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IGU Diplomatic Gas Forums

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IGU Committee Corner

IGU Diplomatic Gas Forums - Oslo and Washington D.C

We begin this New Year with a glimpse back to two diplomatic gas forums organized by IGU in the context of COP 21 and the new global climate agreement. The Paris agreement and questions on how to provide a sustainable energy future are still highly relevant and will continue to be so also in 2016.

Washington, DC

Under the auspices of the Global Ambassadors Network of the USA Presidency, a diplomatic forum was held in Washington, DC on November 12, at the headquarters of the American Gas Association. The event was chaired by Dr. Neil Parsan, former Ambassador from the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago to the United States, and current Secretary for Integral Development at the Organization of American States. The Global Ambassadors Network is designed to engage the extensive

Oslo

On December 15, IGU and DNV GL, IGU Associate member, invited high-level representatives from the diplomatic missions to DNV GL's headquarters to discuss how to take full advantage of gas' potential in the future sustainable energy mix. Under the theme "Natural Gas as a Solution to the World's Energy and Environmental Challenges", the event programme focused on the opportunities that gas gives in meeting the future global energy demand while at the same time reducing global

Washington, DC diplomatic corps in the activities of the USA presidency over the next three years, and ultimately to be active participants in WGC 2018.

The luncheon event, held just prior to the COP 21 meetings in Paris, featured presentations by IGU President, David Carroll and IGU Secretary General, Pål Rasmussen, while the keynote presentation on the Outlook for the Global Gas Industry was provided by Mary Barcella, Director, North American Natural Gas, IHS Energy. Ms Barcella's comments focused on the significant growth potential for gas in most regions, and the possible impact of the COP 21 meetings. According to Barcella, energy transitions consistent with a 2 degree Celsius scenario are compatible with a substantial increase in global gas consumption over the next 15 years, and abundant global gas supplies can play an important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A copy of her slides can be accessed on the WGC website at wgc2018.org.

In commenting on the success of the event, which attracted representatives from over 40 countries, Ambassador Dr. Parsan noted, "We look forward to engaging all members of the diplomatic corps with the IGU team as we prepare to welcome the global gas industry to Washington in June 2018."

emissions. Presentations were given on this theme; on the link between gas and clean, healthy urban air; and on how challenges of flaring and venting can be addressed. The newly released IEA's World Energy Outlook 2015 was also presented.

The following outcomes were taken from the Forum:

Gas has definitively a role to play in the future energy mix. Natural gas is part of the solution both in the transition to and as part of a sustainable future energy mix. It is the cleanest fossil fuel and a relatively low-carbon fuel that can help meet CO₂ reductions. It is also a solution to urban air quality problems and can help improve the health and quality of life of millions of people.

At the same time, there are also challenges that have to be met. More gas infrastructure is needed and this is often a chicken and the egg problem. Without infrastructure, there is less demand and without demand, there are fewer investments. Flaring and venting are also important challenges.

The Oslo event gathered almost 50 delegates, including 26 ambassadors, from 44 embassies accredited to Norway.

The presentations and programme can be accessed from the IGU web.



**Remi Eriksen,
Group
President and
CEO, DNV GL**

How do you view the role of gas in the energy transition?

Towards 2040, the demand for energy is expected to increase by more than 35%. With the Paris climate deal the world of energy will undergo a major transition. DNV GL believes gas will play an important role in this transition together with renewable energy sources and storage technologies... [Read more...](#)

**Bjørn Otto
Sverdrup,
Senior Vice
President,
Sustainability,
Statoil ASA**



What role do you see gas playing in the energy transition?

Gas has a very important role to play in the energy transition, both as a means to reducing emissions through replacing more carbon-intensive coal and also as an energy source that could act to balance and back up a growing renewables sector. For example, replacing the current use of coal with gas in the power sector will reduce emissions in the EU by around 450 million tonnes CO₂ per year... [Read more...](#)



**Martin
Layfield,
Global
Segment
Director, DNV
GL - Oil and
Gas**

How do you view the role of gas in the energy transition?

It is going to play a critical role. Nations need energy now and gas offers the opportunity to connect markets through a number of global supply routes and infrastructure options, for example, pipeline gas, LNG and a variety of other options to compress for ease of transportation. The picture will vary across countries and regions... [Read more...](#)



We are pleased to introduce the IGU Committee Corner. This section of the Newsletter will include relevant and important contributions from the IGU's 11 Committees and two Task Forces.

In our first edition, we feature the paper Convergence of Power & Gas & Renewables as submitted by the R&D and Innovation Committee.

CONVERGENCE OF POWER & GAS & RENEWABLES

With its climate policy goals, the German government has set the course for a fundamental transformation of energy supply systems. By 2050, CO₂ emissions in Germany are to be reduced by at least 80% and primary energy consumption by

50%. Higher shares of renewable energies, energy saving and better energy efficiencies are therefore at the top of the political agenda... [Read more...](#)

IGU COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

The IGU Committees will advance their important work activities and contributions to advocacy and the [World Gas Conference 2018](#) at their upcoming spring meetings.

We welcome new nominations to the committees. Given the current economic environment, we would be pleased to accept members who may not be able to attend committee meetings. These members can have full access to the work undertaken and can contribute to the work even though they may not be able to attend the meetings in person. Such nominations still require to be made through the IGU's [Charter and Associate Members](#).

DATE	COMMITTEE	LOCATION	CONTACT
16-18/02/2016	R&D AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE	Teheran, IRAN	Uwe Klaas Klaas@dvgw.de
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