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IGU Executive and Coordination Committee Meetings

The IGU Executive and Coordination Committees met 5-7 April in beautiful Durban, South Africa, for their first 2016 meetings. iGas, the South African host, and particularly Mike de Pontes, Chief Operating Officer of iGas, worked tirelessly to create an outstanding environment for a very productive set of meetings.
As reported in previous editions of the newsletter, the Executive Committee meetings have been restructured to allow for greater member engagement, networking, and knowledge transfer. Beyond the normal and necessary administrative matters, great discussions took place in the area of IGU policy. The second phase of Building for the Future was approved in order to raise the IGU event portfolio to a desired level of quality and profiling.

A very informative workshop was also held providing key insights on the opportunities and challenges for Africa’s gas industry.

Executive Committee Workshop

Africa is a continent with tremendous opportunities when it comes to energy and natural gas. Many African countries, including South Africa and its neighbours, are rich in gas resources. Extraction of these will help meet energy needs and ambitions to reduce CO2 emissions. However, as the workshop also showed, the challenges are also many. Lacks of infrastructure and difficult economic and regulatory environments are demanding. There is no one size fits all and each country must find its method to extract the resources in ways that will be beneficial to the country and at the same time attractive to investors.

Follow the links below in order to see summaries and the presentations from the sessions.

Key Issues and Opportunities in the Southern Africa Gas Industry

The first workshop session focussed at the Key Issues and Opportunities in the Southern Africa Gas Industry.

Speakers included
Mike de Pontes, Chief Operating officer, iGas, and Daryl Hunt, Consultant – iGas,

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Global Agenda and Regional Opportunities

The “Global Agenda and Regional Opportunities” was the theme of the second session.

Speaker included,
Thomas Viot, Senior Extractives Officer, African Natural Resources Center (ANRC)
Muzi Shange, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Energy, South Africa
Mariana Ortiz, Portfolio Director, Global Gas Division, Gas Natural Fenosa

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African Industry Issues and Opportunities

The third session concentrated on the “African Industry Issues and Opportunities”.

Speaker included
Khaled AbuBakr, IGU Regional Coordinator – Middle East and Africa, of Egyptian Gas Association
James Rockall, Chief Executive Officer Managing Director, World LPG Association

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Case Studies in Gas Industry Development

The fourth session looked to other countries and case studies of gas industry development in different countries.

Speakers included

Christopher Gunner, President & Country Chairman, Shell Japan
Li Yalan, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Beijing Gas Group
Graeme Bethune, CEO of EnergyQuest, Australia

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Durban also hosted the second meeting of the Task Force, Communications and Outreach. A significant part of the agenda was focused on the discussion about how the IGU can sustain and create greater focus on advocacy. In addition, the IGU’s 2016 Strategic Calendar and the development of policy positions were discussed.

The Coordination committee focused on finalizing the triennium work plans and understanding work activities between committees that could be consolidated into thematic reports that would lead to thematic sessions at the World Gas Conference, 2018. The Committees have become much more dynamic and active in supporting outreach and communications.

The meeting also focused on the changes being made to the World Gas Conference to improve delegate experience and provided guidance to the Committees on the structure and expectations at the Industry Insight Sessions and the Technical and Innovation sessions.
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