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Preparations for COP 21

As we approach the [21st Conference of the Parties \(COP 21\)](#) on Climate Change this December in Paris, expectations that a new climate change agreement will be reached remain high. The negotiating parties aim to agree on an effective global approach to address climate change after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2020 and is viewed by many as a potential tipping point towards a lower carbon future.

The Energy Studies Institute, Singapore identified in Policy Brief (1) the key points related to this potentially historic agreement as follows,

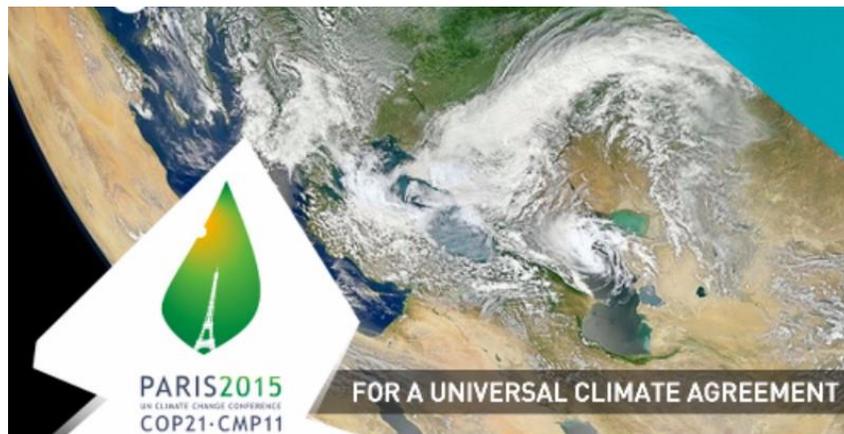
- The world is at a critical juncture with regard to the climate challenge and 2015 will be a decisive year. If the COP 21 in Paris fails to deliver, the already declining faith of the general public in international climate negotiations will be further damaged.
- Paris is often compared to the 2009 COP 15 in Copenhagen, as this will be the first opportunity since COP 15 to deliver a new global agreement that would include the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases, namely the United States, China and India.
- France's whole-of-government approach and its engagement in climate diplomacy around the world in the lead up to this event will likely significantly help to facilitate a positive momentum for COP 21.
- The biggest challenge to date is that much of the architecture for an agreement remains to be determined and the governments only have a limited time to overcome their own difficulties as well as mutual differences to ensure collective action beyond 2020.
- While the spotlight is on the major emitters; France also recognizes the importance of engaging the emerging economies of Southeast Asia in the build-up to COP 21, due to the region's rapidly growing energy demand

The IGU began its planning towards COP 21 late last year and has prepared a strategy and scope of work to support the advocacy programs focused around COP 21. This program is designed to position IGU as a credible thought leader on energy issues and a potential agent of change for the post-COP 21 environment. This is not about influencing what happens at COP 21, but rather credibly demonstrating that gas is the answer to the post-COP challenges – how IGU can assist sovereign states develop policy that can drive real change to their energy mix.

The following will provide the core of the campaign:

- Strong and clear messaging adapted to position gas firmly in the context of COP 21 – including answers to the key questions / anti gas positions (unconventional / pricing / geopolitics)
- Building momentum to establish the Voice of Gas as an integral part of the broader discussion surrounding COP 21 and the future of energy
- A high-level 'Gas-day' event during COP 21 to build and formalize relationships with key influencers and create further momentum for the post-COP 21 decision-making process

Greater details of this program will be shared at the upcoming [IGU Fall Council meeting](#) in Cartagena, Colombia.



Fall Committee Schedule

The [Triennial Work Program 2015-2018](#) will launch with the IGU Committee Meetings this Fall. Below is the schedule of the meetings including the contact information for each. We encourage the members to **nominate individuals** as soon as possible to these important committees.

For further information on the overall program, please contact Terence Thorn at tthorn@txthorns.net

DATE	COMMITTEE	LOCATION	CONTACT
07-09/09/2015	STRATEGY & MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEES (Joint Meeting)	AMSTERDAM NETHERLANDS	Jeanet van Dellen j.j.van.dellen@gasunie.nl
08-11/09/2015	EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES (Joint Meeting)	KOTA KINABALU MALAYSIA	Im Xaxanuhani Bt Zulkifli im_xaxanuhani@petronas.com.my
15-17/09/2015	R&D AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE	BERLIN GERMANY	Uwe Klaas Klaas@dvgrw.de
16-18/09/2015	LNG COMMITTEE	OSAKA JAPAN	Ichiro Baba ichiro-baba@osakagas.co.jp
28/09-01/10 / 2015	TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE	CHANTILLY FRANCE	Daniel Rein daniel.rein@net4gas.cz
06-08/10/2015	DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE	BARCELONA SPAIN	Carlos Villalonga cvillalonga@sedigas.es
07-09/10/2015	STORAGE COMMITTEE	YAMBURG RUSSIA	Marina Borisova m.borisova@gazprom.ru
12-14/10/2015	GAS MARKETS COMMITTEE	ORAN ALGERIA	Tarik Taffar Tarik.taffar@sonatrach.dz
20/10/2015	STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH TASK FORCE	CARTAGENA COLOMBIA	Ysabel Suarez ysuarez@aga.org
02-04/11/2015	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE	CAIRO EGYPT	Reham Gharib r.gharib@taqa.com.eg
24-26/11/2015	UTILIZATION COMMITTEE	TEHRAN IRAN	Bijan Ochani b.ochani@gmail.com

IGU Voice in Bolivia



The 5th International Congress YPF Oil and Gas 2015 was held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 21-22 July by the Bolivian IGU Charter member Yacimiento Petroliferos Fiscales Bolivianos. David Carroll, IGU President, participated in the event that attracted participation of renowned international experts, executives and authorities in oil and gas.

This year's focus was on oil and gas markets behaviour and its outlook, as well as energy security and the challenges at the regional level. The IGU President held a key note on the challenges for oil and gas markets in a lower priced environment. Please visit the Global Gas Portal to download his [presentation](#).

Bolivia rejoined the IGU in 2014. The country is the largest exporter of gas in South America, being a key supplier of gas to the southern part of Latin America.

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