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Restructured Council Meetings kick off in Cartagena

The growing role of IGU in the area of gas advocacy, as well as the interest of the membership in more networking activities and greater knowledge transfer opportunities, has led to a restructuring of the IGU Council meetings. The first restructured meeting will take place at the upcoming Council meeting October 21-23, 2015 in Cartagena, Colombia.

The Council meeting will begin with a networking luncheon on October 21st that will be open to all delegates attending the Cartagena meetings.

Following discussions of the general IGU business matters on Wednesday afternoon, our Colombian host, Naturgas, under the leadership of IGU Executive Committee member, Eduardo Pizano, have invited Mr Guillermo Perry, former Minister of Mines and Energy, and Finance Colombia and the former Chief Economist for Latin America, to address the "Key issues in the Colombian and South American Gas Industries."

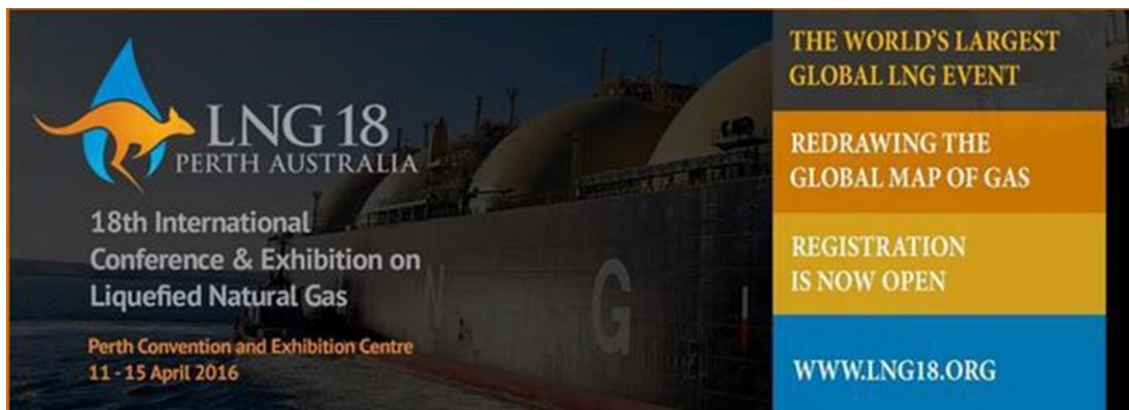
The Council meeting on Thursday, October 22nd, will feature a full day of networking activities and knowledge transfer opportunities. Following opening remarks by Mr Tomas Gonzales, the Colombian Minister of Mines, the day will kick-off with a session on the "Outlook for the Global Gas Industry." This session will include an outlook of the global economy, as well as a more focused outlook on the global gas industry. Leading off the discussion will be Luis Herrera, Chief Economist from BTG Pactual. Other speakers on the panel will include Bassam Fattouh of the Oxford Energy Institute, and a senior representative from IHS CERA.

"What Does COP 21 Mean for the Role of Gas?" will be a second topical workshop on Thursday, October 22nd. This session will also include a discussion of the IGU strategy for COP 21. Featured invited speakers include a senior representative from the U.S. Department of Energy, a senior representative from UNFCCC/UNEP, a senior official from Asia, and Jason Bordoff from Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy.

Following a networking luncheon, the afternoon session will feature a discussion of "Key Issues and Opportunities in the Latin American Gas Industry." The senior officers of four major Latin American energy companies have been invited to speak on this topic.

The day will wrap up with special networking breakout sessions where the attendees will move into smaller groups to discuss the key issues facing the gas industries in their countries and how these issues relate to the discussions held throughout the day.

Naturgas has planned a number of fantastic evening networking opportunities for the group, as well as a very interesting technical tour on Friday, October 23rd.



Less than nine months until the start of IGU's next event – LNG 18

The CEOs from three of the largest participants in the global Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) industry – Shell, Woodside and Chevron – will jointly open the 18th International Conference & Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG 18) from April 11-15, 2016 in Perth, Western Australia, on "The Transformation of Global Gas". The three industry leaders will be joined in Perth by some 5,000 LNG industry professionals from around the world at the triennial conference and exhibition which will provide an unrivalled opportunity to keep updated with the latest industry news and technologies.

LNG 18 will feature

- the largest number and highest level of LNG industry leaders speaking at the conference,
- current world-firsts and innovative projects such as Floating LNG, subsea technology and coal bed methane to LNG,
- unprecedented networking opportunities offering three LNG 18 social program functions plus opening and closing ceremonies included in the delegate registration fee,
- an integrated exhibition presenting more than 250 exhibitors from more than 60 countries, and
- additional networking options such as the Golf Day, Thought Leadership Lunches, technical tours, pre- and post tours to iconic Australian destinations and much more.

Registration is now open with the early bird deadline of 4 November

2015. Further discounts may apply when booking accommodation with the Conference Organisers. Visit the official LNG 18 website at www.lng18.org for detailed information. Australia is on track to become the largest LNG exporter in the world by 2020 so be sure to participate in the world's largest global LNG event in April 2016 in Perth, Western Australia.



IGU meets with Chinese G20 Presidency

David Carroll, President IGU, Pål Rasmussen, Secretary General, Menelaos (Mel) Ydreos, Chairman, Coordination Committee and Madam Li Yalan, Chair, Beijing Gas Group Co., Ltd recently met with Mr. Zhang Yuging, Deputy Administrator National Energy Administration, People's Republic of China and staff from the Chinese G20 Presidency to discuss and offer recommendations on how gas can be included on the G20 agenda of the Energy and Sustainability Working Group when China assumes the presidency of the G20 later this year. The very productive discussion may lead to a special Gas Day event in March, 2016 on the topic of Natural Gas Powering Air Quality Improvements in the Mega-Cities of the World.



While in Beijing, the IGU leadership team took the opportunity to meet and discuss regional issues with China's Charter member, China Gas Society, and Associate Members, Beijing Gas Group and China National Petroleum Corporation.



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