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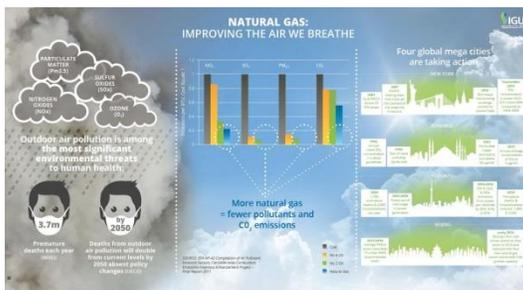
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### Urban Air Quality - new WHO report released



At COP 21 in Paris, the IGU issued the report [Urban Air Quality](#) to bring attention and focus on one of the most urgent environmental issues that we are facing. The IGU will be releasing the 2nd Edition of that report at COP 22 Marrakesh in November.

On September 27, the World Health Organization released its most recent assessment of air pollution.

This report presents a summary of methods and results of the latest WHO global assessment of ambient air pollution exposure and the resulting burden of disease.

Air pollution has become a growing concern in the past few years, with an increasing number of acute air pollution episodes in many cities worldwide.

[Read the WHO report here](#)

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## IGU COMMITTEE CORNER

### The way forward after COP21: why natural gas is the key to a low-carbon world

*"In December 2015, at the UN climate summit in Paris, representatives from 195 nations agreed to restrict the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C. Although the summit participants didn't set concrete emission reduction targets, they are resolved to reach..." [Read more...](#)*

The IGU Strategy committee has prepared a short paper that looks at how the post-COP 21 targets can be met most efficiently and fairly.

### IGU Webcast *Live from Amsterdam*

Join us by video stream on  
Tuesday 18 October 2016 from  
14:30 to 15:30 Amsterdam  
Time (Or 10:30 Rio; 13:30 Abuja;  
20:30 Perth...)

The webcast will cover the theme clean air and the role of natural gas in a sustainable energy future, featuring three guests:



- Tjerk Wagenaar - Director of Nature & Environment, a leading Dutch NGO: On the role of gas in a sustainable energy future
- Mel Ydreos - Executive Director Public Affairs, IGU: On the clean air debate and the role of gas
- Coby van der Linde - Director Clingendael International Energy Programme (CIEP): On the impact of clean air policies on natural gas and the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach for a sustainable energy mix

[Register here](#)

The IGU webcast series cover the issues that matter to the natural gas industry. It presents the people behind the scenes of the IGU; hear from folks that are important voices on gas; and lets you listen to the state of affairs of our industry.

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## Incoming IGU Secretariat team confirmed



The Spanish Secretariat team has been busy for the past 6 months preparing to assume the role of IGU Secretariat on 1 November. Mr Luis Bertrán Rafecas, as incoming Secretary General, and his new team in Barcelona will build on the contributions of their Norwegian predecessors.

Remember that from 1 November 2016 the contact details of the IGU Secretariat will change. More information can be found [here](#).

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## IGU Council Workshops - Amsterdam, 20 October

The IGU Council meeting week is right around the corner. In addition to the administrative meetings, we are inviting the IGU members to three workshops covering the Dutch Natural Gas Industry, the gas industry's commitment to managing the methane challenge and the energy transition in the EU. We are looking forward to seeing all of you all there for interesting presentations and debates.



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