

24th World Gas Conference

The Global Energy Challenge: Reviewing the Strategies for Natural Gas

During the 2006-2009 triennium, and as part of the preparatory work leading up to the 24th World Gas Conference, a team of over 750 experts led by the Argentines Roberto Brandt and Andrés Kidd, as Chairman and Secretary of the Coordination Committee of the International Gas Union (IGU) respectively, has promoted knowledge, exchange of information and the preparation of special studies for the benefit of decision-makers.

“The increasingly complex dynamics of the global energy scenario have engendered a very significant challenge for IGU during the 2006 – 2009 triennium, to comply with its objective of developing significant and useful insights on the present and future roles for natural gas”, stated Roberto Brandt in the introduction to the Technical Programme of the Conference.

The Conference – to be held in Buenos Aires on 5 – 9 October 2009 – shall include different types of sessions: 14 Keynote Addresses by the key players in the most influential organisations in the gas industry worldwide; 9 Strategic Panels; 24 Sessions of IGU Technical Committees; 18 Expert Fora; and the presentation of over 150 papers in a poster exhibition, featuring the presence of their authors.

The Strategic Panels were defined with the purpose of addressing the key current issues of the 2006-2009 triennium, and experts have provided their views from diverging angles to ensure an enriching debate.

Outlook to 2030

The first of these 9 panels – to be held on Tuesday, 6 October at 14:30 – will focus on the *“Outlook to 2030: Reviewing the Strategies for Natural Gas”*, and will present and discuss a prospective study carried out by the technical committees of IGU, including the participation of globally-recognized experts.

The Panel will be chaired by Ernesto López Anadón (President of IGU) and its members will be Tim Eggar (former British Minister of Energy); Coby van der Linde (Clingendael Institute, the Netherlands); Daniel Yergin (IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, USA); Jayant Sathaye (Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories, USA), Ian Cronshaw (International Energy Agency), Roman Samsonov (Vniigaz / Gazprom, Russia); and Shigeru Muraki (Tokyo Gas, Japan).

Views from Energy Ministers

The third Strategic Panel – to be held on Wednesday, 7 October at 14:30 – has been called *“Adjusting the Balance between Security of Supply and Demand: Views from Energy Ministers”*.

The Panel will be chaired by Noe van Hulst (Secretary General of the International Energy Forum), and will feature the participation of the highest energy authorities from Argentina, Brazil, the European Union, UK, Japan, Algeria, and Trinidad & Tobago, and the Vice President of the Russian Parliament (Duma). Confirmation from the Minister of the United States is pending.

About the 24th World Gas Conference

The 24th World Gas Conference (WGC2009) is due to take place on 5 – 9 October in La Rural convention center in the City of Buenos Aires. The event will gather thousands of business-people, executives, practitioners and experts in different areas of the global gas industry.

Since 1931, the International Gas Union (IGU) has been organising the World Gas Conference at three-year intervals. The upcoming edition will be the first to be held in Latin America. The IGU represents the most respected and prestigious sectoral opinion. It has 102 members, 71 of which are National Associations from countries across all continents, and it cooperates *inter alia* with international organisations such as the United Nations, the International Energy Agency and the International Energy Forum.

During the 2006-2009 triennium, the IGU is presided over by the Argentine Ernesto López Anadón, who shall also be in charge of chairing the WGC2009 as well as the Instituto Argentino del Petróleo y del Gas (Argentine Institute of Oil and Gas - IAPG).

In this period, a multi-disciplinary and multi-regional task force made up of over 750 experts, and led by the Argentine Roberto Brandt as Chairman of the IGU's Coordinating Committee, has relentlessly promoted knowledge, exchange of information and the preparation of specific reference tools for decision-makers.

The outcome of this work shall be presented during the 24th World Gas Conference and is based on the following Strategic Guidelines set forth for the 2006 – 2009 Triennial Work Programme:

1. The Global Energy Challenge: Reviewing the Strategies for Natural Gas towards 2030
2. Contribution of the Natural Gas Industry, in terms of Security of Supply, Safety and Environment
3. Regional Gas Market Integration, as a Key Driver for Sustainable Economic Growth

The speakers who will be presenting on these and other topics are the following:

Antonio Brufau

Chairman and CEO, REPSOL YPF and Vice President, GAS NATURAL

Maria das Graças Silva Foster

Director for Gas and Energy, PETROBRAS

Faisal M. Al-Suwaidi

Chairman and CEO, QATARGAS OPERATING COMPANY LTD

Alexey B. Miller

Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Management Committee, GAZPROM

Bernhard Reutersberg

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Norio Ichino

Chairman, THE JAPAN GAS ASSOCIATION

George Kirkland

Executive Vice President, Upstream Global and Gas, CHEVRON CORPORATION

Jean-François Cirelli

Vice Chairman and President, GDF SUEZ

Christophe de Margerie

Chairman and CEO, TOTAL

Tan Sri Hassan Marican

President and CEO, PETRONAS

Tony Hayward

Group Chief Executive, BP

Thomas E. Skains

Chairman, AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION

Azizollah Ramezani

Deputy Minister and Executive Director, NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY

Marcel P. Kramer

Chairman of the Executive Board and CEO, GASUNIE



The 24th World Gas Conference aims to make a valuable contribution to the key players of the energy and gas industries worldwide by contributing to the development of investment and business, and encouraging a high quality dialogue amongst government and business leaders, in close cooperation with the most relevant international organisations in the sector.

In parallel to the Conference, there will be an impressive Exhibition of over 16,000m², where more than 200 exhibitors from all major companies both in Argentina and worldwide will showcase their latest advances in the areas of technology, products and services.
