Introduction to OGP – International Association of Oil & Gas Producers

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A global organisation for a global industry
Meeting a global demand

Oil & gas: fuelling prosperity

For more than 150 years, the world has relied on crude oil and its associated natural gas for heating, transport, power generation, lubrication and agricultural development. Oil in particular has also become essential as a feedstock for a wide range of industrial and consumer goods, foods and pharmaceuticals.

Looking ahead, the world’s reliance on oil and gas will continue as global demand for energy grows dramatically.

Though steady progress is being made in developing viable alternative and renewable forms of energy, their contribution to the overall energy mix will remain minor for decades to come. According to the International Energy Agency, for at least the next quarter-century oil and gas will continue to meet as much as 60% of the world’s energy needs.

Finding and producing oil and gas – and building the necessary infrastructure for transporting them – will require an investment calculated at $200 billion a year for the next 20 years.
Fulfilling a unique role

OGP was founded more than 30 years ago. It was first called the E&P Forum, since it was originally established as an organisation of exploration and production companies to promote the sharing of information in areas such as safety and the environment.

Since then, other issues have become just as important. In recent years, these have included security of oil and gas supply, access to protected areas, sound governance, fiscal transparency and other elements of corporate social responsibility.

Interest in such issues goes beyond the upstream industry. It extends to international and regional bodies and non-governmental organisations as well. That is why OGP’s remit includes a significant representational role. Today, OGP is the only global upstream organisation to speak on behalf of the industry before the United Nations and its agencies (such as the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environmental Programme), the World Bank, the International Organization for Standardization and the International Regulators’ Forum.
Identifying and driving best practices

Expertise and enthusiasm

OGP’s committee structure draws in the industry’s leading experts across a wide variety of disciplines: health, safety, the environment, engineering and corporate social responsibility. This resource – unrivalled in the international upstream industry – gives OGP members a unique advantage.

In the field of safety, for example, OGP has become renowned for its annual report on safety performance indicators. Regarded as one of the Association’s flagship publications, this report now regularly covers billions of hours of working time in upstream operations around the world. First produced more than 20 years ago, it has resulted in the largest cumulative safety database of any industry.

More recently, OGP has started producing an annual report on environmental performance indicators. In time, this will become as authoritative a document as the Association’s work on safety.

Other areas in which OGP identifies and then disseminates best practice include health risk assessment, management systems and corporate governance.
Working with others

Finding and producing oil and gas is a highly complex, time consuming and very costly proposition. A single upstream project can span several national borders, take a decade or more to come to fruition and require an investment measured in billions of dollars. For those reasons, most major projects take the form of partnerships or alliances.

Similarly, OGP welcomes involvement with other organisations to tackle the major issues that face the upstream industry.

OGP already works closely with a number of industry bodies, some of which are OGP members. For instance, OGP has joined forces with the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) on health issues (through the shared operation of a single committee), biodiversity and sustainability. Together, the two organisations produced a single submission to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.

In Europe, OGP and EUROPIA, which acts for marketing and refining companies in Europe, often share the same views and present them jointly to the European Union. In recent years, the two organisations have made joint submissions on climate change, environmental liability and security of energy installations.
The advantages of alignment

On behalf of the industry, OGP also initiates major research, particularly in the fields of health, safety and the environment. These endeavours often involve other associations. In one such joint industry project, OGP is working particularly closely with the International Association of Geophysical Contractors to improve understanding of any effects of marine sound (such as subsea seismic work) on marine mammals.

Such alignment with other organisations – both upstream and downstream – avoids wasteful duplication of effort and ensures that the right issues are tackled by the organisations best equipped to handle them.

In fact, OGP’s work with other organisations is itself an example of the sort of best practice that the Association promulgates throughout the global upstream industry.
OGP **vision** and mission

To work on behalf of the world’s oil and gas producing companies to promote responsible and profitable operations

- To represent the interests of oil and gas producing companies to international regulators and legislative bodies.
- To liaise with other industry associations globally and provide a forum for sharing experiences, debating emerging issues and establishing common ground to promote cooperation, consistency and effectiveness.
- To facilitate continuous improvement in HSE, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), engineering and operations.
OGP Objectives

- To improve understanding of our industry by being visible, accessible and a reliable source of information
- To represent and advocate industry views by developing effective proposals
- To improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on HSE performance
- To develop and disseminate best practice in HSE, engineering and operations
- To promote CSR awareness and best practice
Currently about 70 members

OGP Membership

North America
- Anadarko
- API
- Baker Hughes
- Chevron
- ConocoPhillips
- Devon Energy
- ExxonMobil
- Halliburton
- Hess

27 members active in region

Europe
- AMI
- BG Group
- BP
- Cairn
- DONG Energy
- Energy Institute
- ENI
- GDF Suez
- IGCA
- IPIECA
- Maersk
- MOL
- NOGEPa

35 members active in region

Russia & Caspian region
- TNK-BP

17 members active in region

Asia & Australasia
- BHP Billiton
- CNOOC
- Inpex
- JOGMEC
- ONGC

28 members active in region

South America
- ARPEL
- CSC
- Hocol
- Petrobras

21 members active in region

Africa
- Greater Nile Petroleum

29 members active in region

Middle East
- ADNOC
- Dolphin Energy
- Kuwait Oil
- Persian LNG
- Petropars

32 members active in region
Management Committee

Arctic Co-ordination Task Force

Environment Committee

EU Committee

Health Committee

Legal Committee

Security Committee

Metocean Committee

Standards Committee

Offshore Structures Committee

Safety Committee

Survey & Positioning Committee
Organisation chart

Management Committee

Drilling Network
Piping & Valve TF

Moorings TF
A global organisation for a global industry

The International Association of Oil & Gas producers (OGP) encompasses most of the world’s leading publicly-traded, private and state-owned oil & gas companies, industry associations and major upstream service companies. OGP members produce more than half the world’s oil and about one third of its gas.

This website aims to give you a glimpse of what the Association does and provides access to the full range of OGP publications, including the monthly *Highlights* newsletter (right) and *Annual Highlights 2007*.

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