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Fueling the Future

USA Leads International Gas Union

The United States, through the American Gas Association ([AGA](#)), accepted the Presidency of the International Gas Union ([IGU](#)) at the [26th World Gas Conference](#) in Paris.

Following consultation and input from the IGU membership, the USA Presidency established the theme for the triennium as Fueling the Future. The theme communicates in a simple and impactful manner the important future role and promise of natural gas. Clean, abundant natural gas has the potential to affect every aspect of life throughout the world, from the traditional role of heating and cooking to power generation, manufacturing products, and the transportation of people and products. Indeed, natural gas can be viewed as a foundation fuel across the globe. Fueling the future with natural gas means a world with an improved air quality across the globe.

The USA Presidency and Secretariat will work tirelessly to ensure that the IGU will make a positive, measurable impact on the global industry and its customers. There will be three areas of strategic focus that will guide the work throughout the USA Presidency.

- Access—Programs to aid the industry’s ability to access energy resources and promote timely build-out of the infrastructure required to produce, transport and deliver gas to existing and new markets.
- Markets—Expanding global markets for natural gas is good for the industry and good for consumers. Working to create new areas of demand for gas and to reduce barriers to commercial trade.
- Social license—The industry has a long history of safe and responsible gas production, transport and delivery. Leveraging the collective efforts of the IGU membership will provide the opportunity to build on this history.



The USA Presidency Leadership Team

David Carroll, President IGU (centre), Dave McCurdy, Chairman, National Organizing Committee (right) and Menelaos (Mel) Ydreos, Chairman, Coordination Committee (left)

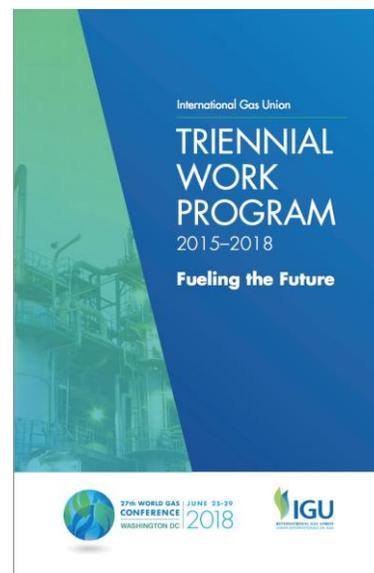


Triennial Work Program

The Triennial Work Program lays out the work and activities that the IGU Committees and Task Forces will carry out during the next three years. The focus and aim is to support the mission of the organization while at the same time contribute to the IGU’s efforts towards becoming the global voice of gas.

The IGU Presidency and Secretariat warmly invite all Charter and Associate members to nominate individuals from their ranks to join and support the work of the Committees.

For more information about the USA Presidency and how to become involved in committees and task forces, visit the [Triennial Work Program](#) or contact Sjur Runar Bøyum sboy@statoil.com or Terence Thorn tthorn@txthorns.net





IGU Fall Council Meeting

Exciting Changes to the Fall IGU Council Meeting Cartagena, Colombia

The IGU and Naturgas, Asociacion Colombiana de Gas Natural, continue to shape the upcoming fall IGU Council meeting in Cartagena, Colombia.

Please note that the Council Meeting will now kick off with a Council luncheon on **Wednesday, October 21st**. The meeting will commence following the luncheon addressing important IGU business matters.

On **Thursday, October 22nd** a series of informative panels will deal with both recent global developments, the road to COP 21, as well as regional developments. The Council meeting will conclude with a number of breakout sessions allowing the members to express their views on recent developments and how the IGU can support and advance the challenges and opportunities of the global gas industry.

IGU Welcomes New Membership Applications

Recent changes to the IGU Articles of Association allow for IGU membership expansion and for greater rights to be given to an exclusive number of IGU Associate members. We would like to encourage both members and others to promote the new membership opportunities.

Two key changes were made to the membership structure at IGU's last Council meeting in Paris, France. The first allows for an expansion of the IGU membership to include also those organisations that have an interest in advancing the global gas industry, but that do not necessarily have "gas-related assets". Previously, membership to the IGU required that an organisation had to own "gas-related assets."

With the new change, equipment manufacturers, financial and investment institutions, services companies and similar may become Associate members of IGU, and be allowed to join and participate in IGU related activities and events, such as the Council meetings and the IGU Committees. This will bring valuable global networking, technical knowledge and transfer opportunities to both new and existing members.

The second change opens for a limited and exclusive number of Associate members, owning assets related to the gas value chain, to become Premium Associate members of IGU. The number of Premium Associate members has been limited to 10 and this membership category will be given rights that will match those of Charter members. These additional rights include:

- Vote in the Council
- Nominate candidates for chairing IGU committees which will give a seat in the IGU Executive Committee. This is limited to a total of six IGU committees.

More details and applications can be submitted to Taeksang Kwon, Advisor to the Secretary General, at TAKW@statoil.com

IGU Influence

IGU has continued to assert its position as the Global Voice of Gas and influence through participation at a number of important key stakeholder events and meetings. IGU representatives David Carroll, President, Pål Rasmussen, Secretary General, Menelaos (Mel) Ydreos, Chairman, Coordination Committee and Mats Fredriksson, Senior Director, attended and delivered remarks at the Vienna Energy Forum, 12th Russian Petroleum and Gas Congress and Gas Naturally's Members State Gas Forum. Important discussions are also underway with the incoming Chinese G20 Presidency to ensure that gas is part of the discussions and deliberations when the China assumes the G20 Presidency later this year.



Pål Rasmussen, Secretary General of IGU, co-chairs session at the Gas Day of 12th Russian Petroleum and Gas Congress



David Carroll, President IGU, offers his remarks at the Member States Gas Forum



IGU Wise Person, Kandeh Yumkellah opens session on SE4ALL at the Vienna Energy Forum

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