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.

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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.
Objectives

- To improve understanding of our industry by being a visible, accessible, reliable and credible source of information.
- To represent and advocate industry views by developing effective proposals based on professionally established 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 HSE, security, engineering and operations continually improved by 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.

Accomplishments

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.
- 2010: launched Global Industry Response Group (GIRG) project.
- 2014: celebrated our 40th anniversary.

Funding

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

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

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.

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