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New IGU Study Highlights

Positive Impact of Natural Gas on Urban Air Quality

Berlin, Dublin, Krakow and Rotterdam Demonstrate How Switch to Natural Gas Significantly Contributes to Reduced Emissions of GHG and Air Pollutants

Strasbourg/Barcelona, 23 November 2016 - The International Gas Union (IGU) has released a new report highlighting how the enhanced use of natural gas in power generation, heating and transport can drastically reduce emissions, mercury and particulate matter levels – resulting in improved urban air quality and reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

[Read more and download report here](#)



IGU Reaction to the IEA World Energy Outlook 2016

Greater Use of Natural Gas a Vital Part in Transition to Low Carbon Economy - Improving Air Quality and Enabling Renewables

Barcelona, 16 November 2016 - The International Gas Union (IGU) welcomes the positive outlook for the gas sector outlined in the 2016



World Energy Outlook (WEO - 2016) published by the International Energy Agency (IEA).

The IGU urges policymakers to set clear strategies and policies that support the expanded role of natural gas in the energy mix as they look to achieve a sustainable energy future. David Carroll, President of the IGU commented: "The latest WEO 2016 clearly outlines the strong case for natural gas. Any sustainable and affordable energy mix that addresses the continued growth in global energy needs and efforts to mitigate climate change has to include natural gas. Natural gas can improve air quality in our cities, enable renewable energies and a smooth transition to a lower carbon economy."

[Read more about IGU's reaction to the release here.](#)



IGU Webcast *Live from Amsterdam*

The aim of the webcast series is to bring the voices of gas that matters to you. The initiative has been taken on by the IGU Marketing and Communications committee.

The edition of the webcast brought together representatives of academia, business and environmental NGOs. The place was the Netherlands, a place, that according to the two hosts Dimitri Schildmeijer and Hansch van der Velden, has had a happy marriage with natural gas for more than 60 years. However, the marriage is recently showing some real signs of fatigue. The problems, earthquakes in the gas producing region Groningen, have become so big that they cannot be ignored any longer.

Our expert panel, consisted of:

- Tjerk Wagenaar - Director of Nature & Environment, a leading Dutch NGO
 - Mel Ydreos - Executive Director Public Affairs, IGU
- Coby van der Linde - Director Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP)

[Read more on the highlights of their discussion](#)

The Globalization of the Natural Gas Industry

On November 1, over 135 participants representing dozens of embassies, Capitol Hill and Administration policy makers, regulators, energy experts, think tanks and consultancies



gathered at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC to discuss “The Globalization of the Natural Gas Industry” and learn about plans for WGC 2018.

The event managed to stir topical discussions about the present and future state of the global gas industry and the geopolitical challenges and opportunities for natural gas. The tone was set at the Welcome Remarks from the Deputy Chief of Mission, Luca Franchetti Prado “Natural Gas will play an important role at G7” and by Ambassador Dr. Neil Parson, Acting Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States “Natural gas is not a bridge fuel, but a fuel for today and tomorrow.” [Read more...](#)

IGU Influence

The IGU team in November attended a number of key events, including COP 22 Marrakech and Gas Week at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

In terms of COP 22, there was generally broad agreement that this COP was to move from the inspiration of the Paris Agreement to implementation through a number of rules, modalities, and procedures. As such, the conference was very technical in nature. While the expectation was high, spirits were noticeably dampened by the results of the US election. [Read more...](#)



The 2nd edition of the Urban Air Quality report was presented at an IGU MEP hosted breakfast session held in collaboration with GasNaturally's Gas Week in Strasbourg, France, on 23 November 2016.



A delegation from the IGU, including President David Carroll and Secretary General, Luis Bertrán, attended COP 22 in Marrakech, Morocco, mid-November. The President spoke at an event organized by the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) on the theme of Energy Access and Climate Change Thorough Food-Water-Energy Nexus. In addition to attending the conference, the Secretary General and other members of the delegation took the opportunity to meet with Charter members Morocco and Algeria, in addition to international organisations as UNEP and IFC.



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