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### World Class Keynote Speakers announced for 27th World Gas Conference (WGC 2018)

The WGC 2018 team is delighted to announce the first line-up of keynote speakers for the 27th World Gas Conference (WGC 2018), which will be held in Washington D.C., on 25-29 June 2018.

Among the growing list of keynote speakers are CEOs of international energy companies, global gas experts, distinguished energy officials, policy makers and government representatives from across the globe.

The theme for WGC 2018 is "Fueling the Future" and it communicates the important future role for natural gas as a critical source of energy that is clean, abundant, economical and sustainable.

With 16 months of exciting developments still to come, the event promises to be an unmissable opportunity. [Read more.](#)



- 4000 CONFERENCE DELEGATES
- 70 SESSIONS
- 500 SPEAKERS
- 1500 ABSTRACTS EXPECTED
- FINANCIAL FORUM
- YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

The WGC 2018 and LNG 2019 teams will be at the Gastech Exhibition. Visit their stands 14-420 and 14-410 to pick up your copy of the 2017 IGU World LNG Report!



### **Women in the Gas Industry - Looking Ahead**

By Marius Popescu

International Women's Day is coming up on the 8th of March. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the IGU's research and activities dedicated to women in the workforce. This theme was central to the IGU task force on Human Resources during the past triennium. The task force has now changed name (Workforce development) and is currently researching best practices for workforce development, but the findings on women in the gas industry continue to be supported by newer research from other organizations. [Read more...](#)

## IRENA Conference and The Role of Natural Gas in the Energy Transition



On the first day of the World Future Energy Summit held in Abu Dhabi, UEA, on 16 January, IGU Regional Coordinator and President of Energy Delta Institute, Marcel Kramer, participated in an IRENA organised expert discussion. The discussion theme was the decarbonisation of the energy system and the implications to energy supply and energy use in the coming decades. Marcel commented on the role of natural gas in the energy transition. He highlighted how almost in all energy scenarios gas demand grows fueled by the thirst for energy in Latin America, India, China and the Middle East.

"The global gas industry fully supports efforts towards a sustainable energy future", said Marcel, and pointed out how and why gas is an effective partner to renewable energies. Policies through either air emission regulations or carbon price mechanisms need to reflect the full economy cost of air pollution and CO2. The opportunity to also allow the integration of energies within decentralized smart energy grids must also be made possible through necessary regulatory changes. Greater financial support towards investments in innovation and technology that will maximize the benefit of natural gas and renewable energy systems are also needed.

Access Marcel Kramer's presentation [here](#).

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## Incoming Korean Presidency Team Planning the 2018-2021 Triennium

The Incoming Korean Presidency Team held its first preparation meeting with the incoming chairs of the IGU committees for the 2018-2021 triennium in Barcelona, Spain, on 7 February.

The discussions started with an overview of the preliminary themes and areas of focus for the triennium and the potential areas of focus for the IGU committees for 2018-2021.



## IGU Influence



David Carroll, IGU President attended a panel on the perfect match between natural gas and renewables in Beaver Creek, USA, 26 January.



The Secretary General spoke at the Iran LNG & Gas Partnerships Summit 14 February. Access his presentation [here](#). In the photo: IGU Secretary General, Luis Bertrán, and Mehrad Feizi, Gas Transportation Analyst, GECF.



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### IGRC 2017: Early bird registration deadline extended to 10 March!

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