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Strengthening Relationships - IGU and UN Environment



A joint meeting between UN Environment (UNE, former UNEP) and IGU was held in Paris, France, on 18 September 2017. The objective of this meeting was to review common topics of interest between the two organisations and discuss potential avenues for better collaboration.

IGU and UNE signed an agreement in 2015 with the aim to work to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding on climate, energy access and energy efficiency, emphasizing sound environmental performance, safety, reliability and efficiency across the entire gas value chain.

A very positive and constructive outcome was reached at the meeting. IGU provided an overview of the contribution of natural gas to the global energy mix. IGU also lead discussion on a number of key issues relating to the industry, including the case studies on urban air quality, gas as a clean marine transport fuel, the role of biomethane (renewable gas) and examples of how gas can partner with renewables. UN Environment commented that real life examples and best practices are very helpful in developing their recommendations to member states.

IGU also got a better understanding of UN Environment's work. UNE shared their approach and position

on methane emissions. Studies of scientific data are important to UNE in their development of best practices. Energy efficiency is also an important area of focus to the organization.

Global Ambassadors Network

On 26 September, the WGC 2018 Global Ambassadors Network hosted a briefing and reception at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC. The over 100 attendees from all segments of the Washington energy community, including many members of the diplomatic corps, heard welcoming remarks from Aaron Annable, Counselor, Canadian Embassy, Ambassador Dr Neil Parsan of the World Bank, IGU President David Carroll and US State Department Deputy Assistant Secretary John McCarrick. Pulitzer Prize winning author Dan Yergin moderated a session on "The Growing Strength of the North American Natural Gas Industry." Panelists were Stan Chapman of TransCanada Corp. and Bill Yardley of Enbridge, Inc. Dave McCurdy, AGA president and chairman of the WGC 2018 National Organizing Committee provided wrap up remarks and noted that the outstanding session moderated by Dan Yergin was just a small example of what attendees at the WGC can expect.



IGU Media Day in London



IGU hosted a Media Day on 20 September 2017 in London, U.K. This inaugural event allowed key IGU corporate members to proactively engage and communicate directly with a number of invited global media journalists. This important day was designed to provide a foundation on the role of gas in the energy mix, particularly ahead of the IEA's 2017 World Energy Outlook which will have its fuel focus on Natural Gas. Feedback from the organizations who participated and the media was extremely positive.



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Thank you for submitting your abstracts

We are delighted to announce we have received over 1000 abstracts for consideration to be presented at WGC 2018! Applications came from around the world with authors submitting work from 50+ countries. The reviewing process is underway and selected authors will be contacted on 27 November – good luck!

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. View the program and search by your area of interest at www.wgc2018.com/program

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IGU Influence

The Asia Pacific Gas Conference 2017 was held in Daegu, Rep. of Korea, 27-29 September, under the title "Our Future, Powered by Gas. Natural Gas, the Key Player in the Future Energy Mix". IGU Secretary General gave a keynote address in the opening ceremony. His presentation was entitled "Our Future, Powered by Gas: Natural Gas, the Key Player in the Future Energy Mix". Rod Rinholm, Acting IGU Coordination Committee Chair, was also a keynote speaker of the same session.





IGU President, David Carroll, spoke at the Natural Gas Roundtable in Washington DC, USA, on 27 September. The theme of his speech was "The USA Presidency - Making a Difference".



Acting Coordination Committee Chair, Rod Rinholm, giving his key note speech at the Asia Pacific Gas Conference 2017, Daegu, Rep. of Korea, 27 September.



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