contribute to the training of Saudi technicians in the various nuclear specialties (welding, electrical installation, mechanics and electro-mechanics).

Localizing skills lies at the heart of the international development strategy implemented by AREVA and EDF, who intend to rely on local partners for the shared industrial projects they export.

The two companies have thus welcomed recently representatives from several Saudi higher education establishments to their industrial sites in France in order to show them fuel cycle activities, operation of the nuclear plants and reactor construction.

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