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## IGU Reaction to the IEA World Energy Outlook 2017

### International Gas Union Reaction to the IEA World Energy Outlook 2017

- **Natural gas to become more prominent in global energy mix than ever before**
- **IEA cites the “strong environmental dimension” in the case for natural gas and lauds natural gas’ “multiple roles across the energy system that no other fuel or technology can match”**



**Barcelona, 14 November 2017** - The International Gas Union (IGU) welcomes the information released today by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in this year’s World Energy Outlook (WEO), with its fuel focus on natural gas. The Outlook suggests that the prospects for natural gas “will be determined by how it is assessed by policy-makers and prospective consumers against three criteria: is it affordable, is it secure, and is it clean?” The IGU argues strongly that the response to all three questions is an emphatic ‘yes’.

As stated in this year’s WEO, global gas consumption is set to grow at an average rate of 1.6% per year to 2040 – a higher growth projection than oil or coal – and is expected to account for a quarter of global energy demand by the same date (according to the IEA’s New Policies Scenario). These growth projections highlight the critical importance of gas in the global energy mix - both as a sustainable and affordable option and as an option that complements the rising use of renewable energies. [Read more](#)

### Mitigating Methane: Nobody’s Perfect (But We’re Working On It)

*The IOGP recently published a piece by the IGU Executive Director, Public Affairs, Menelaos (Mel) Ydreos on how the natural gas industry is working to reduce methane emissions:*



“One of the most memorable lines in film is from the comedy, *Some Like It Hot*. It comes at the very end when Jack Lemmon – in surprisingly convincing drag – confesses to ardent millionaire suitor Joe E. Brown that he is, in fact, a man.

“Well, nobody’s perfect,” is the reply.

Much the same can be said for all energy sources and for natural gas in relation to methane emissions. But in contrast to the film, those are not our final words. Far from it. We’re working on the challenge.

First a bit of background: Cleaner-burning natural gas plays an important role..." [Read more](#)

## IGU Podcast: Enbridge "starts early" in project communication & CGA believes in "opportunity for gas" in Canada



The IGU podcast covers the issues that matter to the natural gas industry. It presents the people behind the scenes of the IGU; lets you hear from folks that are important voices on gas; and brings you the state of affairs of our industry.

The show is presented by Hansch van der Velden (Gasunie) and Dimitri Schildmeijer (WPNT Communications) and was recorded earlier this fall in Toronto. They are both members of the IGU Marketing and Communications committee. The podcast venue was offered by Union Gas, an Enbridge Company.

### [Episode 1 – Enbridge and the Canadian Gas Association](#)

The podcast was recorded in Toronto with the following guests:

Susan Waller, Vice President Stakeholder Engagement & Enterprise Public Awareness Programs, Enbridge. Enbridge Inc. (HQ Calgary) is Canada’s largest natural gas distribution provider with 16,000 employees and over 27,403 miles of transmission lines and 100,632 miles of distribution lines across North America. Susan talks about the huge challenges of building pipelines across a continent.

Paula Dunlop, Vice President, Corporate and Strategic Affairs, Canadian Gas Association (CGA). CGA members deliver natural gas to 6.8 million homes business and industrial customers. Paula talks about how natural gas wants to also

play a role in Canada's future energy mix. The CGA is a leader in natural gas innovation and recently kicked-off the Natural Gas Innovation Fund to promote clean-tech projects by start ups.

[Click to listen](#)

## **IGU Diplomatic Gas Forum in Madrid concludes "Natural Gas to have a Fundamental Role in the Future Sustainable Energy Mix"**



The 5th IGU Diplomatic Gas Forum was held in Madrid, Spain, on 22 November. The level and interest of the participants suggest that it is an event that could deliver value if staged in other countries. About 70 delegates from embassies of 30 countries and all regions attended the event.

The programme included seven speakers from the IEA, UNECE, Gas Natural Fenosa, DNV GL and Statoil. The Norwegian ambassador to Spain, Helge Skaara, attended and opened the event together with Rafael Villaseca, CEO of Gas Natural Fenosa, and Antoni Peris, Chairman of Sedigas and General Director of Regulated Business.

The presentations and debate pointed that gas has a key role in improving urban air quality and combating climate change. In fact, they all agreed that natural gas will be the foundation fuel of the energy mix going forward. Only one threat can change this: fugitive methane emissions. The industry must continue to combat fugitive emissions and initiatives must be taken on. [Access presentations.](#)



## **Staying Within the Global Carbon Budget. DVGW & IGU International Energy Event on the side of COP 23**

COP 23 marked a moment for the world to jump forward with innovative, climate-friendly energy solutions. In this context, the German Association for Gas and Water (DVGW) and the International Gas Union (IGU) invited senior technical, economic, political and media representatives to an exclusive International Energy Event in Bonn on 14 November 2017.

The purpose of the event was to showcase the benefits that natural and renewable gases and the gas

infrastructure offer and how this will help stay within the global carbon budget.

Speakers from IGU, as well as politics and the marine and energy industries, provided insights on cleaner marine transportation, urban air quality improvements and reduction of methane emissions. also, recent innovations in the gas industry in Germany was featured for their potential to serve as a blueprint for other countries.

[Access the video from the event](#)

## Gas and the Energy Transition - A Global Challenge and Opportunity



On 16-17 November 2017, EnergyNet and the International Gas Union (IGU) hosted the first annual Latin America and Caribbean Gas Options meeting under the aegis of Panama's National Energy Secretariat. The theme of the summit was Gas and the Energy Transition - A Global Challenge and Opportunity.

Over 150 high-level governmental and gas industry representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean attended the forum and debated how to capitalize on the opportunities that natural gas offers to the region. This included such issues as meeting the challenges of bringing natural gas to new underserved areas in the region, to infrastructure development, financing, regulation, contracts, prices and regional interconnection. [Read more.](#)

### WGC 2018 Early Bird Deadline - 7 weeks to go!



**There are now just 7 weeks left to book the Early Bird delegate rate to attend WGC 2018 and save \$500.**

Booking early will also help to secure your preferred hotels which are filling up fast – [register and book](#) via our website to guarantee the lowest room rates available during the event.

WGC 2018 will be the most definitive gathering of influential leaders, policy-makers, buyers, sellers and experts from around the globe and the opportunity to join them only comes around once every three years.

In addition to the world-renowned conference and exhibition, there is also a range of [technical](#) and [social tours](#) available to

delegates, such as exclusive tours of the **Washington Gas Pipetown Facility and BGE's LNG Plant and Gas Control Center.**

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## IGU Magazine

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PDF version available for download [here](#).

Or access the [ISSUU version](#).

## IGU Influence

The IGU President attended the Economist Energy Summit in London, United Kingdom, on 28 November. He participated to a talk on shale gas together with Susan Packard Legos, President and CEO, Center for Responsible Shale Gas Development. The theme included the future development of the shale gas markets and how it continues to affect global energy markets.



The IGU Secretary General attended the GECF International Gas Seminar where he participated to a panel discussion together with amongst others, the Bolivian president, Evo Morales. The event took place 21 November in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



The IGU President and Secretary General visited the UN Climate Conference COP 23 in Bonn, Germany on 14 November.



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