The Security Committee defines SECURITY as the identification, evaluation, and management of threat and risks arising from intentionally directed actions against people, assets, information, operations, and reputation regardless of the cause.

The primary objective of security is to provide a safe and secure operating environment by mitigating security threats to people, assets, information, operations, and reputation. This is achieved by implementing robust threat and risk assessment processes and minimizing the impact from security-related incidents, should they occur.

Managing security risks is an essential business activity within the global upstream oil and gas industry. The range of security threats posed varies in scope and intensity and companies should ensure they have comprehensive security awareness and knowledge. Without consistent security risk management strategies, companies may be exposed to an increasing level of security instability and unpredictability.

Cooperation and sharing of information within the industry is crucial to help companies collectively respond to emerging threats and, importantly, learn from incidents where things have gone wrong. The Security Committee addresses common concerns and developing/sharing knowledge of security issues and lessons learned from previous incidents in their meetings.

In 2019, the Security Committee was proud to deliver a number of work products that provide value for members and the industry:

- Update of Report 308: Response to demonstrations at company premises
- Update Report 496: Guidelines for security planning in remote locations – Members Only
- Insider Threats Mitigation Guideline

The global threat remains dynamic and difficult to predict with increasing connectivity requiring closer monitoring and quicker assessments of evolving situations.

During 2019, the Security Committee continues to learn from previous security events, better share information as a group and link up with other industry sectors (Aviation and Maritime this year).

Given that the majority of IOGP reported security incidents relate to personnel movements in remote/higher threat locations, we are also looking at current IOGP journey management guidance to include security considerations.

Security incident reporting
IOGP’s Project Safira identified that security related incidents are ranked as the 5th most common cause of fatalities in Upstream Operations. Implement and roll out a security incident reporting form to capture learnings and identify areas of focus for the committee.

Journey management
Liaise with the Safety Land Transport Subcommittee to review Journey Management procedures and develop a security specific Journey Management guideline.

Travel security
Develop a series of infographics for additional travel recommendations and cultural awareness that may be required given the evolving global security threat environment.

Global threats
Discuss current and emerging Global Threats and what this means, how to combat these threats and manage the risks.

Sharing of security incidents
Continue to share lessons learnt from security incidents within the industry and identify common themes from sharing that can influence the Security Committees ability to allocate resources against specific industry issues.

Security publications
Review and update IOGP security publications.

For more information visit www.iogp.org/our-committees/security