



Third IEF - IGU Ministerial Gas Forum

Call for Sustainable Energy Policies and Improved Cooperation
Enhancing the Role of Natural Gas

Hotel George V, Paris, France

Friday 16 November 2012

Objective

The world has been through dramatic changes, in almost every aspect of the society: economy, politics, environment, employment and technology. Increasing population, economic growth, and the need to improve access to modern energy services for hundreds of millions of people will put additional pressure on energy resources and the environment.

Due to its qualities and availability natural gas can play an important role in helping energy policy makers to meet the energy and environmental challenges. Sustained energy policies and stable fiscal regimes contribute to reduce uncertainties in the investment climate and enable the industry to plan, invest and meet future energy needs. Improved cooperation within the industry and with other stakeholders, including governments, best catalyzes natural gas development and global energy security.

The IEF-IGU Ministerial Gas Forum is now established as a regular platform for Ministers and senior decision makers to discuss key developments in the gas industry. The 3rd IEF-IGU Ministerial Gas Forum will investigate how the complex and various challenges facing the gas industry can be facilitated by sustained energy policies, long-term partnership and enhanced cooperation.

Programme

Day 1: Thursday 15 November 2012

19.00 - 22.00: Welcome dinner, Hotel George V

Guest speaker: François Bujon de l'Estang, Ambassadeur de France, Former French Ambassador to the United States of America (1995-2002)

Day 2: Friday 16 November 2012

08.30 - 09.30: Registration

09.30 - 10.00: Welcome address and opening statements

- Jérôme Ferrier, President of IGU
- Delphine Batho, Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France
- Introduction to roundtable discussion by Aldo Flores-Quiroga, Secretary General of IEF and Torstein Indrebø, Secretary General of IGU

10.00 - 12.30: Panel Session 1: Recent international developments - New challenges and new opportunities for gas

Moderator: Rt. Hon. Tim Eggar, Member of the "Wise Persons Group" of IGU

Panellists:

- Youcef Yousfi, Minister of Energy and Mines, Algeria
- Verónica Irastorza Trejo, Undersecretary of Planning and Energy Transition, Ministry of Energy, Mexico
- Maria van der Hoeven, Executive Director, IEA
- Ichiro Takahara, Director-General, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
- Christophe de Margerie, Chairman and CEO, Total
- Alexander Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee, Gazprom
- Andrew Brown, Director, Upstream International, Shell
- Rob Cole, Executive Director, Woodside
- Mark Corey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Sector, Natural Resources Canada

Discussion points:

- What are the challenges facing the gas industry? How can they be overcome and what should governments and industry do?
- Which major developments impact the natural gas industry and gas markets? What are the prospects for shale gas across the globe? How will development for unconventional gas affect global LNG trade? How is the global economic situation affecting medium and long term prospects for natural gas supply and demand?
- How should these developments influence energy policies?
- What is the role of natural gas in a carbon constrained economy and what policies are needed to achieve this?
- Is price volatility a new and structural feature in the gas markets? How could the globalisation of gas markets impact gas price convergence?

Open roundtable discussion

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

14.00 – 16.30: Panel Session 2: Enhanced dialogue and cooperation for strengthened energy security

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Panellists:

- Mohammed Saleh Al-Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry, Qatar
- Mohamed Lamine Chakhari, Minister of Industry and Technology, Tunisia
- Daniel Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy, United States
- Fouad Douiri, Minister of Energy, Mining, Water and Environment, Morocco
- Peter Chin Fah Kui, Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water, Malaysia
- Gerard Mestrallet, CEO, GDF Suez
- Klaus Schäfer, Chairman of the Board of Management, E.ON Ruhrgas
- Gertjan Lankhorst, CEO, GasTerra
- Jean-Arnold Vinois, Director, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission
- Alejandro Martinez Sibaja, Director General, Pemex Gas and Basic Petrochemicals

Discussion points:

- How to improve the national and regional policies and regulatory frameworks so gas infrastructures and supplies are developed in line with future needs? How does new regulation and strengthened safety requirements impact costs?
- How to steer cooperation to facilitate and encourage technology development and deployment along the whole gas chain (production, transportation, storage, distribution and use)?
- Is the divergence between spot gas prices and oil-indexed prices a temporary phenomenon or a structural trend? How does the global variation in gas prices affect investment and trade? Does gas pricing need to be revisited in light of recent developments and structural changes?
- What are the key barriers to trans-regional gas pipelines' expansion? How can such barriers be overcome to enhance energy security for gas exporting, importing and transit countries?
- Could a new approach to energy cooperation reduce economic and political risk thus improving energy security both for producing and consuming countries?

Open roundtable discussion

16.30 – 17.00: Concluding remarks by Aldo Flores-Quiroga, Secretary General of IEF and Torstein Indrebø, Secretary General of IGU

IEF

The IEF is the neutral facilitator of informal, open, informed and continuing global energy dialogue. Covering all six continents and accounting for around 90% of global supply and demand for oil and gas, the IEF is unique in that it comprises not only countries of the IEA and OPEC, but also key players like Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Russia and South Africa. The Forum's biennial Ministerial Meetings are the world's largest gathering of Energy Ministers. Through the Forum and its associated events, IEF Ministers, their officials, energy industry executives, and other experts engage in a dialogue of increasing importance to global energy security. The IEF and the global energy dialogue are promoted by a permanent Secretariat of international staff based in the Diplomatic Quarter of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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IGU

The International Gas Union (IGU) was founded in 1931 and is a worldwide non-profit organisation aimed at promoting the technical and economic progress of the gas industry. The Union has more than 120 members worldwide on all continents, representing approximately 95 % of the world gas market. The members of the IGU are national associations and corporations of the gas industry worldwide. IGU organises the World Gas Conference (WGC) every third year, with the forthcoming WGC taking place in Paris, France, in June 2015. The IGU's working organisation covers all aspects of the gas industry from exploration and production, storage, LNG, distribution and natural gas utilisation in all market segments.

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