The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) is the voice of the global upstream industry. Oil and gas continue to provide a significant proportion of the world’s energy to meet growing demands for heat, light and transport.

Our Members produce 40% of the world’s oil and gas. They operate in all producing regions: the Americas, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, the Caspian, Asia and Australia.
We serve industry regulators as a global partner for improving safety, environmental and social performance. We also act as a uniquely upstream forum in which our Members identify and share knowledge and good practices to achieve improvements in health, safety, the environment, security and social responsibility.
Vision, mission, objectives

Vision

- To work on behalf of the world’s oil & gas exploration and production (E&P) companies to promote safe, responsible, and sustainable operations.

Mission
- To facilitate continuous improvement in HSE, security, social responsibility, engineering and operations.
- To undertake special projects and develop industry positions on critical issues affecting the industry.
- To create alignment between oil & gas E&P companies and with relevant national and international industry associations.
- To advance the views and positions of oil & gas E&P companies to international regulators, legislative bodies and other relevant stakeholders.
- To provide a forum for sharing experiences, debating emerging issues and establishing common ground to promote co-operation, consistency and effectiveness.

Accomplishments

- To improve understanding of our industry by being an accessible, reliable and credible source of information.
- To represent and advocate industry views by developing effective proposals based on professionally evaluated technical arguments in a societal context.
- To improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on HSE and security performance.
- To develop and disseminate best practice in engineering and operations continually improving safety, quality and feedback from members, regulators and other stakeholders.
- To promote awareness and best practice in social responsibility and sustainability.
- To ensure that the membership is highly representative of our industry.
Some accomplishments

- We provide guidance, collect data and publish performance indicators on a range of topics – environmental performance, health management, occupational safety and process safety events. These reports are freely available.
- Our safety alert system allows organizations to share information on serious incidents, both actual and potential.
- Our *Life-Saving Rules* and supporting materials raise awareness among upstream operators of those activities that are most likely to result in fatalities. The Rules also outline the simple actions individuals can take to protect themselves and others.
• Our report on *Shaping safety culture through safety leadership* encourages managers at all levels need to act as safety leaders. It is one of our most popular publications, with the highest number of downloads and 2000 hard copies shipped.

• IOGP manages a number independently-financed joint industry projects. These include: Sound & Marine life; Arctic Oil Spill Response and Offshore Structures.

• In 2010 we formed the Global Industry Response Project (GIRG) in response to Macondo, Montara and other deep water incidents. The GIRG project required significant financial and human resources and took over a year. Three teams, with over 100 technical experts and senior managers, focused on three key areas – prevention, intervention and response. This project led to the creation of Subsea Well Response and the Oil Spill Response projects.

### Milestones
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- 1986: began to address the internationalization of upstream engineering standards
- 1993: became an official observer with the UN’s International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- 1994: produced *Guidelines for the development and application of health, safety and environmental management systems*
- Mid-1990s: joined OSPAR
• 1997: produced a set of principles for determining the social as well as environmental impact of E&P operations on local communities
• 1999: became the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP)
• 2000: published a set of strategic health principles and guidelines to provide a basis for incorporating workforce and community health considerations into project upstream project planning and management
• 2002: joined forces with IPIECA to produce an 80-page report for the World Summit on Sustainable Development focusing on key questions in managing social issues in oil and gas projects
• 2005: absorbed the European Petroleum Survey Group or EPSG (1986-2005) into our structure
• 2010: launched Global Industry Response Group (GIRG) project
• 2014: celebrated our 40th anniversary
How we are funded

We are funded by our members.

Any upstream company – private, public or state-owned – is welcome to apply for IOGP membership.

Our structure
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Management Committee

IOGP’s Management Committee is responsible for the Association’s overall strategy and direction. It provides guidance on policy, work plans, finance and communications and it ensures that we keep to our Articles of Association.

Committees

Our extensive international membership brings with it a wealth of know-how, data and experience. This provides IOGP with extensive technical expertise, organized in a dynamic network of standing committees, subcommittees and task forces (TF). They all report to the Management Committee.

These committees and task forces manage the exchange and dissemination of good practice through publications and events around the world. This work is primarily done by staff of our member organizations, with support from the secretariat.
Committee contacts

Management Committee:
The Management Committee consists of nine members (including Chair and Vice Chairs). Of these eleven members, one represents a major oil industry service company.

- **Chair**: Fawaz Bitar, BP
- **Vice-Chair**: Kim McHugh, Chevron
- **Vice-Chair**: Graham Henley, Shell
- Trond-Erik Johansen, ConocoPhillips
- Giorgio Guidi, Eni
- Morten Loktu, Equinor
- John Whelan, ExxonMobil
- John McDonald, OPITO
- Mauricio Diniz, Petrobras
- Firouz Asnan, Petronas
- Troels Albrechtsen, Total

Decommissioning Committee

- **Chair**: Win Thornton, BP
- **Committee Manager**: Siew-Ping Teo

Environment Committee

- **Co-Chairs**: Charles Wood, Shell; Peter Oliver, Chevron
- **Committee Coordinator**: Sureiya Pochee
EU Committee
- **Chair**: Olav Aamlid Syversen, Equinor
- **Committee contact**: Nareg Terzian, Media and EU Affairs Manager

Geomatics Committee
- **Chair**: Frederic Auger, Total
- **Committee Manager**: Lucyna Kryla-Straszewska

Health Committee
- **Chair**: Hans Berg
- **Committee Manager**: Mariana Carvalho

Metocean Committee
- **Chair**: James Stear, Chevron
- **Committee Manager**: Lucyna Kryla-Straszewska

Safety Committee
- **Chair**: David Jenkins, BHP
- **Committee Manager**: Mariana Carvalho

Security Committee
- **Chair**: Charlie Weeks, ExxonMobil
- **Committee Manager**: Diana Khatun

Standards Committee
• **Chair:** Richard Mortimer, BP  
• **Committee Manager:** Alf Reidar Johansen

### Subsea Committee

• **Chair:** Roald Sirevaag, Equinor  
• **Committee Manager:** Diana Khatun

### Wells Committee

• **Chair:** Jason Gahr, ExxonMobil  
• **Committee Manager:** Diana Khatun

### Secretariat staff

The Secretariat is split between IOGP’s Registered Office in London and Brussels Office. IOGP staff provides management, administrative and technical support to committees and Task Forces.

#### Secretariat Directors

**Iman Hill**  
Executive Director

Iman is a petroleum engineer with 30 years’ experience in the oil and gas industry. She has held leadership roles at BP, Shell and BG, among others. Her experience has been gained in the Middle East, North and West Africa, South America, the Far East, and the North Sea in diverse settings ranging from onshore to ultra-deep water. She is Egyptian and a mother of five.
François-Régis Mouton
Regional Director Europe

François-Régis joined IOGP’s secretariat with 30 years of international experience in the oil & gas industry. Prior to joining the Association, he was Vice President for Oil & Gas Advocacy with Total. His career took him from reservoir engineering in Europe and Africa, to gas and power business development in the UK and Northern Europe, a senior advisory role in the World Bank’s Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership, and Total’s European Affairs activities in Brussels.

François-Régis holds a Master’s degree in Reservoir Engineering from the French Institute of Petroleum and is also a graduate of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes d’Ingénieur.

Olav Skar
Safety Director

Olav was seconded from Shell to IOGP as our safety director in 2019. He brings some 30 years of experience, mainly focused towards Wells activities in diverse and challenging environments. He has held roles from the purely technical through site, team and broader leadership in countries like The Netherlands, UK, New Zealand, Thailand, Norway, Syria, Algeria, Qatar and now in London.

On safety specifically, he believes that systems and tools designed to manage risks are most effective when complemented with respect, care, inclusion and excellence in the planning and execution of our operational tasks.
Olav is proud to be a Visiting Professor with Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen. He has contributed as a Trustee with The International Well Control Forum, served on the advisory panel of The International Association of Drilling Contractors and chaired the Oil and Gas UK Wells Forum. He is a long standing member of the SPE.

Harvey Johnstone
Environment Director

Harvey joins IOGP after a 34-year career spanning both the Government and the Oil and Gas Sectors. Harvey was trained as a screening facilitator in environmental and social screening within the bp Group, aimed at the early identification of environmental and social issues associated with major new projects. He has managed projects and issues in many countries including Australia, Canada, China, Iraq, Oman, Vietnam, Singapore, UK and the USA. Harvey has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Western Australia and a Certificate in Governance Practice from the Governance Institute of Australia.

Wafik Beydoun

Director – Americas

He comes to the Association with more than 30 years’ experience in the upstream oil and gas sector. Most recently, he was Total’s General Manager and Country Chair in Kuwait. He also currently serves as Chair of the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston. Previously, his career included leadership and technical positions in the US, the UK, France, Angola and the UAE.
Ritva Westendorf-Lahouse

Communications Director

Ritva was seconded from ExxonMobil to IOGP in November 2019.

She started her career as an Upstream Lawyer, first with BEB [German ExxonMobil / Shell Joint Venture] then ExxonMobil Central Europe before moving to Public and Government Affairs in 2011 where she held various positions in Media and Communications. Ritva is especially passionate about social and digital media. In the 18 years of her career she held several leadership roles with increasing levels of responsibility. From 2017 to 2019 Ritva served as chair of the legal committee of the German Oil and Gas Producers Association [BVEG] with a focus on industry advocacy.

Ritva graduated from the University of Goettingen, Germany, with a doctorate in law (Dr. iur.). She is a proud mum and wife, plays the piano, and enjoys hiking in the wilderness of Finnish Lapland.

Concetto Fischetti

Energy Transition Director

Concetto Fischetti has been seconded from Eni, as IOGP’s Energy Transition Director. He graduated in Mechanical Engineering in 1998 and earned the Master in Energy and Environment from “Scuola Mattei”.

Concetto built his competences around oil and gas developments in several major projects in, among others, Egypt, Mozambique, Kashagan and Algeria. In 2017 he was seconded to OGCI CI to support the new appointed CEO on managing the first CCUS (Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage) Project. His OGCI experience also
encapsulated the role of Engineering Director mainly focusing on methane emissions, CCUS, Energy and Transportation efficiency. In 2019, Concetto re-joined Eni and took over different leading roles.

+ Secretariat staff