

# INTERNATIONAL ENERGY

## Events scheduled for the 23rd World Petroleum Congress at GRB

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The World Petroleum Congress convenes at the George R. Brown Convention Center through Thursday.

Participants from nearly 65 member countries of the council represent over 96 percent of global oil and gas production and consumption. Membership includes both OPEC and non-OPEC countries with representation of national and international oil companies.

The conference, originally scheduled for December 2020, was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Houston hasn't hosted the international energy industry's biggest event since 1987. The Omicron variant of the coronavirus has impacted attendance, but organizers are proceeding with the in-person event as planned.

For more information and the complete schedule of speakers and events, which is subject to change, go to [23wpchouston.com](http://23wpchouston.com).

### Monday, Dec. 6

**9 a.m. Innovative Energy Solutions** with speakers Mike Wirth, Chevron; Darren Woods, ExxonMobil Corp.; Jeff Miller, Halliburton

**10 a.m. Innovative Energy Solutions: The International Perspective** with Amin H. Nasser, Saudi Aramco; Patrick Pouyanne, TotalEnergies SE; Anders Opedal, Equinor; Dave Lawler, bp America Inc.

**12:30 p.m. Accelerating the Transformation of Energy: Lessons from the Industry and Cross-Industry C-suites** with



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**Setup continues Thursday for the World Petroleum Congress at the George R. Brown Convention Center.**

moderator Brian Sullivan, CNBC anchor; and speakers Bob Dudley, OGCI; Julie Sweet, Accenture

**2:15 p.m. CEO Panel: Strategic Approach to Integrated Downstream Mega Projects** with moderator Rick Bilberry, Solomon Associates; and panelists Amy Chronis, Deloitte LLP; Jon Gibbs, ExxonMobil Global Projects; Vartika Shukla, Engineers India.

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

**8:30 a.m. Shaping the Energy Future** with moderator Muqsit Ashraf, Accenture; and speakers Ryan Lance, ConocoPhillips; Mark Little, Suncor Energy Inc.

**10:45 a.m. Kazakhstan Ministerial Session** with Minister of Energy Magzum Mirzagaliyev on strategic cooperation with the Republic of Kazakhstan in the oil and gas sector as a key partner in the Eurasian region.

**Noon. Leading a Responsible Energy Business** with Girish Saligram, Weatherford; and Sergio Affronti, YPF Argentina.

**2:45 p.m. Untapped Reserves – Driving Diversity in Oil and Gas** with moderator Ulrike von Lonski, World Petroleum Council; and panelists Andrea Ostby, BCG; Pedro Miras Salamanca, World Petroleum Council; María Victoria Zingoni,

Repsol.

**6:30 p.m. Houston USA Night** at the The Rustic, downtown at 1836 Polk St., with Southern comfort cuisine sourced from Texas ranchers and farmers, libations and a live band. Must be 21 with conference badge. Attire: casual or country western wear encouraged.

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

**8:30 a.m. Building Partnerships** with speakers Vicki Hollub, Occidental; Mele Kolo Kyari, NNPC Nigeria; Olivier Le Peuch, Schlumberger.

**10:45 a.m. Iran Ministerial Session** with Dr. Amir-Hossein Zamaninia, deputy oil minister for international affairs and trading, governor and chairman of the OPEC Executive Board.

**10:45 a.m. Can Natural Gas, Including LNG, Deliver on the Promise of a Clean & Affordable Transition Fuel?** with moderator Tommy Inglesby, Accenture; and panelists Charif Souki, Tellurian; Jim Teague, Enterprise Products Partners L.P.

**12:30 p.m. Houston: Leading the Energy Transition** with speakers Bobby Tudor, Perella Weinberg Partners and Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.; Juliana Garaizar, head of Houston Incubator and vice president/

Innovation Greentown Labs; David Leebron, Rice University president.

**4 p.m. Dewhurst Award and Lecture** with presenters Rex Tillerson, former chairman and CEO Exxon Mobil Corp. and the 69th U.S. secretary of state; and Tor Fjaeran, World Petroleum Council president; and speaker Pulitzer Prize-winning author Daniel Yergin, IHS Markit.

Yergin is being recognized for his exceptional contribution to the oil, gas and energy industry with the highest honor of the World Petroleum Council, the 2021 Dewhurst Award.

**4:45 p.m. Closing Ceremony** with speakers Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Jeff Shellebarger, chairman of the 23rd WPC Organizing Committee, reflecting on shared global perspectives and dialogue that took place during the week which will be carried forward at the next congress in Calgary 2023.

### Thursday, Dec. 9

**Tours** of The Ion, Greentown Labs, and Deloitte Greenhouse in Houston spotlight three Houston destinations that are advancing technology and innovation.



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