



2020 IPS Session Descriptions

What Governments Want from Reasonable and Prudent Operators

This panel of high-ranking representatives of select energy ministries in Asia is structured to allow the international E&P community, as well as buyers and sellers of energy, to hear from representatives of various Asian ministries, what host governments would like to see from the industry in their respective countries, which will include notable examples of projects and approaches to resource development.

Bridging the Energy Transition with LNG

This panel has as its working assumption the role of LNG as the bridge from an energy economy comprised of coal and oil to a new energy economy of renewables. It will explore the challenges of LNG availability and price in competition with the continuing availability of cheaper sources of more traditional energy resources. It also will explore the comparative environmental benefits and social pressures that are being felt by traditional energy producers and host governments as they each try to satisfy their respective constituencies and provide accessible sources of energy.

Above the Ground Risk in the New Energy World

Non-geologic risk never been greater than today as the convergence of energy, environment and economic factors combine to provide unprecedented challenges to energy delivery across borders. These risks include additional and deeper sanctions, inconsistent international support of sanctions, new tariffs on energy delivery, and the newest challenge, cyber warfare. This panel will seek both to identify the extent of these new above-the-ground risks on the oil and gas industry as well as to provide insights on their future reconciliation.

Confluence of Technology and Innovation in the Energy Sector

This panel will chronicle the most impactful and innovative developments in technology that have occurred over recent years, and consider their effect on the energy industry, including how technology and innovation are likely to change the energy industry going forward. Panelists will showcase exemplary technologies and the effect they have had on the availability and production cost of traditional energy sources.

Cross-Border Energy Development and Disputes

This panel will review the various jurisdictional disputes in Asia and elsewhere and how they have been resolved, using the Malaysia Thailand Joint Authority and the East Timor-Australia Compulsory Conciliation Process as case studies. It also will review the status of the Thailand-Cambodia Overlapping Claims Area (OCA) and means by which the dispute over this highly prospective area is likely to be resolved.

Decommissioning: Challenges for Governments and Producers

As oil and gas fields age, and community and environmental consciousness grow, governments and producers are increasingly faced with the need to address the decommissioning and abandonment of uneconomic fields. This panel will review successful decommissioning regimes and explore the issues facing less well-developed schemes from the perspectives of host governments and producers.

Green Power Surge: Rise of Renewables in Asia

This panel will discuss the remarkable growth of renewable energy sources in a deep-seated oil, gas and coal energy market like Asia, and what is being done to bring sources of renewable online while at the same time “keeping the lights on” through other sources of energy. The panel will review some landmark projects and break-through technologies that are expected to accelerate the energy transition through the use of renewable energy resources.

Expanding Roles of NOCs in International Exploration and Development

This panel explores the growing capability and need for national oil companies to seek oil and gas resources beyond their borders. The national oil companies in Asia may be the best examples of this trend, and representatives of these NOCs on the panel will provide insights into their NOC’s strategy to expand their reach overseas, both in terms of timeframe and geography.