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The [27th World Gas Conference](#) is now just seven weeks away - [book your place today](#) to join thousands of natural gas professionals, energy ministers and policy makers from around the world in Washington DC, from June 25-29.

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Urban Air Quality in Chinese and South American Cities Drastically Improved by Switching to Natural Gas - New Study

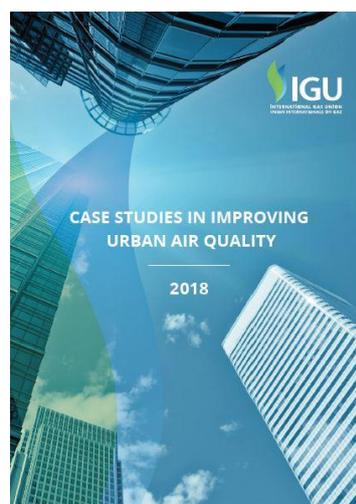
New International Gas Union report highlights case studies of four cities – Beijing, Shanghai and Urumqi in China, and Santiago, Chile – benefiting from dramatic improvements in air quality thanks to natural gas switch

Geneva / Barcelona, 26 March 2018 – A new report from the International Gas Union (IGU) highlights how the increased use of, and switch to, natural gas in power generation, heating can significantly reduce air pollution – a direct cause of around 4000 deaths every day in China as recently as 2015.

Urban air pollution continues to be a major area of concern across developed and developing countries alike, with 87% of the global population currently living in areas exceeding the World Health Organisation’s air quality guidelines. In fact, the WHO has suggested that air pollution continues to be “the world’s single greatest environmental risk to health” – stark evidence that local, national and international governments must do more to tackle the problem and reduce the severe impact on human health.

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IGU, IOGP, and IPIECA join natural gas leaders to combat methane emissions

Global energy industry associations sign on to the Methane Guiding Principles to increase focus on reducing methane emissions across the natural gas value chain.

The three global associations became *Associate Signatories to the [Methane Guiding Principles](#)*. While they

do not have the mandate to enjoin their members, as Associate Signatories they will play an important role in encouraging the application of the Guiding Principles.

This commitment forms part of wider efforts by the global energy industry to ensure that natural gas continues to play a critical role in helping meet future energy demand while tackling climate change and improving air quality. Since natural gas consists mainly of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, its role in the transition to a low-carbon future will be influenced by the extent to which methane emissions are reduced. [Read more here](#)

IGU at Economic Development – 5th GEG meeting in Geneva, Switzerland



IGU participated in the 5th session of the GEG at UNECE in Switzerland. The meeting addressed methane emissions, air quality and the role of gas in attaining and enabling the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 3rd edition of the Air Quality report was presented by Mel Ydreos, IGU's Executive Director, Public Affairs and was very well received by the audience.

IGU Director Rafael Huarte, moderated the panel "Role of gas in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals", and the final Recommendations of the session were that Natural gas is particularly relevant to the three objectives of Sustainable Development Goal 7 – access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, uptake of renewable energy, and improvement of energy efficiency".

"Given the role that gas could play in attaining the SDGs, the Group of Experts highlighted that ECE Member States and other UN Member States could include the use of gas in their NDCs, where feasible and beneficial, as a way to achieve their GHG emission reduction targets."

G20 Energy Transition Working Group meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina

IGU Secretary General, Mr. Luis Bertrán Rafecas participated in the first G20 Energy Transition Working Group meeting under the Argentinian G20 Presidency.

The G20 **Energy Transitions Working Group** looks at energy policy cooperation, with a focus on developing energy grids that are more flexible, transparent, and clean.

During the meeting the draft reports of the G20 ETWG working programme were presented to all G20 Delegates, IGU and other international organizations participating as observers.



The reports covered topics such as Energy Efficiency, Energy Transition, Energy Access, Renewable Energies, and Energy Data and Digitalization. Attendees discussed the role of natural gas in the Energy Transition towards a cleaner energy system, a wider scope for renewables that would include renewable heat, renewable gas, as well as the role in transportation was also discussed.

IGU reinforced the important role that natural gas will play in the energy transition and received support from Mr Aranguren, Argentina's Minister of Energy & Mining, for the organization of IGU Natural Gas Day taking place June 12th in Bariloche.



LNG2019 Call for Abstracts Deadline Extended until 15 May!

The LNG2019 Call for Abstracts deadline has been extended to 15 May 2018 so if you are an LNG expert you still have time to apply to speak at the industry's largest and most important event.

Presented by the International Gas Union (IGU), Gas Technology Institute (GTI) and the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR) the [19th International Conference & Exhibition on Liquefied Natural Gas \(LNG2019\)](#) will take place in Shanghai next April - the perfect setting for this gathering of industry leaders as China is on track to become the world's biggest natural gas importer.

The opportunity to submit an abstract is open to EVERYONE across all areas of the LNG value chain and professionals are invited to submit abstracts within the [topics](#) outlined by the Programme Committee. This is your final chance to be a part of the exceptional programme taking shape (see the [Plenary Session](#) announcement below) - **an opportunity which only comes around once every three years.**

Submit your abstract online at www.lng2019.com/cfa or contact cfa@lng2019.com

IGU EXC Meeting in Cairo, Egypt



The International Gas Union (IGU) concluded a very successful Executive Committee meeting in Cairo this week.

On the occasion of the meeting, David Carroll, President IGU and several Executive Committee members had the pleasure of meeting with Egyptian Petroleum Minister Tarek El Molla and discussed the exciting East Mediterranean and Egypt gas discoveries and market developments.

The meeting was hosted by IGU's Charter Member from Egypt, the Egyptian Gas Association with support from Taqa Arabia, METAS, Cheiron and Delek.

The meeting provided the opportunity to review and finalize the preparations for the World Gas Conference that will be held in Washington D.C. between 25-29 June 2018.

The IGU was honoured by the presence of **H.E. TAREK EL MOLLA, Minister of Petroleum and Minerals** and **Dr. Rania Al Mashat, Minister of Tourism**. Both warmly welcomed and thanked the IGU for selecting Cairo as the venue for the Executive Committee meeting. [Read more...](#)

A special thanks to the Egyptian Gas Association, TAQA Arabia, Khaled Abubakr and his team for hosting and for excellent support during the meeting.

New Episodes of the IGU Podcast!



Interested in Marketing & Communications and attending the WGC 2018 in Washington DC 25-29 June? Or are you considering to attend?

Learn more about the Industry Insight Sessions on Marketing & Communications by listening to the three new episodes of the IGU Podcast.

[Episode 2 - Power the people: the role of public acceptance in business decisions \(WGC 2018 preview\)](#)

[Episode 3 - Marketing the benefits of LNG in marine transportation \(WGC preview\)](#)

[Episode 4 - Marketing innovation and innovations in marketing \(WGC preview\)](#)

The IGU podcast cover issues that matter to the natural gas industry and is presented by Hansch van der Velden (Gasunie) and Dimitri Schildmeijer (WPNT Communications). They are both members of the IGU Marketing and Communications committee.



First IGU Diplomatic Gas Forum in South East Asia: Gas Market Reforms in Malaysia

Malaysian Gas Association (MGA), in collaboration with IGU, hosted on 6th February 2018 the IGU Diplomatic Gas Forum in Kuala Lumpur. Mr Joe M. Kang, Incoming President IGU delivered the keynote speech providing an overview of the market liberalization approaches from around the world.

The forum was attended by more than 100 participants including several heads of mission in Malaysia and embassy official.

This was the first IGU Diplomatic Gas Forum held in South East Asia and focused on the latest developments of the gas market in Malaysia, with particular emphasis on the market and regulatory reforms that were implemented when the Gas Supply (Amendment) Act 2016 was effective in 2017.

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