Vision and Mission

The International Gas Union (IGU) is a worldwide, non-profit organisation promoting the progress of the gas industry. Through its many member countries and corporations representing approximately 97% of global gas sales, IGU covers all aspects of the gas industry.

Vision
As the global voice of gas, IGU seeks to improve the quality of life by advancing gas as a key contributor to a sustainable energy future.

Mission
IGU is the key and credible advocate of political, technical and economic progress of the global gas industry, directly and through its members and in collaboration with other multilateral organisations.
IGU works to improve the competitiveness of gas in the world energy markets by promoting transparency, public acceptance efforts and the removal of supply and market access barriers.
IGU seeks to collaborate with governmental agencies and multilateral organisations to demonstrate the economic, social and environmental benefits of gas in the global energy mix.
IGU supports and facilitates the development of new technologies and best practices, while emphasising sound environmental performance, safety, reliability and efficiency across the entire value chain.
IGU maximises the value of its services to members and other stakeholders.
President’s Message

Prof. Joe M. Kang
President of IGU

The world is in the midst of an unprecedented global energy challenge, faced with growing global energy demand but a need to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. The immediate challenge facing policy makers and the global energy industry is to cooperate in the development of the most efficient, reliable and sustainable energy systems that meet this demand growth thus supporting and enhancing economic growth.

This must be done in an economically efficient way that offers the best path to tackling both climate change and the detrimental health impacts of poor air quality.

Natural gas is clean, abundant, flexible and accessible virtually anywhere in the world.

New sources of natural gas from conventional and unconventional deposits in combination with new and existing pipelines and the rapid growth of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) are greatly enhancing supply security, flexibility and affordability.

This forum will be a timely discussion and particularly in view of the government’s efforts to deal with the air pollution issues.

The International Gas Union (IGU) wishes to increase the understanding but also debate the challenges and opportunities that natural gas offers towards a sustainable energy future. It is hoped that this understanding will aid in the further development of energy policies.

Program

Thursday Mar 28th, 2019 (09:00~14:00)

09:00
+ Arrival of guests and registration

10:00
+ Opening Remarks; International Gas Union
  (President Joe M. Kang)
+ Welcome Remarks; Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  (Vice Minister Taeho Lee)
+ Welcome Remarks; Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
  (Deputy Minister for the Office of Energy and Resources Young Joon Joo)
+ Congratulatory Remarks; NOC of WGC2021 / KOGAS
  (CEO Young Doo Kim)

10:30
Coffee Break

10:50
+ Panel Discussion on Natural Gas towards a Sustainable Energy Future
  *Moderator: IGU (Menalaos Ydreos)
  - Shell LNG Marketing and Trading
    (General Manager, Faruqui, Tahir Ahmed)
  - World LPG Association
    (CEO, James Rockall)
  - GE Aviation Marine Solutions
    (Commercial Applications Director, Mark Lipton)
  - GIIGNL
    (General Delegate, Vincent Demoury)
  - IGU Marketing & Communications Committee
    (Chair, Hansch van der Velden)
+ Award session and Closing

12:30
Luncheon

14:00
Adjourn
Menalaos Ydreos, Director of Public Affairs, IGU

Menalaos (Mel) Ydreos is the Director of Public Affairs, IGU where Ydreos is leading the Union’s global advocacy efforts. He currently serves the Union in the capacity of Director, Public Affairs.

In his previous role with Union Gas Ltd-A Spectra Energy Company, Ydreos lead the company’s government, municipal and aboriginal affairs activities. Other roles held during his career with Union Gas included Vice President, marketing and customer care, Vice President, operations and Vice President, engineering and gas supply operations. Mr. Ydreos also was Acting President and CEO of the Canadian Gas Association in the summer of 2009.

He is active in the natural gas industry through his participation with the International Gas Union. Ydreos supported the American Gas Association in securing the IGU’s 2015-18 presidency, as well as the 2018 World Gas Conference, which will be held in Washington DC. He served as Chairman, Co-ordination Committee, for the 2015-18 IGU’s USA Triennium overseeing the work and contribution of 1,000 global industry experts involved in the many IGU committees and task forces.

Ydreos is the Founding Chair of Energy Technology and Innovation Canada, a past member of the Advisory Board of the University of Waterloo’s Sustainability Institute, a past member of Pollution Probe’s Board of Directors and a past member of the Advisory Committee of the Mowat Centre’s Energy Fellow. Ydreos is past chair of the Standing Committee on Operations for the Canadian Gas Association, and has served on the board of directors of Canadian Standards International.

Faruqui, Tahir Ahmed, General Manager of Downstream LNG, Shell LNG Marketing and Trading

Tahir is currently General Manager of Downstream LNG in Shell LNG Marketing and Trading. Previously, Tahir was President of Shell North America LNG and General Manager Origination–North & Central America in Shell LNG Marketing and Trading. He held the role of Vice President for Energy Retailers[Aggregators] at Shell Energy North America where he was responsible for reviving and growing the portfolio in deregulated markets for gas and power. Tahir has contributed in various other roles in Shell in Commercial and Finance domains, including Business Development, Structured Finance, E&P Finance, and venture capital / private equity. Prior to Shell Trading, Tahir also gained experiences in Strategy Consulting during his tenure at Bain & Co., as a public accountant for HRS, and as a stockbroker for Chatfield Dean / Wells Fargo. Tahir holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and BBA(Hons.) from University of Karachi(BAI).

James Rockall, CEO, World LPG Association

Mr. James Rockall is the CEO and Managing Director of the WLPGA. He is responsible for leading the organisation, ensuring that the Association delivers on its Mission Statement and delivers value to all WLPGA members.

James has a strong energy and business development background having worked for nine years for Shell International in project management and business development in The Netherlands and Venezuela. Prior to joining the WLPGA in July 2003 as Director of Market Development, James worked for two years for the global energy group ALSTOM SA as an e-Business Director. He is a Chartered Chemical Engineer with a Masters degree from the University of Nottingham in the UK and an MBA from the Institute of Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mark Lipton, Commercial Applications Director, GE Aviation Marine Solutions

Mark is originally from Merrillville, Indiana USA. He attended Purdue University, graduating with a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering and obtained a Master’s Degree in Engineering from the University of Dayton. Mark has worked for GE for 34 years. He began his career working for GE Aviation in 1984 as a control systems engineer working on military engines. Mark supported the engine control system design for engines used in the F16, the B1 & B2 bomber, and the prototype YF22 airplane. In 1992 Mark switched to working on the GE LM series of gas turbines, used both in marine and industrial applications. From 1992 to 2013, Mark provided design and program leadership for the LM2500 engine family, with special focus on low emissions technology, controls, and O&G.
applications. In 2013, Mark moved to GE’s Marine business where he is Engineering Director of Commercial Applications.

Mark is married to Alecia. They have seven children ages 20 to 29. He spends his precious little free time playing golf and entertaining his two dogs. Mark is based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Vincent Demoury, General Delegate, GIIGNL**

Vincent Demoury is the General Delegate of GIIGNL, the International Group of LNG Importers. He started his career in 2003 with GDF Energy, a New York-based subsidiary of Gaz de France, where he performed market analysis and business development in LNG. He then worked in GDF SUEZ Wholesale & Trading Division, in corporate strategy and gas supply planning. In 2010, Vincent joined GIIGNL as a Deputy General Delegate, in charge of LNG market analysis and communications, including GIIGNL’s annual report on the LNG industry. In 2016, Vincent Demoury was appointed General Delegate of GIIGNL. He also serves as a facilitator in various events related to the energy industry.

Vincent Demoury is a graduate of HEC Business School in France.

**Hansch van der Velden, Marketing & Communications Committee, IGU**

Hansch van der Velden[1965] holds a doctorate in Dutch Language and Literature from the University of Leiden. He started his career as a journalist for various newspapers in the Netherlands. Van der Velden then held various management positions in both the commercial and public sector. In 1999, he was appointed Head of Communications at the Netherlands University Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC). In 2001, he entered the energy sector as Manager Marketing & Communications at Westland Energy Group. End 2005, he accepted the position of director Corporate Communications at Gasunie. He is co-author of "Elémentaire Communicatie", a communications handbook much used in universities in the Netherlands. From 2016-2018 he was the Secretary-General with the Royal Dutch Gas Association (KVGN). He currently chairs the International Gas Union (IGU) Marketing & Communications Committee.