

Gas Week 2013: Inaugural and comprehensive event addressing all regulatory, technical and commercial developments in shale gas, CBM and offshore gas exploration and production

Gas Week 2013, a combination of previously hosted Shale Gas and Natural Gas Conferences, is set to take place from 08 to 12 April 2013, at The Hyatt Regency, Rosebank, Johannesburg.

The booming gas landscape:

Massive off-shore gas discoveries in Eastern and Southern Africa have the potential to transform the region into a major player in the global energy arena. Closer to home, developments in the South African gas market have reached fever pitch, with shale gas reserves in the Karoo basin now a few steps closer to exploration, due to the recent removal of the moratorium.

Furthermore, Southern Africa's coalbed methane gas is igniting investor interest, while the booming LNG market is set to generate substantial future revenues, in West Africa. With the sum of all these developments, one thing is certain: gas will translate into billions of dollars' worth of investment, which could transform entire African economies of the continent.

A must attend energy and exploration event:

Designed for all key role players in the gas industry; Gas Week 2013 will provide an ideal platform from which to discuss all the regulatory, technical and commercial developments in shale gas, CBM, CNG, LNG and other forms of natural gas exploration and production. Following the conference, participants will be enabled to take advantage of the increasing opportunities in gas exploration and production. In addition, participants will be well-placed to analyse the most pressing legal, political and environmental issues – with leading industry experts, including: natural gas producers, technology and solution providers, pipeline operators, and other principal industry players.

Key topics of discussion include, amongst others:

- Developing a natural gas portfolio to address Africa's energy needs
- Investigating Africa's market pricing and infrastructure for the commercialisation of unconventional and conventional gas
- Focusing on the exploration and commercialisation processes of oil and gas in East Africa: Dilemmas, challenges and opportunities
- Discussing the economics and rationality of shale gas exploration and commercial exploitation in South Africa
- The good the bad and the ugly what can Africa learn from shale gas exploration in the US?
- Unlocking the potential for Coal Bed Methane (CBM) exploration and production in Southern Africa
- Gas price regulation: Update and implementation of NERSA's maximum prices methodology

Case studies:

- Mozambique case study: Developing a natural gas portfolio to address Africa's energy
- Analysing the collaboration opportunities between electricity and gas suppliers, and how these will meet the energy needs of South Africa and the regional market by Eskom

Workshop:

 Natural gas development from shale: An in-depth workshop on the economics, the process, and the related business development opportunities

Facilitated by: Thomas Murphy, Co-Director, Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research, Pennsylvania, USA and Jim Ladlee, Associate Director, Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach & Research; Director: Special Initiatives, Shale Training & Education Center (ShaleTEC), Pennsylvania, USA

The esteemed panel of expert speakers includes, to name but a few:

- Nosizwe Nokwe-Mcamo, CEO, Petro SA
- John L Langus, Managing Director: International, Forest Oil Corporation
- Mike Smart, Deputy Director, Department of Water Affairs

- Andrew Elf, Director, Mitchel Drilling Mozambique
- Patrick Obath, Managing Consultant, Eduardo and Associates; Chairman, Kenya
 Private Sector Alliance
- Bill Page, Partner, Deloitte, Tanzania
- Paul Eardley-Taylor, Head: Energy, Utilities and Infrastructure, Investment Banking Coverage, South Africa & Africa, Standard Bank
- Professor Anthony Leiman, Associate Professor: Department of Economics, University
 of Cape Town
- Dr Adrian Tiplady, Site Bid Manager, Square Kilometer Array (SKA) Project

What delegates can expect:

- Five days of the latest intelligence, research and industry developments
- Over 30 topics covering all the various types of gas, from a broad to a localised
 scale
- Hear from a wide array of speakers from the African gas industry, and beyond
- Learn from best practice regional case studies, providing in-depth views on key issues and challenges, and how to maximise opportunities within these regions
- Gain insights into the legal and fiscal requirements for natural gas exploration, production and utilisation

Says Busie Mhlanga-Mjimba, IIR BV SA Senior Project Manager, Conferences "Attending Gas Week 2013 will enable delegates to share ideas and learn more about the latest trends in energy and gas markets. Moreover, debates will be heard as to how these influence and impact upon energy security, environmental protection and economic development, within Africa."

Early Bird Special:

• Register before 08 March 2013 to secure early bird rates, and save R1,000.00 on each of the conference packages, as well as R500.00 on the workshop offering.

Three easy ways to register:

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