

International Gas Union Cooperation between Gazprom and IGU

The International Gas Union (IGU) – is a non-governmental, non-commercial organization, the core center for analyzing and summarizing the global experience of the gas industry.

The IGU was founded in 1931 to promote the gas industry on a global scale. As of January 1, 2012 the IGU had 116 members from 77 countries including 78 Charter members and 38 Associate members.

Nowadays, this reputable international organization is performing extensive research operations via its Working Committees (WOC), Programme Committees (PGC) and Task Forces (TF). Its member states ensure 95 per cent of natural gas production worldwide.

The IGU is headed by the President elected by the IGU members every three years.

The governing bodies of the IGU are the Council, the Executive and the Coordination Committees.

The IGU convenes a **World Gas Conference (WGC)** every three years that represents a forum summarizing the working results within the Triennial Work Programme, holding discussions on a wide range of topics: the environmental impact of power generation, the issues of natural gas storage, transportation, distribution and consumption, the outlook of the gas industry development, etc.

The Exhibition at the World Gas Conference is the most representative event of its kind exhibiting the latest achievements and technologies of the petroleum industry.

A WGC is held in the country that provides a newly-elected IGU President. More than 8 thousand people took part in the last conferences.

Russia has been involved in the International Gas Union activity since 1957 represented by Gazprom, which is IGU's Charter Member. The Russian Gas Society and NPO Spetsneftegaz are Associate Members representing our country in the IGU.

The IGU Coordination Committee for cooperation between Gazprom and IGU was established according to Order No. 340/A of the Management Committee Chairman dated December 27, 2007.

Between 2009 and 2012 Gazprom Group is represented in the IGU Council by:

- **Alexander Medvedev** – Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee, Gazprom;
- **Sergey Balashov** – Deputy Head of the International Business Department – Head of the International Organizations and Forums Directorate, Gazprom;
- **Sergey Khan** – Deputy Head of the Gas Transportation, Underground Storage and Utilization Department – Head of the Underground Gas Storage Directorate, Gazprom;
- **Sergey Kalityuk** – Director General of Gazprom Expo.

The IGU Council Meeting held in Gyeongju (South Korea) approved Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the IGU Working and Programme Committees for the 2009–2012 Triennium. Evgeny Pronin – Head of the Division for Natural Gas Use as Motor Fuel, Deputy Head of the Gasification and Gas Utilization Directorate under the Gas Transportation, Underground Storage and Utilization Department of Gazprom was appointed Chairman of WOC5 (Gas Utilization).

In the Executive Committee Gazprom Group is represented by Evgeny Ryazantsev – Chief Specialist for Cooperation with IGU, Gazprom Expo.

On January 15, 2010 Alexander Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Gazprom Management Committee approved the list of representatives from Gazprom's Administration and subsidiary companies for the IGU's executive bodies over the 2009–2012 period. As a result, 72 representatives of Gazprom Group became members of Working Groups, Programme Committees and Task Forces.

Gazprom Group's officials take an active part in activities of the Working Committees:

- WOC1 Exploration and Production of Gas;
- WOC2 Gas Storage;
- WOC3 Transmission of Gas;
- WOC4 Distribution of Gas;
- WOC5 Utilization of Gas.

as well as of Programme Committees:

- PGCA Sustainable Development;
- PGCB Strategy, Economics and Regulation;
- PGCC Developing Gas Markets;
- PGCD LNG;
- PGCE Marketing.

Gazprom Group's officials are engaged in two Task Forces:

- TF1 Building Strategic Human Capital;

- TF3 Geopolitics & Natural Gas.

Over the last triennial period, 58 WGCs, PGCs and TFs sessions have been held, in which Gazprom Group's representatives were actively engaged.

In the new 2012–2015 triennial period Evgeny Pronin will head WOC5 Utilization of Gas and become a member of the IGU Coordination Committee. Nikita Barsuk, Chief Technologist of the UGS Optimization Division under the Gas Transportation, Underground Storage and Utilization Department of Gazprom will be Vice Chairman of WOC2 Gas Storage.

IGU's strategic guidelines for the next 2012–2015 Triennium:

- advocating for the development of natural gas as a destination fuel necessary for sustainable development;
- promoting an accurate combination with renewable energies and electricity;
- improving availability of natural gas in new areas and in developing countries;
- attracting and retaining human resources for the future.

IGU's strategic vision for 2012–2015:

- human resources for the future;
- natural gas available everywhere;
- natural gas for a sustainable development;
- combination with renewables and electricity.