

MAPPING THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: AN ATLAS



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FOREWORD

We are pleased to introduce *Mapping the oil and gas industry to the Sustainable Development Goals: An Atlas*.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with its 17 goals, represents the world's plan of action for overcoming poverty while protecting the planet and ensuring that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasize that economic growth needs to be accompanied by social fairness and environmental sustainability.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and IPIECA, the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues, have been partnering to develop this Atlas. We believe our organizations represent distinct yet complementary perspectives on the public-private sector spectrum. By working together, we endeavoured to facilitate a shared understanding of how the oil and gas industry can most effectively support the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. Our hope is that this work will enable key oil and gas industry actors and their partners to identify how the industry can support countries in achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The SDGs are designed to work in the spirit of partnership and pragmatism. While governments have the primary responsibility to prioritize and implement approaches to meeting the SDGs, the private sector and civil society will play critical roles in the implementation of national plans. All stakeholders—governments, private sector, civil society and citizens alike—need to be constructively engaged to achieve the SDGs.

The oil and gas industry is central to the global economy and many national economies, including in developing and emerging countries. It is also central to sustainable development, as oil and gas are key pillars of the global energy system and, as such, are drivers of economic and social development.

As the practices and examples in this Atlas demonstrate, the oil and gas industry is already making significant efforts in areas such as economic development, local content and capacity building, community engagement, anti-corruption, health and safety, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, and

environmental protection. Indeed, many companies have committed significant resources and efforts to advancing sustainable development as a matter of business practice. In doing so, they are not only advancing the aims of the SDGs, but also introducing standards and practices that, in some locations, go well beyond regulatory requirements.

However, while the practices presented demonstrate the many opportunities the industry is already pursuing to contribute to sustainable development, there is much more that can and must be done.

A particular challenge for the industry is its role in climate change. While oil and gas have enabled industrialization and human development, their use has also contributed to the rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide, which in turn has contributed to a warming of the climate system. By endorsing the 2030 Agenda, the world agreed to deliver the SDGs while also addressing the risks of climate change. The Atlas emphasizes that the oil and gas industry must be a key part of the solution to address climate change. While there is no single pathway to a net-zero GHG emissions future, the Atlas presents a number of actions that could contribute to the transition in order to stabilize atmospheric GHG concentrations and global temperatures in line with the Paris climate agreement.

By mapping the linkages between the oil and gas industry and the SDGs, the aim of this Atlas is to encourage oil and gas companies to further incorporate relevant SDGs into their business and operations, validate their current efforts and spark new ideas. If replicated and applied widely, the practices and examples presented in the Atlas could make important contributions to the SDGs. At the same time, there is a strong business case for taking action on the SDGs, which represent an important opportunity for companies, as aligning with the sustainable development agenda can lead to greater efficiencies, cost savings and competitiveness, and enhance social licence to operate.

In addition to what we hope will be broader and more comprehensive uptake of the SDGs among oil and gas companies globally, success will also require substantial and sustained partnership between national and local governments, the

private sector, communities and civil society, development agencies and other stakeholders.

The Atlas has been the subject of extensive peer review, including a public consultation period which generated significant feedback. Every suggestion has been carefully reviewed and we have included as many as feasible. We would like to thank all experts and institutions who invested time and shared their knowledge during this process.

Preparing the Atlas is only a first step. UNDP, IFC and IPIECA hope that the Atlas will inspire

action that leverages the transformative power of collaboration and partnership. Together, we will continue to seek ways for the oil and gas industry to effectively support the achievement of the SDGs. Throughout this journey, dialogue and engagement with stakeholders at the national, regional and international level will be essential. It is our hope that the Atlas will support the momentum we see in countries around the globe. Our organizations stand ready to work with all stakeholders to facilitate and support action that will enable us to help achieve the SDGs.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) form part of 'Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' adopted in September 2015 by the 193 United Nations Member States. The SDGs represent the world's comprehensive plan of action for social inclusion, environmental sustainability and economic development.

Achieving the SDGs by the target of 2030 will require unprecedented cooperation and collaboration among governments, non-governmental organizations, development partners, the private sector and communities. While governments have the primary responsibility to prioritize and implement approaches to meeting the SDGs, the private sector and civil society will play a critical role in the implementation of national plans. Indeed, governments are likely to rely to a high degree on businesses and investors in support of delivery.

The oil and gas sector is an important global industry and, as this Atlas demonstrates, it can have both positive and negative impacts on a range of areas covered by the SDGs. The Atlas is intended to facilitate conversation on, and greater awareness of, the ways in which oil and gas companies, working both individually and collaboratively with governments, communities, civil society and other partners, can help to achieve the SDGs.

The Atlas offers a broad overview of opportunities and challenges, in order to demonstrate the actual and potential contributions of every part of the oil and gas sector to the achievement of the SDGs—from exploration and production through to pipelines, refining, transportation and retail. The Atlas outlines the typical roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders in enhancing the industry's contribution to sustainable development. It presents examples of good practice in the industry, alongside existing knowledge and resources on sustainable development that could help the industry make useful contributions to the SDGs.

The Atlas presents the SDGs goal by goal, focusing on the contribution the oil and gas industry can make to each goal by integrating it into core business operations and by identifying opportunities for oil and gas companies to collaborate with other stakeholders and leverage experiences and resources in support of the goal. Each chapter also includes case studies of innovative and sustained efforts by companies, often working collaboratively.

Companies will see initiatives they are already implementing or in which they are already participating, but will also discover new links between their existing activities and the SDGs. Some may find inspiration to try something completely new. Civil society and communities may uncover approaches in the Atlas that help them to support new partnerships or initiatives. National and local governments may see opportunities to link policies, regulatory activity and funding to the SDGs. The Atlas aims to facilitate three outcomes:

- Enhanced understanding of the relationship between the SDGs and the oil and gas industry.
- Increased awareness of the opportunities and challenges that the SDGs pose for the oil and gas industry and its stakeholders, and the ways in which the industry might address them.
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue and collaboration towards enhancing the contribution of the oil and gas sector to the achievement of the SDGs.

Some overall conclusions from the Atlas that can guide action and stimulate further debate and research include:

The oil and gas industry has the potential to contribute to all 17 SDGs.

With careful planning and implementation, the oil and gas industry has the opportunity to contribute across all SDGs, either by enhancing its positive contributions or by avoiding or mitigating negative impacts. Throughout the Atlas, both baseline improvements as well as mitigating steps are considered to be contributions to the SDGs. Overall, oil and gas production can foster economic and social development by providing access to affordable energy, opportunities for decent employment, business and skills development, increased fiscal revenues, and improved infrastructure. However, oil and gas development has historically contributed to some of the challenges that the SDGs seek to address—climate change and environmental degradation, population displacement, economic and social inequality, armed conflicts, gender-based

violence, tax evasion and corruption, increased risk of certain health problems, and the violation of human rights. In recent decades, the industry has made advances in avoiding, mitigating and managing such impacts and risks and the Atlas points to such good practices and examples.

The scope and nature of typical oil and gas activities point to some SDGs where there are particularly strong opportunities to contribute.

The overarching aim for businesses in the context of sustainable development should be to do business responsibly—to contribute to society, minimize risks and to do no harm. As companies embark on aligning with and addressing the SDGs, each will need to do its own individual analysis to understand how its business can make an impact. A company's specific roles and contributions will depend on the local social, political and economic context, the resource itself, the phase of oil and gas activities (exploration, development, production, shut down or decommissioning), and the input received from local communities and other stakeholders through formal dialogue and engagement.

Nevertheless, for companies seeking to align their operations with, and enhance contributions to, the SDGs, the goals relating to affordable and reliable energy (SDG7); climate action and life on land and in water (SDGs 13, 14 and 15); economic development and innovation (SDGs 8 and 9); and health and access to clean water (SDGs 3 and 6) are areas where the industry typically can make important contributions.

There are opportunities to integrate SDGs into core business activities of oil and gas companies.

The Atlas highlights opportunities to integrate contributions to the SDGs into a company's core business. Integration requires a shared understanding by all stakeholders of how the SDGs can create value and align with the business goals of the company. Companies can operationalize the SDGs in their core business practices by incorporating them into corporate systems, policies, standards and processes. Companies will find,

through their own experiences and through others' case studies in this Atlas, that integrating the SDGs into their business can bring greater efficiencies, cost savings and competitiveness, and can enhance the oil and gas industry's social licence to operate.

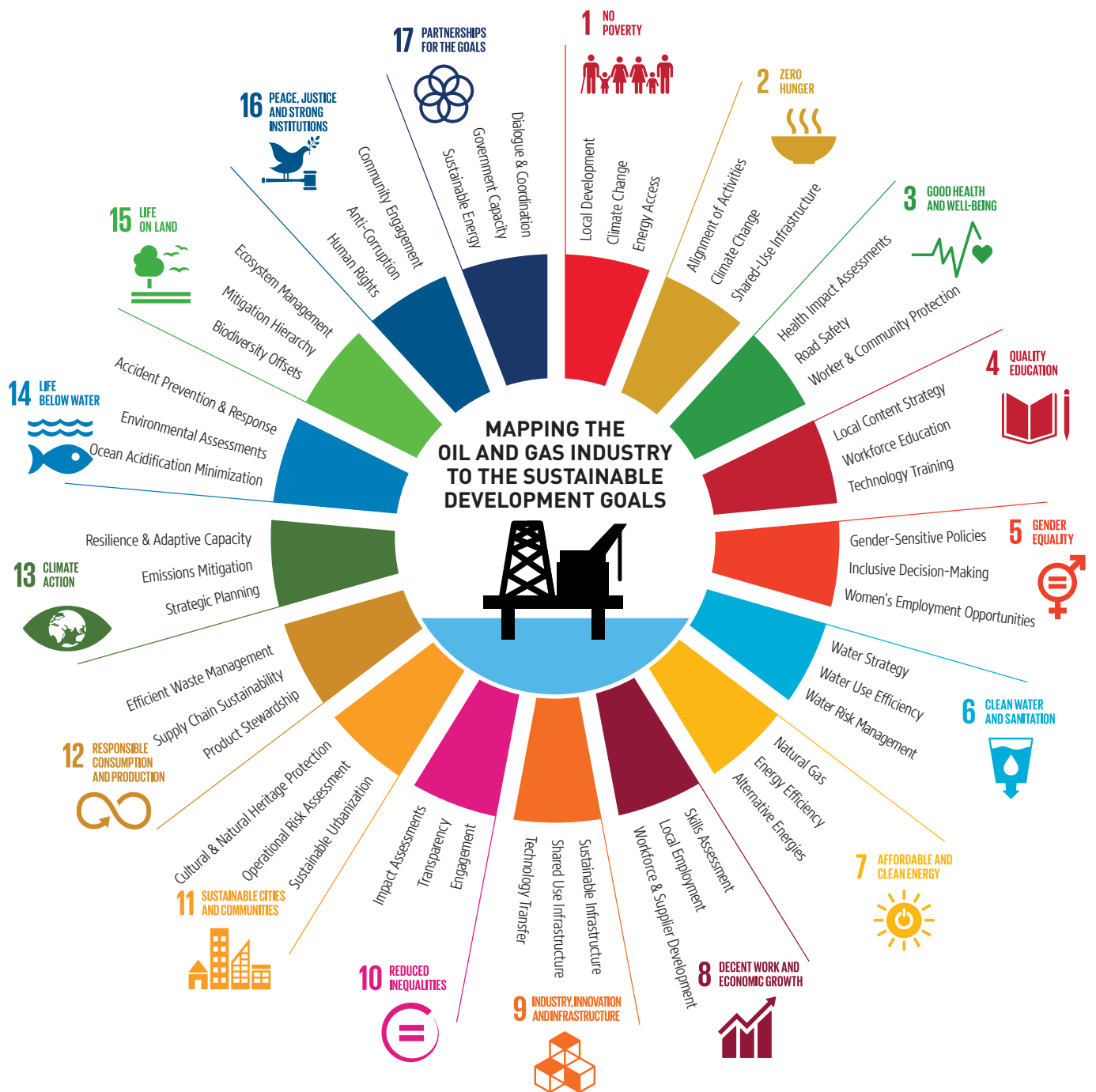
Oil and gas companies can benefit from collaborating with stakeholders to broaden their impact and enhance their ability to leverage additional resources to achieve the SDGs.

Achieving sustainable development requires multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approaches and many of the challenges the SDGs address are beyond an individual company's capabilities or control. To realize the full potential to contribute to the achievement of the goals, oil and gas companies should engage in meaningful multi-stakeholder dialogue with relevant actors locally and nationally to identify joint SDG priorities and collectively define potential coordinated responses to the SDGs in the local context.

The SDGs are frequently interlinked and indivisible, requiring approaches that ensure synergies and manage trade-offs.

The 17 SDGs are closely interlinked and many of the examples of integration into core business, collaboration or leverage that are presented in the Atlas will impact multiple goals. The Atlas highlights the need for companies to proactively consider taking an integrated approach to the SDGs, by examining how interventions in one area may also bring synergies or trade-offs in other areas.

The oil and gas industry is working to be part of the solution, helping to ensure benefits both for today and for future generations, while supporting efforts to reduce negative impacts. The industry's vast global footprint presents an opportunity to have a meaningful and sustainable impact on the attainment of the SDGs, while playing an important role in providing the energy that is essential for the growth of strong economies.



KEY ISSUE AREAS FOR OIL AND GAS MAPPED TO THE SDGs



1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



INTRODUCTION

What are the Sustainable Development Goals and why are they important to the oil and gas industry?

On September 25, 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which seeks to establish global consensus for the next 15 years. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to address some of the world's pressing economic, social and environmental challenges. UN member states are expected to use the SDGs to frame their development agendas, and there is a recognition that the private sector will play an important role in achieving them.

The goals seek to expand on the eight anti-poverty goals of the now-expired Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The SDGs are strongly interrelated; contributing to one SDG is likely to impact other SDGs, just as significant progress on any one SDG will require progress on others. Different actors have the opportunity to contribute through multiple entry points, and the SDGs' interrelated nature highlights the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement, collaboration and complementary partnerships across government, civil society and private sector.

The oil and gas industry's operations and products potentially have positive and negative impacts on a range of areas covered by the SDGs, including on communities, ecosystems and economies. The industry contributes to sustainable development in a number of ways. These include generating direct and indirect jobs; supplying access to energy that enables economic activity and social development; contributing substantial tax and other types of revenue to governments; enabling development of advanced technologies and products through investment in research and development; encouraging local content and entrepreneurship with associated capacity building benefits; investing in the long-term social and economic success of the communities in which they operate; and managing the impacts of its operations by emphasizing environmental protection, health and safety, and human rights.

However, the SDGs also highlight sustainability challenges for the industry, where more can be done to mitigate the adverse impacts of oil and gas development, for example, the industry's

environmental footprint on biodiversity, as well as climate change and its associated impacts on communities.

What is the goal of the Atlas?

The Atlas discusses the links between the oil and gas industry and the SDGs and facilitates a shared understanding of how the oil and gas industry can most effectively support the achievement of the SDGs. It maps the industry's existing contributions and encourages companies to identify additional opportunities to help countries progress towards the Goals. The Atlas can also assist oil and gas companies and their stakeholders in developing a shared understanding of how the industry manages environmental and social challenges while maximizing economic benefits.

Who is the intended audience?

This Atlas is designed to be a resource for oil and gas companies, and to create a shared understanding among all industry stakeholders of opportunities to contribute to achieving the SDGs. While the MDGs primarily focused on governments, the UN recognized that achieving the much broader SDGs calls for coordinated effort by a wider range of stakeholders. Progressing the SDGs will involve contributions from governments, local communities, civil society organizations and the private sector, including the oil and gas industry.¹ The Atlas describes a selection of previous and existing collaborations between oil and gas companies and stakeholder groups, as well as opportunities for future partnerships to leverage resources to address the goals.

How is the Atlas organized?

The Atlas reviews each of the goals separately. The section on each SDG includes the following:

- A brief **explanation of the SDG** reflecting the official UN definition, followed by a summary of the contribution the oil and gas industry can make.
- A list of **key UN-defined SDG targets** (sub-goals) that are relevant to oil and gas, quoted verbatim.

The selected targets are the ones judged to be most relevant to the industry: this does not preclude others being relevant and businesses also seeking to operationalize those.

- A **diagram** summarizing the oil and gas industry's potential contributions to a particular goal.
- Examination of the opportunities, with examples from oil and gas companies of **integration of the SDGs into their core business**.
- Opportunities and examples of how oil and gas companies can **collaborate** with other stakeholders and **leverage** resources to address the SDGs.
- **Case studies** illustrating examples of the oil and gas industry's contributions.
- A list of **selected resources** offering further information, methodologies and tools.

How can oil and gas companies use this Atlas?

For each SDG, this Atlas provides a subset of the targets assessed as having particular relevance to the oil and gas industry as a whole. The Atlas does not attempt to identify and map the potential importance of every target; companies should assess each target's importance as they endeavour to prioritize and integrate the SDGs into their core business.

Governments have primary responsibility for implementing the SDGs. Businesses should proactively try to understand the priorities of their various host nations and in each seek to align with the priority SDGs they feel they can most strongly contribute to.

The relevance of each SDG to a company depends on a number of variables, including the location, size, duration, project stage and public policies governing the company's activities, as well as the company's position in the value chain. Some SDGs might apply to a company globally, while others might only be relevant at the operational level, or to certain projects, or at certain stages of a project's lifecycle. For example, SDGs prioritized during the exploration stage could be different to those prioritized during the production stage.

Different implications and challenges will apply for companies conducting different operations. For example, offshore drilling would understandably increase the importance of SDG14, which advocates sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources.

Different types of companies will need to prioritize and operationalize the SDGs in different ways (see the diagram below for an overview of the industry's value chain). The direct impacts of the operations of a **non-integrated** company focused on one aspect of the industry, for instance, oil exploration, will differ from those of a company solely refining crude oil and, as a result, the companies will differ on how they prioritize the SDGs. **Integrated** companies, which work on all aspects of the chain from upstream to downstream, will have direct impacts on a broader range of SDGs. In addition, **service** companies may have potential impacts on a number of the SDGs, based on the type and location of services they provide to the industry.

Finally, prioritization of the SDGs by **state-owned** or **national** oil companies (NOCs), which often have exclusive control of that country's oil and gas resources, may be similar to that of international oil companies (IOCs). NOCs may also have similar priorities to those of their respective governments, enabling them to align with national implementation efforts to address the SDGs.



FIG. 1 Companies seeking to undertake a thorough analysis of and engagement with the SDGs may consider taking these steps, using the Atlas as a resource.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

- The oil and gas industry accounts for more than **57%** of total global fuel consumption.² The fuel mix is evolving to include more renewables, but hydrocarbons are expected to remain the dominant source of energy powering the world economy in 2035.³
- The industry produced an average of **96.3 million barrels** of oil per day in 2016⁴—that’s 2 litres for each person on earth, every day.
- Natural gas is expected to grow faster than oil or coal, overtaking coal to be the **second-largest** fuel source by 2035.
- Renewables are expected to be the fastest growing source of energy, with their share in primary energy increasing to **10%** by 2035, up from 3% in 2015.⁵
- Upstream oil and gas alone is expected to invest **\$700 billion** per year out to 2040 to help meet global energy demand—three-quarters of this occurs in non-OPEC countries. When including additional investments in refining and transport, the industry will need to invest **\$22.8 trillion** over the next 25 years.⁶

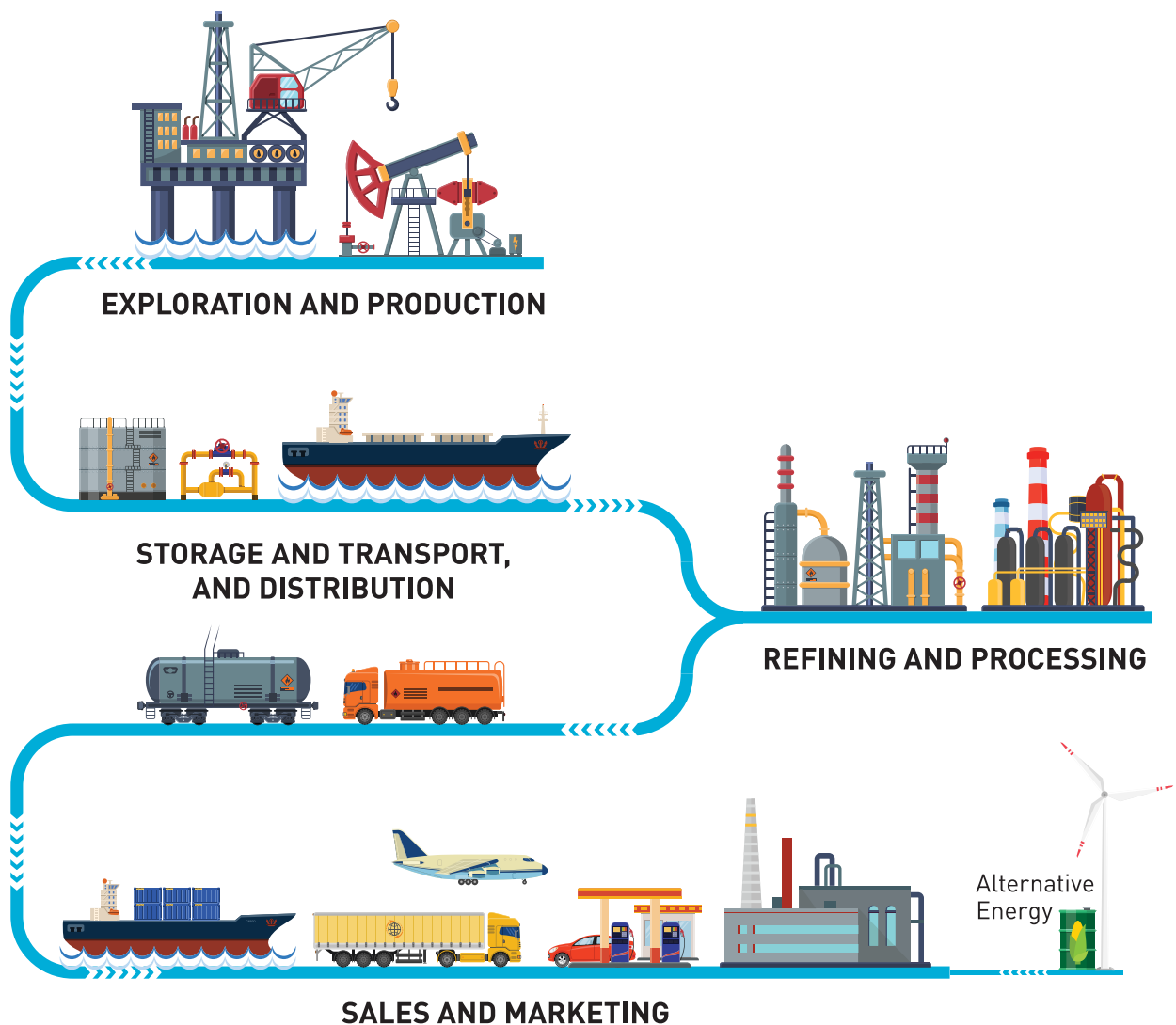


FIG. 2 The oil and gas industry process.

How can companies integrate the SDGs into core business?

The breadth of the SDGs envisions that, to be sustainable in the long term, industry's engagement with the SDGs will need to extend beyond its social investments and corporate philanthropy. It will require strong corporate leadership, and the wider involvement of all employees.



The discussion of each goal in this Atlas, therefore, includes ways and opportunities to integrate contributions to the SDG into a company's core business. Integration requires a shared understanding by all stakeholders of how the SDGs can create value and align with the business goals of the company.⁷ It also presents an opportunity for the industry to demonstrate the good practices which already contribute to one or several of the goals. Done well, integrating the SDGs can support the social licence to operate, and enhance global recognition.

Oil and gas companies can help operationalize the SDGs in their core business practices by incorporating them into their corporate systems, policies and processes, including:

- **Company policies, standards and management systems**—Company governance and management systems, standards and strategies that address areas

such as environment, health and safety, compliance, anti-bribery, gender, and supply and procurement can be used to set goals and monitor progress towards integrating the SDGs into business. Over time, the industry has used lessons learned across all geographies to develop good practice, and introduced standards and practices that, in many places, go beyond regulatory requirements.

- **Reporting**—In order to enhance stakeholder understanding of company contributions towards the SDGs, companies can map and report on them in their sustainability disclosures.
- **Project due diligence**—Different projects will have different impacts on different SDGs. Identifying the social, economic and environmental baselines of the local area and the potential impacts of operations will inform engagement, contribution and mitigation measures. Other baseline assessments considered in this Atlas include human rights, health, lifecycle assessments and landscape scale plans.
- **Risk and opportunity assessments and planning processes**—Risk assessments are crucial to identifying and predicting potential risks and implementing preventative measures. There are opportunities for SDGs to be incorporated into companies' risk assessment procedures.
- **Dialogue and engagement with communities, governments and other stakeholders**—Proactive engagement and consultation with stakeholders, including local communities, Indigenous Peoples, local and national governments and civil society are vital to establishing and maintaining trust, understanding concerns and perspectives, and securing and maintaining a company's social license to operate. This approach is mutually beneficial to both oil and gas companies and their stakeholders.
- **Research and development**—Technology could be a significant enabler towards achieving the SDGs. Companies can consider the potential beneficial impacts of technologies which they have under development, and which could accelerate progress on the 2030 agenda.



How to collaborate on the SDGs

Oil and gas companies can benefit from collaborating with stakeholders to broaden their impact and enhance their ability to leverage additional resources to achieve the SDGs. Many of the challenges the SDGs address are beyond an individual company's capabilities or control, and outside the sphere of its core business necessities. Multi-stakeholder dialogue at both the community and national levels can help identify priority SDGs for a particular country; likewise, these dialogues can help stakeholders establish a coordinated approach to addressing relevant SDGs.

Key stakeholders and their roles in relation to the SDGs are:

- **Governments**, which are ultimately responsible for implementing the SDGs. It is their responsibility to establish an enabling environment, including building accountable and inclusive institutions and governance mechanisms, and developing and steering national SDG action plans. They also draft, implement and enforce the policies, legislation and regulations governing society, including the oil and gas industry. This includes establishing environmental and human rights protections, and responsible and transparent management of oil and gas revenues.

Additionally, many governments have exclusive control of their oil and gas resources

through NOCs, which means they not only regulate the industry but also conduct oil and gas operations and partner with other companies. As a result, NOCs will be important contributors to the SDGs.

- **Oil and gas companies**, which have the responsibility to adhere to the law, respect human rights and minimize the negative impacts of their operations, and which have opportunities to maximize the positive contributions they make to society. Companies contribute to the SDGs by understanding and prioritizing them and then aligning operations with the goals.
- **Contractors and suppliers**, which are often in direct contact with local communities—and can therefore have a significant impact—also have an opportunity to align their operations with local SDG priorities. These companies are expected to meet the same environmental and social standards as their clients.
- **Civil society organizations**, which monitor the implementation of the SDGs, provide input from under-represented segments of society on the strategies for achieving the goals, disseminate information to the public and help to form multi-stakeholder partnerships. They can also be important partners in thematic working groups and capacity-building efforts and hold other stakeholders accountable for delivering on their commitments.⁸

- **Local communities**, which are often the stakeholders most directly affected by the impacts the SDGs seek to address. As a result, the active participation and perspectives of all community members, including young people, women and Indigenous Peoples, can inform the planning, decision-making and implementation of policies and initiatives that contribute to achieving the SDGs. Communities also provide feedback on the impacts of those efforts.
- **Development partners**, including multilateral institutions and bilateral donors, which can provide financial, technical, managerial and capacity-building support to other stakeholders. Development partners can also play an important convening role, facilitating information-sharing and coordination, and harnessing synergies between the other stakeholders.
- **Institutional investors**, such as banks, pension funds and insurance companies, which have an opportunity to raise awareness of the SDGs and encourage companies throughout their investment chains to take actions that support the goals. They can also play a critical role in developing and implementing a strategy for financing the SDGs.
- **Insurers**, which, as risk managers and carriers, can contribute to the SDGs by embedding relevant goals in their decision-making and increasing understanding of how alignment with the SDGs can affect the financial performance of oil and gas companies. Insurers' ratemaking and risk appraisal procedures can provide data and insight into the impacts the goals address, and identify ways to prevent or reduce those impacts.⁹

Additionally, the Atlas includes ideas for and case studies of collaboration and partnerships. In brief, collaboration between oil and gas companies and stakeholders can take a number of approaches:

- Formal **partnerships**, generally codified by a signed agreement that details the respective duties and the intended results, are a common method of collaboration.
- Owing to their often-longstanding relationships with stakeholders ranging from governments and civil society to development partners and industry members, oil and gas companies

are well positioned to use their **reach** to build connections between these groups and to facilitate collaboration to address complex challenges related to the SDGs.

- **Information sharing** is critical to meaningful engagement with local communities, the host government or civil society when designing and targeting development initiatives. The SDGs present a valuable platform to pursue multi-stakeholder global development agendas.
- **Participation** in collaborative efforts can include providing technical or project management skills, raising awareness or encouraging employee volunteerism.
- Companies can provide financial support for **social investment programmes** that address impacts related to the SDGs.
- **Foundations, trusts or funds** are another approach companies sometimes take to deliver community investments that successfully mobilize resources and stakeholders to address the SDGs.

The multi-stakeholder approach is addressed in more detail in SDG17.

Integrated nature of the SDGs: cross-cutting issues and impacts

The 17 SDGs are closely interlinked and frequently indivisible. Many of the opportunities companies have for integration of the SDGs into core business, and for collaboration or leverage will impact multiple goals. Achieving an individual goal will often rely on, or have implications for, some or all of the other goals and the related supporting conditions. Initiatives may also cut across and have impacts on the economic, environmental and social spheres. Some areas *must* be fully integrated across the SDGs to maximize likelihood of achievement. How directly a cross-cutting issue relates to a goal can differ significantly, but there will be some degree of relevance to them all.

A good example is the area of **climate change**. While it is included as a stand-alone goal, it has implications for all 17 SDGs and so addressing it is a consideration when approaching each goal. Climate change may disproportionately affect the poor and most vulnerable, undermining efforts to end poverty (SDG1), achieve gender equality (SDG5) and reduce inequality among and within countries (SDG10).

Climate change can threaten food security (SDG2), increase stress on water resources (SDG6), alter ecosystems and damage biodiversity (SDGs 14 and 15). It may also change the distribution patterns of infectious diseases and so affect global health (SDG3). All these impacts may threaten peace and security (SDG16). At the same time, the response to climate change can also drive progress on other SDGs, for example, by promoting improved energy efficiency, encouraging the development of carbon capture and storage (CCS) and stimulating investment in cleaner-burning natural gas alongside renewable energies and technologies (SDG7)—all of which can open up new economic opportunities (SDG8).

Transparency is another area that cuts across many of the SDGs and that, if integrated, can help achieve the goals. Transparency in the sector is enhanced by publishing government contracts, revenues and the names of owners associated with the country's oil and gas reserves, for example. To be successful, many transparency efforts, such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), require governments, companies and civil society to work together (SDG17). Transparency is an important tool in fighting corruption (SDG16), which widens inequality (SDG10), which is, in turn, linked to higher poverty levels (SDG1), child mortality rates (SDG3), lower school-graduation rates (SDG4) and increased gender inequality (SDG5). Corruption can create additional obstacles to accessing food (SDG2) and clean water (SDG6) for the poorest citizens.¹⁰ Corruption frequently diverts resources, increases political instability and deters foreign investment which, in turn, inhibits infrastructure development (SDGs 9 and 11) and creates more dangerous work environments (SDG8).¹¹ It can also distort market

incentives, undermining responsible production and consumption (SDG12) and subverting environmental regulations (SDGs 14 and 15).

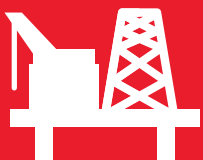
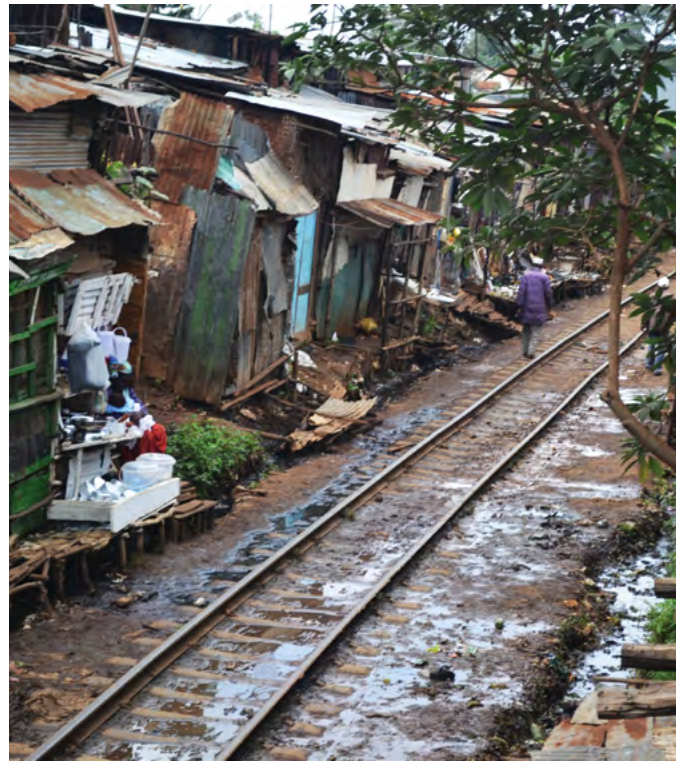
The SDGs' interlinked nature also ensures that, even if an activity were centred on a particular area of focus, such as a single **public health initiative**, that activity could make substantial contributions to the success of multiple goals.¹² Consider the example of the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV) and its Lead Campaign, an initiative to phase out the use of lead in petroleum in more than 100 developing countries.¹³

The direct effect of phasing out leaded petroleum is less air pollution and lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation (SDG13), which has a number of health benefits (SDG3) and positive effects on biodiversity and ecosystems (SDGs 14 and 15).¹⁴ The concentrated use of vehicles in cities means reducing leaded fuel use cuts urban air pollution (SDG11), but there are also a number of less direct implications for other SDGs. Reducing lead is linked to reducing poverty rates by lowering the impact on personal incomes from lead-related health problems (SDG1).¹⁵ Globally, the overall economic benefit of eliminating leaded petroleum has significant implications for Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and economic growth, particularly in developing countries (SDG8).¹⁶ The introduction of cleaner and more efficient vehicles contributes to more responsible production and consumption patterns (SDG12). The success of the Lead Campaign, backed by a public-private partnership that includes more than 72 organizations, illustrates the opportunities of global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG17).

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1 NO POVERTY



OIL AND GAS + ENDING POVERTY

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Increase access to energy
- Contribute to fiscal sustainability
- Address climate change
- Invest in local development

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Community development agreements
- Reduce gender inequality

GOAL 1

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

While the number of people living in extreme poverty has halved since 1990, there are still more than 800 million people in the world who struggle to meet their most basic needs.¹⁷ Addressing poverty means also addressing issues of food security, health, education, safety, the environment and access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy sources and other types of services (including through shared-use infrastructure). Poverty is also unevenly distributed between regions, within countries and among groups such as women and Indigenous Peoples. SDG1 is a commitment to ending poverty by 2030, which will entail an integrated approach to addressing its causes.¹⁸

Businesses (including the oil and gas industry) can play an important role, as private sector investment far exceeds foreign aid in many developing countries. As well as their principle role supplying reliable and affordable energy, oil and gas companies make substantial tax and other types of revenue payment to host governments, as well as contributing social investments. However, the wealth that development of hydrocarbon reserves can bring links the oil and gas industry to the “resource curse” theory. This is the hypothesis that countries rich in natural resources such as fossil fuels often suffer from weak institutions and high levels of corruption, which drive mismanagement of oil and mineral rents, jeopardizing economic growth, inequality reduction and poverty alleviation. The industry, therefore, has an important role to play in addressing a variety of environmental, social and health challenges (including those related to climate change¹⁹) and this can have significant implications for poverty reduction.

KEY UN SDG1 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 1.1** By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than USD \$1.25 a day.
- 1.4** By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.
- 1.5** By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.
- 1.a** Ensure significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources, including through enhanced development cooperation, in order to provide adequate and predictable means for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to implement programmes and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions.

■ Integrate SDG1 into core business

Increase access to energy. Access to basic services including reliable, affordable, sustainable and modern energy is essential to ending poverty. There is a strong correlation between increased energy use and the type of economic growth that reduces poverty. The poor consume less energy, but spend a higher proportion of their income on it. They also typically rely on inefficient and unsustainable use of traditional fuels such as wood, charcoal and animal waste. Improved access to energy can provide indispensable support to the goal of poverty eradication by increasing productivity and encouraging business enterprise. For more on access to energy, see SDG7.²⁰

Contribute to fiscal sustainability. In resource-rich, developing countries, the oil and gas industry can contribute significantly to government revenues. In addition to generating royalties and other fees/payments from companies' upstream hydrocarbon resources exploration, development and extraction activities, governments in such countries can also collect taxes from the sales of end-use energy products such as fuels. Revenues derived from oil and gas companies can be a catalyst for economic growth and can finance programmes to reduce the number of people living on less than USD \$1.25 a day.²¹ However, when not properly managed in an open and transparent way, revenues can be a catalyst for corruption. For a discussion of how oil and gas companies can contribute to increased transparency and combat corruption, see SDG16.²²

Address climate change. Climate variability and climate-related events can damage agricultural productivity, threaten ecosystems, and have a disproportionate effect on those who are least capable of withstanding or recovering from the damage. For more on actions oil and gas companies can take to address climate change, see SDG13.

Invest in local development. Direct local employment in developing countries can be more challenging due to the level of specialization required by the industry and the limited availability of suitably skilled workers. However, oil and gas ventures can still be leveraged to provide meaningful indirect employment opportunities and economic growth by integrating local businesses into their supply chains. Inclusive recruitment and hiring practices and investments in skills development, with attention paid to respecting human rights in communities, can help reduce poverty. In addition, oil and gas companies can further support poverty eradication through well-planned social investment activities, including educational or training programmes that help in capacity-building related to direct employment locally within the sector. For more information on local development, see SDG8.²³

■ Collaborate and leverage

Community development agreements. Community development agreements (CDAs) can be an opportunity to support the self-determined economic development of local communities near oil and gas projects. By engaging in a collaborative process with communities to develop CDAs tailored to their specific local contexts and by then entering into formal agreements, companies can ensure local communities benefit from oil and gas projects. In this way, CDAs can help provide the enhanced development cooperation needed to implement anti-poverty programmes.²⁴

Reduce gender inequality. In developing countries, women are often disproportionately disadvantaged when access to energy is limited or lacking.²⁵ By improving women's access to energy, combined with gender-sensitive local content and capacity-building policies, oil and gas companies can play an important and value-adding poverty-reduction role. For more on gender equality, see SDG5.²⁶

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[INVESTING IN SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES: PETROBRAS—BRAZIL](#)

Petrobras launched its Petrobras Social and Environmental Program in November 2013, with the objective to contribute to sustainable development and to promote rights by investing in social and environmental initiatives that will generate results for both society and the company. The programme integrates social and environmental dimensions and has seven action lines: Inclusive and Sustainable Production; Education; Rights of Children and Adolescents; Sport; Biodiversity and Social Diversity; Forests and Climate; and Water. The programme addresses crosscutting issues, including gender and racial equity, people with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples and traditional communities. Petrobras evaluates and measures the programme results by assessing the number of beneficiaries, the number of job opportunities created by the project's activities, the extent of recovered and protected areas with ecological importance, and the number of species studied and protected, and by consulting around 90,000 technical and scientific publications. It also stimulates and assesses the partnerships established. Since 2007, the programme has benefited around six million people, generated over 20,000 job opportunities, restored and protected about 1.6 million hectares of forest or degraded areas (of which 73% is within Indigenous Peoples' territories or conservation units) and contributed to the conservation of around 400 species of fauna and a thousand species of flora. From 2014 to 2016, the projects engaged 895,000 participants in educational activities and promoted professional training for 72,000 people.²⁷

[OFFERING MICROFINANCE TO DRIVE GROWTH: BP—TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO](#)

Mayaro is a rural agricultural and fishing community located on the southeast coast of Trinidad. Since the 1970s, Mayaro has been the operations-base for many international oil companies; many residents, however, felt that the local community was not benefiting from oil and gas industry investment. Frustrated, the community regularly protested and disrupted operations, resulting in significant costs to businesses. BP sought to address this issue and embarked on a comprehensive programme of social investment aimed at helping to create a community where residents could have real opportunities to develop economically and socially. A 2001-study by the University of the West Indies revealed that 40% of the Mayaro population was living below the poverty line, with approximately 30% of its workforce unemployed. BP set up the Mayaro Initiative for Private Enterprise Development (MIPED) in 2002. Trinidad's first privately-developed micro-credit lending organization, MIPED provides loans from USD \$300 to \$15,000. The programme supports residents in the application process and offers training courses in skills such as book-keeping, marketing and technical advice, to help beneficiaries develop business plans to access the loans. Loan and field officers maintain strong relationships with their clients, supporting individuals to help a business succeed and enabling funds to be repaid and invested back into the community. The programme became self-sustaining six years after start-up and has a 3% default rate. MIPED has distributed over 3,000 loans, created thousands of entrepreneurs and jobs, and has now lent over USD \$10 million.

[SOLAR LAMPS DISTRIBUTION: AWANGO BY TOTAL—AFRICA](#)

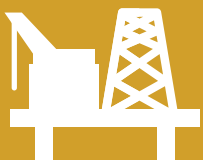
More than 1.1 billion people do not have access to electricity.²⁸ In 2011, Total launched the "Total Access to Energy" programme, a project incubator designed to extend access to energy, especially to disadvantaged populations in developing countries. The distribution of solar solutions under the "Awango by Total" brand is the programme's first major achievement. This business' first priority is to extend energy access to the least advantaged. Since 2011, 1.9 million solar lamps have already been distributed in 40 countries. The objective is to positively impact the lives of 25 million people in Africa by 2020. These solar solutions can also be used to charge small devices such as mobile phones and are a cleaner and cheaper source of power than kerosene or batteries. Providing a source of lighting is a key way of bringing people out of poverty, as it improves opportunities to read or work after sundown. Total is using its service station network for distribution (in 2016, solar lamps were available at over 3000 service stations) and is creating numerous partnerships to access hard-to-penetrate distribution networks.



2 ZERO HUNGER



OIL AND GAS + ENDING HUNGER



INTEGRATION INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Align co-located agricultural and oil and gas development activities.*
- *Shared-use infrastructure to enhance agricultural productive capacity.*
- *Address climate change.*

COLLABORATION AND LEVERAGE

- *Increase efficiency in oil and gas-based agricultural products.*

GOAL 2

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

Despite the progress made under the MDGs, currently one person in nine does not have enough food to lead a healthy life.²⁹ With the world's population expected to reach 8.5 billion by 2030, meeting the goal of ending hunger and achieving food security will require not only increased and sustainable agricultural production, but also improvement in the efficiency of the global food supply chain, with particular attention to decreasing food waste.³⁰

Hydrocarbons are used to supply energy for all stages of food production. They power agricultural machinery and are the raw materials for fertilizers and pesticides. Food processing depends on packaging that is often hydrocarbon-based, and food transportation and storage systems rely on petroleum fuels. Food preparation and refrigeration also rely on energy. Hydrocarbons therefore play a critical role in food security by increasing the productivity of modern agriculture and enabling the distribution of food. At the same time, food production costs are sensitive to crude oil price fluctuations, and oil and gas operations, like other industries with geographical footprints, can impact agriculture and agriculture-based livelihoods by competing for land and water usage. Proactive management of potential impacts can create opportunities to strengthen livelihoods and food security.³¹ Collaboration to improve the energy efficiency of the global food value chain and increase its access to reliable, sustainable, affordable and modern energy sources, develop energy-efficient production and consumption systems, and reduce the food industry's carbon footprint can all collectively contribute to achieving SDG2.

KEY UN SDG2 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 2.1** By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.
- 2.2** By 2030 double the agricultural productivity and the incomes of small-scale food producers, particularly women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets, and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- 2.3** Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plant and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries.
- 2.4** By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters, and that progressively improve land and soil quality.

■ Integrate SDG2 into core business

Align co-located agricultural and oil and gas development activities. Oil and gas extraction operations can compete with agriculture—particularly small-scale agriculture—for land and water use. Companies with operations close to areas used for subsistence farming or small-scale food production may choose to evaluate how to collaborate with neighbouring communities and enable activities to co-exist in a constructive manner. This is particularly important with regards to soil, freshwater, oceans, fisheries, forests and biodiversity resources.

Shared-use infrastructure to enhance agricultural productive capacity. Increased agricultural productivity not only increases food security and economic growth but also reduces poverty and pressure on natural resources. In fact, the World Bank estimates agriculture is two to four times more effective at raising income than growth in other sectors.³² Integrated planning and management of land resources is one approach to achieving sustainable agricultural development. In rural areas, where most agriculture happens and where onshore oil and gas extraction generally takes place, this means acting on opportunities to leverage the infrastructure investments of oil and gas companies (see SDG9) for multi-use and shared access, while avoiding or reducing their negative impacts on adjacent agriculture. This could include planning infrastructure, for instance, reservoirs for water storage, to contribute to improved watershed

management, or designing infrastructure to support access to energy for irrigation and agriculture production. By identifying areas where needs align, oil and gas companies can work with local governments, stakeholders and each other to make the most of opportunities for shared infrastructure use throughout an asset's lifecycle. Such efforts benefit local communities while strengthening a company's social licence to operate.

Address climate change. The effects of climate change can already be seen in agriculture, with productivity decreasing in some areas. This has a bearing on global food prices and food security. The World Bank predicts that climate change could potentially diminish future crop yields by 25%.³³ See SDG13 for more on how oil and gas companies can address climate change by reducing emissions and supporting adaptation.

■ Collaborate and leverage

Increase efficiency in oil and gas-based agricultural products. Oil and gas are integral to successful agriculture. In addition to the use of fuel and lubricants in farm machinery, many agricultural chemicals—particularly chemical fertilizers—are made with oil products. By participating in and contributing to multi-stakeholder efforts, oil and gas companies can contribute their knowledge to improving the energy efficiency and reducing the GHG emissions of such products through the entire value chain (from the wellhead through production and use).

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[ENERGY EFFICIENCY THROUGH UTILIZING SURPLUS: VERMILION ENERGY—FRANCE](#)

In France, Vermilion, an oil company, was looking for an economical use for its surplus heat. It formed a partnership with local agricultural engineers to build a tomato farm next to the company's extraction facilities. This partnership provides the farm with the affordable, reliable and sustainable energy it needs to be competitive with traditional tomato producers in warmer climates. Recovered surplus heat generated by Vermilion's oil processing operations is sold at low cost to the farm, which uses it to create an eco-friendly environment for farming. The farm grows three thousand tonnes of tomatoes annually, creating 150 local jobs and reducing carbon emissions by 10,000 tonnes per year.

[ESTABLISHING FOOD COOPERATIVES TO SUPPLY LOCAL OPERATIONS: BP—INDONESIA](#)

With completion of the Tangguh gas plant in Bintuni Bay, BP faced the dual challenges of supporting the 2,000 local construction workers who had been employed on the project during the construction phase, and sourcing food for its 1,500 operations phase employees. The BP community relations team at Tangguh established food cooperatives in nearby villages, providing work for BP's former staff and food for the plant's personnel. There are now seven such cooperatives, supplying fruit and vegetables and organic fresh seafood, transforming the lives of everyone involved. One example is the Mayri Cooperative, whose business development is supported by Tangguh. The cooperative, owned and managed by Indigenous People living in the village, now owns a mini-market and a collection point for fish and vegetables, which are then supplied to Tangguh.

[PROTECTING A LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY DURING SEISMIC EXPLORATION: REPSOL—COLOMBIA](#)

When Repsol acquired rights to explore off the coast of Colombia, it engaged with 18 local Wayuu communities in the region. These communities might have been affected if operations reduced fish-catch by driving off local fish populations or damaging fisheries. Repsol consulted with local fishermen to understand issues such as the location of fishing grounds and compensation and worked with them to minimize negative impacts and provide supplies such as nets and motors. Both Repsol and the local fishing community benefited from this collaboration.

[TRANSFERRING KNOWLEDGE FOR HIGHER FARMING YIELDS AND MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: ENI—NIGERIA](#)

In Nigeria, Eni promotes the Green River Project (GRP), founded in 1987 as an integrated entrepreneurial development programme for farmers in the Niger River Delta. The objective of this programme is to transfer technology through vocational guidance and training in order to increase food availability, multiply employment and earning opportunities and facilitate access to social services. The project now involves 35,000 farmers; 500,000 indirect beneficiaries in 120 communities, and 235 cooperatives that are currently receiving assistance. Since 1999, 3,750 young people and women have received education through the programme.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



OIL AND GAS + GOOD HEALTH

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Conduct health impact assessments to strengthen capacity to manage health risks
- Reduce occupational risks
- Protect workers and community members against infectious diseases
- Protect workers and community members against non-communicable diseases

- Address mental health and substance abuse
- Design benefits programmes
- Prevent and mitigate the health impacts of air emissions and effluent discharges
- Improve road safety

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Strengthen public health systems' response to potential health risks and epidemics

GOAL 3

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Sustainable development cannot be achieved unless everyone's primary health needs are met. SDG3 seeks to ensure healthy lives and well-being for everyone. It includes commitments to health education, universal health coverage, access to safe and effective medicines, an end to the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, and to lowering road traffic accidents.³⁴ Oil and gas companies contribute to improving health and well-being in a variety of ways, including by providing energy, caring for the health and safety of their workers, investing in community health systems, making fiscal and other payments to governments, and by joining global initiatives to combat infectious diseases.

Oil and gas operations can also result in new health risks for workers and local communities. Changes to ecosystems, for instance, land clearing, may affect local food production and diet. Industrial activities or traffic accidents can cause injuries. Population influx and higher population densities that often accompany developments can overwhelm local healthcare capacity and result in new or increased incidence of communicable diseases, or situations that can exacerbate non-communicable diseases and social problems such as violence and substance abuse.³⁵ Strong health management systems that proactively and holistically assess risks while complementing existing local health systems and public health programmes help address these issues.

KEY UN SDG3 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 3.3** By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.
- 3.4** By 2030, reduce by one-third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and wellbeing.
- 3.5** Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol.
- 3.6** By 2020, halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents.
- 3.8** Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.
- 3.9** By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.
- 3.d** Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.

Integrate SDG3 into core business

Conduct health impact assessments to strengthen capacity to manage health risks. Oil and gas company activities, particularly those in remote or underdeveloped areas, can contribute to health challenges, including indirect impacts due to changes to the local environment and communities. Identifying potential challenges requires understanding the complex social, economic, geographical and biological dynamics of a given area. Effective design and management of operations enables mitigation of potential health risks, such as exposure to air and water emissions, fires, dangerous equipment and infectious diseases. Health impact assessments are useful in guiding the development and implementation of a systematic health action plan that integrates a company's internal health policies, its health risk management programmes and any corporate social investments. Protection strategies for the health of employees *and* local communities are most effective when incorporated early on in the design and planning process.

Reduce occupational risks. Any organization's most important resource is its workforce. Health and safety are, therefore, high priorities in the oil and gas industry. Activities often involve large, heavy equipment, significant construction-related projects and hazardous chemicals. Workers may be exposed to chemicals, physical or biological agents, geographic, ergonomic and psychosocial risks which could harm health and productivity.³⁶ Occupational safety and health is critical to the industry. Companies manage risks by designing safe and healthy work environments, and implementing robust health and safety policies consistent with international standards. Companies also support worker education and training, provide appropriate personal protective equipment, and enable regular occupational health checks and access to general health care and emergency care.³⁷

Protect workers and community members against infectious diseases. Oil and gas activities can alter local economic systems, leading to population migration as people look for employment opportunities. Such in-migration can create high-density populations in areas that may lack sufficient and necessary infrastructure for water, health and sanitation, and overwhelm local health infrastructure. These changes can also introduce or accelerate the transmission of infectious diseases, including those transmitted person-to-person (especially in high-density areas), vector-borne diseases and sexually-transmitted diseases.³⁸

Companies can protect their workers and community neighbours by developing and implementing prevention and response strategies, for example, vaccination programmes, and by providing support for health-system strengthening and education. Including local and external stakeholders in these initiatives creates effective synergies and reduces the risks to employees, contractors and the community.³⁹

Protect workers and community members against non-communicable diseases. As communities develop, there is an increased risk for non-communicable diseases related to modifiable lifestyle risk factors. These include alcohol and tobacco use and changes in diet and activity. Studies suggest that oil and gas workers can be susceptible to poor lifestyle behaviours, such as an unhealthy diet, shift-work related circadian disruption, lack of physical activity, or alcohol or tobacco abuse. Any of these may lead to health problems, such as cardiovascular diseases and chronic respiratory issues.⁴⁰ Proactive, risk-based health promotion and company policies that prioritize health and target lifestyle issues support the long-term well-being of workers. With that in mind, oil and gas companies establish wellness programmes that include awareness and education, positive health messaging, worksite activities, improved healthy food options, and personalized case management services for chronic diseases. Equally important is the creation and maintenance of a favourable workplace health policy environment. The combination of effective programmes and a positive environment reduces costs for medical and benefit plans, and has a positive impact on community and workforce perceptions.⁴¹ Oil and gas companies can also partner with local government to help mitigate worker and community risks, lessen the burden on the local healthcare system and improve access to healthcare for all.⁴²

Address mental health and substance abuse. Studies have shown that oil and gas production workers, particularly offshore workers and those doing shift work, can experience higher levels of fatigue and stress than individuals working in other areas of the oil and gas industry.⁴³ Long hours, difficult work environments in remote areas and extreme conditions away from family, can strain the mental health and well-being of individuals and their relations back home. As part of a holistic approach to the health of their workers, oil and gas companies can include education, prevention and support resources for mental health and substance abuse in their health programmes. They can also collaborate with local resources to provide services to workers and communities.⁴⁴

Design benefits programmes. Oil and gas companies can design health benefits plans to improve access to preventive services (i.e. screening tests and vaccines), disease education and management, and health promotion. Benefits plans also improve access to policies that incentivize healthy behaviours and appropriate self-care, and link healthy lifestyles to benefits. Enabling access to proactive and preventive services is an important aspect of the industry-supported transition to a sustainable health culture.

Prevent and mitigate the health impacts of air emissions and effluent discharges. Approaches that oil and gas companies employ to manage the risks associated with air emissions and effluent discharges and their related health implications are addressed in SDGs 7, 9, 11, 12 and 13.

Improve road safety. One oil and gas industry-related cause of injuries and death receiving heightened attention is road safety, particularly in areas where operations have caused accelerated development. The global oil and gas industry utilizes a huge fleet of vehicles, driving millions of kilometres. Safe road transport is embedded in oil and gas activities, whether it is transport linked to upstream projects or product delivery to service stations or customers, or even the day-to-day travels of employees. Effective transport management systems are essential to getting road safety right in the areas where companies operate. Vehicle standards,

operating manuals, assessment of transporters, route management, on-board computers and driver awareness and training programmes are part of the procedures and are fully integrated in the operations. Moreover, the oil and gas industry has integrated road safety as part of its social responsibility and is contributing to the reduction in deaths and injuries by sharing its expertise and developing programmes in partnership with civil society organizations and public authorities.

Collaborate and leverage

Strengthen public health systems' response to potential health risks and epidemics. Public health assurance is the responsibility of host governments; however, companies can play an important role in supporting governments to develop stronger health systems. For example, oil and gas companies help train local people and build capacity in areas where occupational health knowledge is limited.⁴⁵ Collaboration between oil and gas company health experts and the health departments of the countries of operation benefits all parties by reducing the risk of communicable diseases and epidemics. Public-private collaboration and local capacity-building can facilitate a more systematic approach to avoiding and managing epidemics, preparing responses to future outbreaks and better leveraging the health investments of both governments and companies.

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[AN INTEGRATED ANTI-MALARIA PROGRAMME FOR WORKERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: EXXONMOBIL—GLOBAL](#)

ExxonMobil responded to the risk of malaria affecting its workforce with a workplace malaria programme and an integrated approach, including education, prevention, and access to proper diagnosis and treatment. In addition to investing in malaria programmes for local communities in which it operates, ExxonMobil has contributed more than USD \$146 million to support research, educational and treatment programmes in countries and communities that lack adequate health care systems. Almost 14 million bed nets, 3.8 million doses of antimalarial treatments and 2.6 million rapid diagnostic kits have been distributed, and more than 520,000 health workers have been trained. The company reports that its programme showed more than a 90% reduction in annual malaria cases among its non-immune workers from 2003 to 2015, with no malaria-related deaths since 2007.

[INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS \(IOGP\) LAND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Historically, vehicle-related incidents are the single largest cause of fatalities in IOGP member company operations. In 2005, the same year that IOGP published its Land transportation safety recommended practice (Report 365), 37% of fatalities reported to IOGP were vehicle related.⁴⁶ This decreased to 25% in 2008, and dropped sharply from 2009 onwards, with reported land transportation fatalities reduced to around 10% in recent years. In recognition of this work, IOGP was awarded the Prince Michael International Road Safety Award in 2015. As part of their road safety work, IOGP also launched the Buckle-up campaign, aiming to eliminate fatal incidents in which not wearing a seat belt is a factor.⁴⁷ They have developed a series of 'myth-busting' resources (video, posters, presentations) to help members achieve this goal. The success so far has been very motivating, but there are still a significant number of land transportation fatalities, so there remains work to do.

[INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE: BP—AUSTRALIA](#)

Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory of Australia were facing devastating impacts as a result of petrol sniffing. The local community asked for help in finding a solution. BP responded by developing Opal®, a fuel that contains only light aromatic vapours, denying substance-abusers a 'kick' when it is sniffed. BP now supplies Opal® to around 110 communities in the Northern Territory, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland, ranging from small populations of 100 people to towns such as Alice Springs with 25,000 residents. The government subsidizes Opal® to ensure the price at the pump is the same as regular unleaded. The innovation has dramatically improved the quality of life in many communities.

[PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS: TOTAL—MOROCCO](#)

Increased mobility has exacerbated the geographic spread of HIV/AIDS. For example, truck drivers face a high risk of contracting the disease and can then play a role in transmitting the disease to new areas. In Morocco, the Total Foundation finances a programme of the Pasteur Institute and local anti-HIV/AIDS association, ALCS, to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. More than 80,000 truck drivers have been educated about HIV/AIDS through the programme and thousands more have been screened for HIV/AIDS or tested for sexually-transmitted diseases.



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



OIL AND GAS + QUALITY EDUCATION

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Establish a company strategy for local content to promote sustainable development
- Invest in workforce education, training and technical programmes

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Invest in education and training in responsible energy use and new technologies
- Support in-country education and skills development efforts

GOAL 4

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Inclusive, quality education is a catalyst for development and a critical component in achieving the SDGs. A quarter of the world's population is under 15 years old, and direct connections can be made between education, or lack thereof, and poverty, inequality, economic growth and corruption.⁴⁸ Education and skills development contribute to the ability of developing countries to maximize the long-term economic benefits of their natural resources wealth. Unlike taxes or other benefits accrued to a host government, programmes supporting education and skills development can provide more local value by increasing the potential for direct and indirect employment of local workers and suppliers, thus promoting inclusive growth and economic empowerment. At the same time, oil and gas companies can face difficulties finding the necessary technical, operational and commercial skill sets, both in terms of quantity and quality, at all professional levels in the developing countries where some projects and operating facilities are located.

Investing in education and skills-based training in their countries of operation helps oil and gas companies address these issues. This can be done by collaborating with local schools and universities to improve general literacy; develop science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curricula; support technical and vocational training and create in-house or regional training programmes. In addition to helping companies meet their labour needs, such efforts support companies' social licence to operate and can also assist in meeting local content targets or requirements. These efforts are often achieved through a combination of specific oil and gas company engagement in educational development or strategic social investment activities directed towards educational improvement.

KEY UN SDG4 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 4.1** By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes.
- 4.3** By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university.
- 4.4** By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.
- 4.5** By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations.
- 4.7** By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.
- 4.b** By 2020, substantially expand globally the number of scholarships available to developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States and African countries, for enrollment in higher education, including vocational training and information and communications technology, technical, engineering and scientific programmes, in developed countries and other developing countries.

■ Integrate SDG4 into core business

Establish a company strategy for local content to promote sustainable development. Oil and gas companies benefit from a strategy that balances their priorities and local content requirements. This requires an analysis of the goods- and services-needs of a project or operating asset, local capacity to meet these needs and the best way to address the gap between demand and supply. Such assessments should focus on the entire value chain, including direct, indirect and induced employment, to see what skills are most needed and are in shortest supply. With this knowledge, companies are able to act on opportunities that might be created by addressing identified gaps.

Invest in workforce education, training and technical programmes. Mapping existing capabilities allows a company to identify a baseline level of education and technology available and identify and assess skills gaps. The establishment of a company strategy leads to a variety of approaches to addressing these gaps. For local workers, expanded in-house training programmes, focused on both technical skills and soft skills (for example, language, communication or management) needed for oil and gas operations, can be valuable. Companies could promote available

training and educational opportunities to their workers and consider offering scholarships for certain individuals to attend external or out-of-country training programmes. Companies could also share these baseline assessments with the host government. By improving governmental understanding of the industry's needs and mapping domestic capabilities, companies can provide information essential for governments planning investments in education and targeted training resources.⁴⁹

Invest in education and training in responsible energy use and new technologies. Improved societal knowledge of efficient energy-use practices supports many of the SDGs. Company activities to enhance understanding and promote education on energy efficiency decisions and practices support improved energy use. When empowered by education, individuals are able to make informed decisions about their energy purchases and consumption. Additionally, the rapid development and adoption of new technologies in the industry requires investment in workforce education on their use. This includes the increasing adoption of renewable energy technologies. Companies with expertise in such technologies could provide the necessary training to current oil and gas professionals, as well as prepare the next generation of energy workers.



Collaborate and leverage

Support in-country education and skills development efforts. Efficient skills development programmes that will increase the number of youth and adults with technical and vocational skills must be integrated into overall education and development policies. Implementation must be in conjunction with partners including local educational institutions, the host government and local communities. Working with universities, companies design courses and specialized programmes tailored to provide the skills required. Companies partner with local service providers to offer technical and vocational education and training (TVET), which improves employability by providing practical, profession-oriented training and knowledge. By collaborating in the design and support of such programmes, companies can address financial and educational deficiencies and ensure

TVET addresses previously identified skill gaps. Companies can also collaborate on and coordinate supplier-development programmes to mentor, train, monitor and help potential suppliers with business improvement plans and tender preparation.⁵⁰ This has the double benefit of reducing the company's expense and expanding a programme's impact by leveraging economies of scale. The harmonization of tender procedures between companies also reduces the tender costs for suppliers.

At the primary and secondary school levels, oil and gas companies are helping to instil an interest in STEM subjects in children, particularly among girls and in minority groups that are typically under-represented in the industry. Support includes hands-on, project-based learning opportunities for students, teacher training, workshop facilitation and mentoring programmes, and providing classroom resources.

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Case studies and initiatives

[BUILDING LOCAL CAPABILITY: TOTAL—YEMEN](#)

When the Yemen liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant opened in 2009, there was a lack of local personnel sufficiently trained and with the necessary technical abilities to meet the standards for employment. In response, Total, the main shareholder, and its partners established their own training centre. Around 300 engineers, technicians and supervisors have gone through the two-year training programme that included not just LNG-related technology training but also language skills and hands-on experience. Thanks in part to this programme, 80% of the 700-plus core employees of Yemen LNG, which operates the LNG plant, are Yemeni citizens.

[OFFERING HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING TO SHARIA JUDGES: STATOIL—NIGERIA](#)

In northern Nigeria, where there is a largely Sharia legal system, many judges have limited formal legal training and little exposure to Nigeria's position on human rights. Therefore, Statoil supported LEDAP, a Lagos-based NGO made up of lawyers, in delivering a series of two-day training seminars for Sharia judges. Topics included human rights, women's rights, just interrogation procedures and legal procedures. A total of 450 Sharia judges, amounting to 20% of the country's total, across seven northern states, were given training. The training was well-received by the Sharia judges; for instance, in the evaluations of two seminars in 2004, all participants stated that the training had given them knowledge that was directly applicable to their daily legal work.

[SUPPORTING STEM \(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHS\) EDUCATION: CHEVRON—GLOBAL](#)

In April 2014, Chevron issued a call to action to other businesses to join the company in supporting project-based learning methods to increase engagement in STEM and promote engineering design in classrooms across the USA. Chevron supported this call to action by announcing an additional USD \$30 million commitment to create national partnerships with STEM-focused organizations, bringing its total investments in STEM-focused partnerships to USD \$130 million since 2011. In addition, the company committed USD \$20 million to the Appalachia Partnership Initiative to support STEM education and workforce development programmes in 27 counties across southwest Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio. At the global level, Chevron has a long history of supporting education and vocational training programmes. In Indonesia, for example, Chevron helped to found, develop and fund Polytechnic Aceh—a STEM-focused higher education institution that trains students for the industrial sector and for reconstruction and development. More than 2,500 students have graduated from the school since 2011.

[VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR BETTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: SHELL—PHILIPPINES](#)

Poor and unemployed young adults from communities close to Shell's Malampaya Deep-water Gas-to-Power project in the Philippines are gaining skills for jobs in areas such as welding, pipe-fitting and construction as part of a vocational training programme run by the Malampaya Foundation. The programme, called Bridging Employment through Skills Training (BEST), links trainees with industries in need of skilled workers. Since 2007, the BEST programme has produced more than 4,200 skilled technicians, 80% of whom have found work in the Philippines or overseas.

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GENDER EQUALITY



OIL AND GAS + GENDER EQUALITY



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Develop gender-sensitive local content policies*
- *Support full and effective participation of women at all levels of decision-making*
- *Increase employment opportunities for women and female representation in management*

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- *Address negative social impacts including all forms of violence*
- *Enhance the use of STEM—science, technology, engineering, and maths—education to empower women in the oil and gas industry*

GOAL 5

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Gender equality and an end to discrimination against women are basic human rights and also drivers of sustainable development. SDG5 seeks to empower women and ensure equal rights to economic resources, employment, education, health care and the benefits of economic growth. Oil and gas companies frequently work together with governments on these issues where they operate. This helps companies to enhance their awareness of the culture and practices of the host country. At the same time, company activities bring expertise into developing countries, including labour standards and expectations that can lead to improved gender equality and empowerment.

However, women are often under-represented in the oil and gas industry itself.⁵¹ Oil and gas companies can contribute to gender equality in their corporate operations by creating an inclusive culture, free of discrimination, with equal pay and opportunities for all. They can empower women through training and support for career advancement.

While extractive industries can provide women with opportunities for a better life, including increased employment opportunities, access to revenues, and expanded investment in the local community, extractive industries can inadvertently contribute to 'gender gaps' through an unequal distribution of assets and risks.⁵² To address these issues, some companies are developing gender-equitable benefits systems, implementing gender-sensitive local content policies, requiring female inclusion in community engagement activities, and anticipating and managing the gender-differentiated impacts of their activities or operations.

KEY UN SDG5 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 5.1** End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
- 5.2** Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.
- 5.5** Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life.
- 5.a** Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources in accordance with national laws.
- 5.b** Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women.

Integrate SDG5 into core business

Develop gender-sensitive local content policies.

Structural inequalities can create heightened barriers to women, making it more challenging for them to benefit from the economic opportunities that come with oil and gas projects and operations. Cultural traditions and legal biases can make it difficult for women to have equal access to land or be paid compensation for it. These biases, combined with interrupted education and domestic demands, can also make it difficult for women to take advantage of local content policies. Female entrepreneurs frequently demonstrate lower literacy rates—both verbal and financial—and so suffer from additional cultural biases and lower access to financing and market information.

Oil and gas companies can help reduce discrimination and promote women's participation in industry opportunities by designing gender-sensitive local content policies. These include gender-equality targets for employment and preference in local procurement to companies that meet similar targets. Companies are also conducting social mapping to identify rightful landowners entitled to receive compensation. They can also take gender into consideration when identifying opportunities for the shared use of infrastructure. In parallel, some companies are facilitating low-interest, gender-fair loans, as well as the leasing of capital-intensive equipment to assist female entrepreneurs.⁵³

Support full and effective participation of women at all levels of decision-making.

Women are sometimes excluded from participating in consultations between oil and gas companies and local communities; this may result from traditional cultural restrictions, language barriers, or a lack of gender-sensitivity in the consultation process, such as scheduling consultations that conflict with a woman's domestic obligations. Likewise, when women have grievances, they can face barriers to equal participation in redress mechanisms, including a lack of knowledge of grievance mechanisms and exclusion from the judicial process. Companies can address these issues by requiring female representation from local communities during engagement and by hiring female interpreters or independent advisers to assist communities. Female facilitators and community affairs officers can help to build relationships with local communities and open up opportunities for women to engage with a company separately from men. The aim is to have in place community outreach, education and communications on rights, grievance mechanisms and potential benefits throughout the life of every asset.⁵⁴

Increase employment opportunities for women and female representation in management.

To address the under-representation of women in the industry, oil and gas companies are implementing gender-fair recruitment and worker policies, including equal pay, diversity plans and quotas for hiring women at all levels. The result is a corporate culture that emphasizes flexibility and protects against harassment or discrimination against anyone.





Although greater female representation at leadership level is linked to increased profitability and stronger financial performance, the oil and gas industry still has one of the lowest proportions of women at director level of all major sectors of the economy.⁵⁵ In the 100 largest listed oil and gas companies, women fill only 11% of board seats, most of which are non-executive roles. To help remedy this situation, the industry is starting to improve board recruitment processes. One way to do this is to include guidelines, incorporating gender diversity considerations, at every stage of the process and, in some cases, quotas. Mentoring, leadership development and board-specific training programmes can also help career advancement for women.⁵⁶ This improves recruitment and retention of women and creates a pool of future potential board members who are female.⁵⁷

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Collaborate and leverage

Address negative social impacts including all forms of violence. The rapid modernization and monetization of the local economy that can accompany oil and gas development can potentially destabilize social relations, exacerbate existing gender inequalities and increase incidents of crime, alcoholism, domestic violence, prostitution, trafficking and sexual exploitation, and sexually-transmitted diseases in local communities. These impacts are typically more heavily felt by women (see SDG3). To address these challenges, companies can partner with NGOs and host governments to anticipate and mitigate negative impacts, for instance, through gender-sensitive public information campaigns on relevant topics. (Women are also disproportionately vulnerable to the environmental impacts of oil and gas operations which are addressed in SDGs 6, 13, 14, and 15.)

Enhance the use of STEM—science, technology, engineering, and maths—education to empower women in the oil and gas industry. Companies can partner with educational institutions to develop interest among women in STEM subjects at a young age. Companies can support education initiatives, at both primary and secondary school level, designed to correct the under-representation of women in STEM subjects at higher levels.⁵⁸ Industry-financed outreach programmes at all education levels can raise awareness and interest in the opportunities offered by the oil and gas industry. New communications technologies and social media can expand the range and impact of outreach efforts to all students. Companies can also partner with business schools and industry programmes, to identify female candidates already in the industry for leadership positions and provide sponsorship and training.⁵⁹

Case studies and initiatives

[IMPROVING THE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN: PETROBRAS—BRAZIL](#)

The Pro-Gender and Race Equality Program is an initiative of the Brazilian Federal Government, supported by UN Women and the International Labor Organization (ILO) that aims to promote equal opportunities for men and women in the labour environment and labour relations, establishing new concepts in organizational culture and human resources management. Petrobras secured the Pro-Gender Equality Recognition Standard in all five editions of the Program. This initiative is aligned with Petrobras's corporate value of Respect for Human and Cultural Diversity, stated in the Petrobras Code of Ethics and the Petrobras Guide of Conduct. As result of the programme, Petrobras has engaged in public policy campaigns to address violence against women, installed 29 rooms in its offices to support breastfeeding and extended maternity leave for mothers of premature babies (in addition to the 180 days provided by law) and parental leave by 10 days.

[PROMOTING WOMEN LEADERS IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Women remain significantly under-represented in the oil and gas industry, especially in leadership roles. To improve gender equality, the Women's Oil Council was established to provide a forum to promote female leadership in the oil and gas industry. It is also a forum to discuss issues affecting women in the industry and provide networking and accelerated career development opportunities at a senior level. Partners in the Council include companies such as Shell, BP and Tullow. Some companies also have internal programmes focused on the career advancement of women, such as Occidental Petroleum's Women of Oxy Network, which provides networking opportunities and professional development to more than 300 women.

[SUPPORTING FEMALE-LED ENTREPRENEURSHIP: OIL SEARCH—PAPUA NEW GUINEA](#)

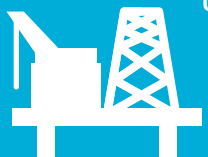
Local communities, particularly women in local communities, near Oil Search's project in Papua New Guinea needed additional sustainable livelihoods and means of financial freedom. The company partnered with women in communities around its facilities to support the formation of women's agricultural and fishing cooperatives by supplying seeds and other materials. In addition to having gender officers at each project-site to coordinate with women, Oil Search also offers women agricultural training, including instruction in rice and chicken farming and commercial egg production. These cooperatives have proved successful. One of the cooperatives now supplies the locally-owned catering company that provides Oil Search's catering services.

[WORLDWIDE APPLICATION OF MATERNITY STANDARDS: ENI—GLOBAL](#)

The protection of the right to maternity for women in the workforce represents a fundamental value for Eni. For this reason, a study was carried out to identify any divergences from the ILO standard—Convention 183—that governs maternity, or from the laws or corporate policies of countries in which Eni operates. In light of the results of the study, a procedure was adopted in 2015 to guarantee application of the minimum standards set forth in the ILO convention, i.e. 14 weeks' leave from work with two-thirds pay as compensation, to all female employees of Eni around the world.



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



OIL AND GAS + CLEAN WATER

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Develop a company water strategy*
- *Understand water scarcity risk management*
- *Substantially increase water use efficiency*
- *Manage produced water and wastewater*

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- *Improve understanding of the water-energy nexus*
- *Participatory approach to water management*
- *Shared-use water infrastructure*

GOAL 6

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Access to clean water is essential to life and to improving health, reducing inequality and ending poverty. It is considered a human right.⁶⁰ Yet currently, more than 780 million people in the world do not have access to potable water and another 2.8 billion people live in water-scarce environments.⁶¹ Population growth, urbanization, rapid economic development and climate change contribute to water scarcity. A rise in global temperatures by 3–4° C by 2080 could place an additional 1.8 billion people in areas of high water-stress.⁶²

Managing the energy-water nexus is set to become ever more important for a successful realization of development and climate goals. The overall energy sector is a major water-user and accounts for roughly 10% of total global water withdrawals, mainly for power generation but also for biofuels and fossil fuel production.⁶³ At the same time, the water supply and treatment sector is a major energy-user and is expected to double its energy needs by 2040.

Both opportunities and challenges exist as the oil and gas industry supports access to, and sustainable management of, water. Finding, producing and refining oil and gas draw comparatively less water than some other sectors. Production of oil and gas accounts for about 2% of the overall energy sector's water withdrawals.⁶⁴ As companies are aware, effective management of this process is crucial, particularly in areas with current or emerging water stress. This is especially important for more water-intensive operations such as unconventional resource (oil sands, shale gas, etc) development and refining operations in those areas.

Water is essential to all segments of the oil and gas value chain. Therefore, it is necessary to balance such requirements with local water needs, particularly in water-scarce locations. A lack of water, in turn, can threaten the viability of oil and gas operations in some areas.⁶⁵

KEY UN SDG6 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 6.1** By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.
- 6.3** By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally.
- 6.4** By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity.
- 6.5** By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through cross-border cooperation as appropriate.
- 6.6** By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes.
- 6.a** By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies.
- 6.b** Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

■ Integrate SDG6 into core business

Develop a company water strategy. Oil and gas companies could benefit from an integrated approach to water management that accounts for the full impact of operations on local water resources through a process of planning, implementation, evaluation and review.⁶⁶ This helps to promote ‘the coordinated development and management of water, to maximize the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital ecosystems’.⁶⁷ An integrated approach, taken in conjunction with stakeholder engagement, also informs a company’s perspective on, and planning for, the potential effects of climate change on water resources. This can vary between regions and over the life of an asset. A water strategy should also include how the company protects and restores water-related ecosystems to address water quantity and quality in and around the area of operations. Oil and gas companies often manage large land areas and can be responsible for water-related ecosystems both within their concession and as part of engaging in landscape-level cross-sectoral management of ecosystems.

Understand water scarcity risk management. Risk management of global water issues requires an understanding of a company’s water needs in relation to the local context throughout each part of the oil and gas value chain. It requires strong water stewardship, an integrated water resource management approach and ongoing risk assessments.⁶⁸ Robust water accounting, understanding the different risks presented by different water sources, and considering the wider social, environmental and economic implications of water usage all enable water use optimization.

Oil and gas companies can use a variety of tools to map their water use and assess the risks both to their overall global portfolios and to local and global water resources. The tools, including datasets, reporting metrics and mapping programmes, enable companies to compare site-specific water data with information on water use, sanitation and population near the site. They allow companies to calculate their level of water consumption, efficiency and intensity. Company awareness of water risk factors can lead to more effective prioritization and better communications with stakeholders. The responsible sourcing of water also helps to protect a company’s social licence to operate and can contribute to meeting regulatory requirements, particularly when operating in areas of water scarcity.⁶⁹



Substantially increase water use efficiency. To improve water use efficiency, companies can take a ‘reduce, replace, reuse, recycle’ approach to water use. For example, in some applications, freshwater is substituted with lower quality or brackish water. Additionally, and to the extent possible considering the net environmental effect, companies could reuse or recycle wastewater. Suitable applications for this include drilling for unconventional resources, where high water volumes are needed for the brief hydraulic fracturing stage of operations, and refining, which has more sustained water needs.⁷⁰ By applying these and other such approaches, companies gain the additional benefits of decreased reputational risks and reduced operating costs.

Manage produced water and wastewater. Effective wastewater management (including produced water) involves appropriate treatment, discharge and monitoring. This helps to protect the receiving environment, which may include local water supplies, from potential pollutants. Managing wastewater may also include ensuring appropriate containment to prevent any unintended releases—via leaks or spills—from reaching or impacting the environment. Some companies are putting treated wastewater to good use. Examples include reinjection into reservoirs to enhance production, and the use of treated wastewater for road maintenance and irrigation.⁷¹

Collaborate and leverage

Improve understanding of the water-energy nexus.

Energy and water are heavily interdependent. Water is necessary for the extraction, transportation and processing of oil and gas.⁷² At the same time energy, often from oil or gas, is necessary for the collection, transportation, treatment and distribution of water.⁷³ According to the International Desalination Association, more than 300 million people around the world rely on desalinated water supplies for some or all of their daily needs.⁷⁴ Desalination plants require energy and much of that is produced by oil and gas.

Water stress or scarcity could have serious implications for oil and gas, such as raising costs, constraining, or potentially threatening the viability of operations. In turn, energy restrictions threaten the viability of, or constrain, water delivery and treatment systems. The vulnerabilities of the water-energy nexus are likely to be exacerbated by increased demand for both resources as a result of everything from population growth to climate change to water- and energy-intensive activities such as hydraulic fracturing.⁷⁵ Some companies are working with other stakeholders, including governments, to enhance understanding of the water-energy nexus, joint water-energy policies, and opportunities for both energy-lean water and water-lean energy technologies.⁷⁶

Participatory approach to water management. An integrated water management approach involves

government leadership and participation from a range of actors to properly oversee usage and protect supply. Some oil and gas companies are collaborating with governments by becoming involved in, for example, river basin councils for effective catchment-level water management, programmes such as those established in places like, Brazil and Australia. Such involvement fosters joint decision-making across private, public and civil society stakeholders. It also allows companies to consider their water footprint within the broader context of other actions that depend on the same source of water. Government decisions on how to allocate water among users, how to balance demands for economic development with social and environmental uses, and how to plan for managing the basin require robust stakeholder engagement and consultation.

Shared-use water infrastructure. When planning and building water-related infrastructure—whether for water usage, recycling or treatment—companies can look for potential synergies with local water infrastructure needs. This approach could reduce freshwater usage by improving water efficiency, while also reducing costs and competition for water resources. Opportunities for collaboration include partnerships on water reclamation projects, such as the construction of shared-waste treatment facilities, and connecting operations to municipal water systems to allow treated wastewater to be used for non-potable purposes, such as industrial operations or landscaping.

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Case studies and initiatives

[EXTENDING ACCESS TO POTABLE WATER FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: REPSOL—COLOMBIA](#)

The Wayuu indigenous people of La Guajira province in Colombia live in a desert region and have limited access to potable water. Repsol and the UNDP signed an agreement to carry out the Communities Benefit Plan (PBC) in the Guajira Peninsula in the north of the country. The agreement focuses on measures to improve access to drinking water for the Wayuu people, including through construction of two micro-aqueducts and maintenance of four water reservoirs that benefit more than 1,600 people from 18 communities. Capacity was also built in local indigenous communities to enable maintenance of 1,200 water wells and windmills. This agreement is especially relevant because it was the first time that UNDP signed a partnership agreement with the oil industry in Colombia related to UNDP's agreement with the National Hydrocarbons Agency to ensure that companies develop Community Benefit Plans.²⁷

[USING REED BEDS AS A NATURAL WATER FILTER: PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT OMAN—OMAN](#)

The Nimr oil field produces enormous volumes of water as a by-product, which prior to the construction of a large manmade wetland, had to be energy-intensively reinjected into deep-lying aquifers. Since 2011, Petroleum Development Oman, in which Shell holds 34% shareholder interest, has used an innovative method of water treatment relying on a purpose-built reed bed facility, which processes some 100,000 cubic metres of water per day. The water is first treated in a settling tank and centrifuge system to remove most of the entrained oil, before slowly being filtered, via gravity, through a 360-hectare reed bed system. Any residual remaining oil in the water bio-degrades within the reed beds, leaving the resultant treated water suitable for use in drilling new wells. The system is very efficient, with Petroleum Development Oman estimating the energy saved to equate to 23 billion cubic feet of gas over a 10-year period. By using this source of clean, treated water, there is less need to pump clean water from other sources. The project has received numerous awards, including the Global Water Award.

[WATER EFFICIENCY IN HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: RANGE RESOURCES—USA](#)

Range Resources, which conducts hydraulic fracturing operations in the Marcellus shale region in Pennsylvania, faced a challenge to decrease the pressure of its operations on local water supplies. Therefore, it increased its reuse of water, utilizing flowback, production brine and drill-pit water. In 2009, 28% (by volume) of the 158 million gallons of fracking fluid used was made up of water recovered from the drilling or hydraulic fracturing of previous wells. In addition to lessening use of local water supplies, this saved the company USD \$3.2 million by cutting water purchases, wastewater disposal charges and transportation costs.

[WORKING WITH OTHERS TO MANAGE LOCAL WATER USE AND IMPROVE REFINERY WATER EFFICIENCY: BP—AUSTRALIA](#)

In response to an increased demand for water by agriculture and industry—and decreased inflow to the dams supplying water—the government of Western Australia started tightening restrictions on water withdrawals in 1997. At the time, the largest industrial user of potable water was BP's Kwinana Refinery. The restrictions put pressure on BP to identify and act on viable opportunities to lower its overall water usage. A cross-departmental team identified water reduction, reuse and replacement opportunities and implemented a water minimization and reuse plan for the refinery. Additionally, BP partnered with the local government, the water corporation and other industrial partners on the Kwinana Water Reclamation Project, which included a new water treatment plant at the refinery and connections to the local water-distribution system. As a result, the refinery's total water use dropped by 42%, and its potable water use dropped by 93% from 1996 to 2014. In the long term, it also reduced water supply costs by reducing the amount of wastewater requiring treatment.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



OIL AND GAS + CLEAN ENERGY



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Improve access to energy services through shared infrastructure
- Grow the share of natural gas in the energy mix
- Increase the share of alternative energies and technologies in the global energy mix

- Improve energy efficiency in operation and production

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- An integrated, multi-stakeholder approach to energy poverty

GOAL 7

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Energy is a key driver of sustainable development, without which most of the other SDGs cannot be achieved. Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is essential for economic growth, employment, education, poverty reduction, and health and safety.⁷⁸ Yet in 2015, about 1.1 billion people had no access to electricity. Additionally, in 2015, an estimated 2.8 billion people globally—41% of the world's population—had to rely on solid fuels such as wood, charcoal and animal dung for cooking and heating.⁷⁹

The global challenge is to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, while moving towards a global energy system with net-zero greenhouse gas GHG emissions⁸⁰ in the second half of this century⁸¹ (see SDG13 for more information). A long-term strategy is needed. This will have to include investments to drastically improve energy efficiency, a substantial increase in the use of renewable and lower-carbon energy sources (such as wind, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal as well as nuclear and cleaner-burning natural gas) and greater deployment of carbon capture and storage (CCS). An unprecedented reduction in both energy and carbon intensity will be required to stay within the 2°C target⁸², with declines per annum of 3% and 2.5% respectively.⁸³ A shift away from biomass for cooking fuels and other heavily-polluting sources of energy, such as coal, is also required.

Energy and climate are inextricably linked. Developing countries often face difficult trade-offs between financial, environmental, social and political costs of energy options, as well as other factors that impact the decision to pursue one fuel source over another. These factors include the resources available, existing infrastructure, access to technology transfers and capacity for technology development, among others. Expanding energy services in developing countries while significantly lowering global GHG emissions is a challenging task, calling for judicious judgments and balancing of objectives. Both developed and developing countries will have to adjust their approach to securing energy access and designing energy systems. On the one hand, expanded energy services in the poorest countries are absolutely vital for their development; without access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, the rest of the SDGs, and the end of poverty, are unachievable. On the other hand, the mass scale-up of modern energy services in developing countries will need to be balanced by all countries against the global goal of addressing the risks of climate change.

Government, industry and civil society all have a role to play. Diverse challenges around the world call for an approach tailored to individual country and regional circumstances. In countries with access to potentially large supplies of low-cost renewable energy, these should be developed with global encouragement and public and private capital inflows. In places of great energy poverty with existing or newly-discovered low-cost hydrocarbon reserves, these resources should be considered for development. The goal should be to promote modern energy services (SDG7) and the end of poverty (SDG1) by giving poorer regions sufficient time to shift to net-zero emissions, while ensuring the world as a whole adopts a path consistent with the aims of the Paris Agreement.⁸⁴ Finally, in regions that expect to address energy poverty through an expansion of coal-fired power,⁸⁵ all low GHG-emitting energy sources, including renewable energy and natural gas, should be supported to slow coal's rapid growth. Natural gas is a cleaner fossil fuel, with approximately half the carbon footprint of coal when used in power generation and even less when paired with CCS or variable, intermittent renewable energy in an integrated power system.⁸⁶

KEY UN SDG7 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 7.1** By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services.
- 7.2** By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.
- 7.3** By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency.
- 7.a** By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.
- 7.b** By 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing states.

■ Integrate SDG7 into core business

Improve access to energy services through shared infrastructure. Many of those without modern energy access live in developing countries where oil and gas companies have a long history of operating, giving them familiarity with local challenges. Some companies are improving energy access by working with local communities to determine how to best align their investments in projects with community needs, and making the most of opportunities to develop shared-use energy infrastructure.⁸⁷

Grow the share of natural gas in the energy mix. Natural gas is a flexible, abundant, widely available and low-emissions fuel that can help to reduce GHG emissions, while still increasing access to energy. A new and efficient natural gas plant emits 50-60% less CO₂ than a new coal plant.⁸⁸ Natural gas can also play a role enabling the broader integration of renewable energy into energy systems. The intermittency of wind and solar energy sources requires a reliable backup source that is readily available to balance fluctuations in generation and demand, and improve system stability.⁸⁹ At the same time, intermittency may also be addressed in other ways, such as storage technologies and networks that balance local intermittency through regional integration of renewable energy sources.

There is potential to develop new natural gas fields to underpin the scale-up of modern energy services for power generation, transport and cooking fuels. To extend energy access, gas-rich, energy-poor, low-income countries may consider developing their domestic energy systems on the basis of their gas

reserves, even if that will delay for some decades their transition to net-zero GHG emission energy systems. Since natural gas produces CO₂ emissions, its longer-term global use needs analysis within the context of climate change targets, and would need to be accompanied by CCS or other emissions-reduction technologies.

Increase the share of alternative energies and technologies in the global energy mix. In 2014, renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower and biofuels accounted for almost half of all new power generation capacity. They can also extend energy access in areas of low demand or low population.⁹⁰ In some cases, renewables may provide off-grid or micro-grid energy access in a more cost-effective manner than extension of energy grids to these areas, while also supporting better health and environmental outcomes than the traditional use of solid fuels.⁹¹ Many oil and gas companies are exploring opportunities for research and development and commercial investment in developing and deploying alternative energy technologies.

Improve energy efficiency in operation and production. The extraction and transformation of hydrocarbons consumes a significant amount of energy — the oil and gas industry used 6.9% of the total energy it produced in 2011.⁹² Improving efficiency in production and operations is one way to address energy poverty in both developing and developed countries. Reducing energy losses, and thus energy costs, in refining, processing, transmission and distribution also creates financial incentives for efficiency.⁹³ Energy-saving measures with a strong GHG element are covered in more detail under SDG13.



Collaborate and leverage

An integrated, multi-stakeholder approach to energy poverty. Universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services will require the coordinated efforts of a range of stakeholders across different sectors. These multi-stakeholder efforts could focus on the following:

- Creation of long-term energy access strategies that are consistent with the aim to ‘strengthen the global response to climate change’ (SDG13). All countries will need to move to low GHG emissions energy systems, though today’s low-income and energy-poor countries should be given more time to achieve their development objectives;
- Provision of affordable energy for domestic consumption: access can be enabled by reflecting the true cost of energy in a transparent manner, making the most of the assets already in place in each country, and by governmental pursuit of lowest-cost options;
- Creation of attractive investment climate for new energy services: an environment that will attract a broad range of funding mechanisms is critical. There is a need for clear and consistent regulations, competitive terms, appropriate allocation of risks, and availability of credible buyers;
- Creation of the right policy/regulatory framework that supports the development of low GHG emissions energy sources;
- Regional integration: not every country has low-cost renewable energy sources or natural gas resources, but every region does. Regional integration in renewable energy, and access to complementary natural gas, is a key step in power sector reform that would substantially reduce costs through economies of scale and increased share of power-offtake in total power generation, such as regional power pools. This requires political will by governments in the region to develop energy systems that are regionally connected.

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[DESIGNING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN PROJECTS: BP—OMAN](#)

BP has designed its Khazzan gas project in Oman to be an inherently low-emission concept. For example, it has built a central gas processing facility where water and condensate are removed from the gas produced at all well-sites in order to create market-quality gas. Centralized gas processing takes away the need for processing equipment at each individual well-site, thereby reducing methane emissions in gas production. Additionally, the processing facility at Khazzan is powered by the gas BP produces, which provides electricity that powers well-site equipment such as valves and pneumatic devices.

[ENERGY ACCESS PLATFORM: WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Oil companies, including Total and Shell, have partnered with the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), the World Petroleum Council (WPC) and the International Gas Union (IGU) on the Oil and Gas Industry Energy Access Platform (EAP) to support achievement of SDG7. The EAP is intended to leverage the knowledge, experience and technology of its members to provide a platform for collaboration on energy access solutions, improved energy efficiency, increased deployment of renewables and long-term energy policy.

[INVESTING IN HIGH-GRADE BIOFUELS: ENI—ITALY](#)

Eni has been extending the range of inputs used to make biofuels. In 2014, Eni converted the Porto Marghera refinery in Venice to produce high-grade biofuels. The project involves the production of bio-oil from the organic fractioning of municipal solid waste, sewage sludge, wastewater and other agri-food waste. The refinery is capable of producing 300,000 tonnes of green diesel per year using refined vegetable oil. In its second phase, the refinery will also be able to use animal fats, used oil, algae-based oils and certain types of biological waste.

[RESEARCHING FUEL AND VEHICLE EFFICIENCY: CONCAWE—EUROPE](#)

Concawe, the Oil Companies' European Organisation for Environment, Health and Safety, has collaborated with the European Council for Automotive R&D and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre in the Well-to-Wheels collaboration since 2000 (known as JEC). The Well-to-Wheels collaboration has resulted in a productive and reliable cooperation in the field of sustainability of the European vehicle and oil industry devoted to providing European institutions, EU Member States and sector stakeholders with scientific facts relating to the energy use and efficiency and emissions from a broad range of road vehicle powertrain and fuel options.

[SUPPLYING AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND CLEAN ELECTRICITY TO THE BONNY ISLAND COMMUNITY: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—NIGERIA](#)

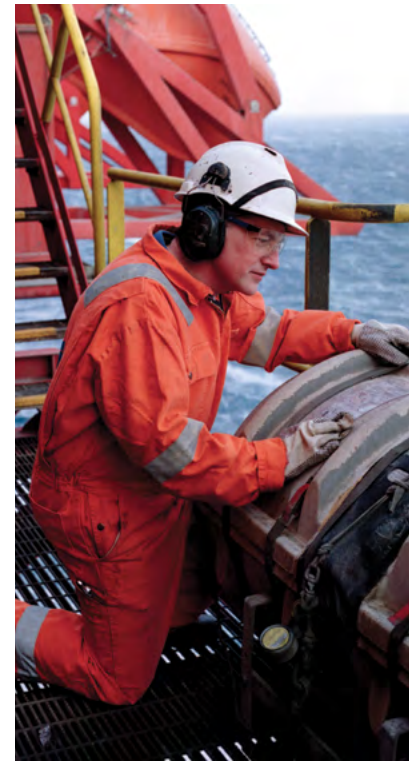
Nigeria LNG Limited (a joint venture between the Government of Nigeria, Shell, Total and Eni) established the Bonny Utility Company, an independent local company that supplies affordable, reliable and cleaner electricity to the Bonny Island community. Power generated by gas turbines at the Nigeria LNG plant and an oil export terminal on the island operated by Shell Petroleum Development Company is sent to a grid that serves businesses and homes in the area, benefiting around 93,000 people with energy at affordable prices. Providing access to electricity has led to economic growth, enhanced security and a safer environment for the people of Bonny Island.

[USING SOLAR POWER TO BRING ENERGY TO OFF-GRID COMMUNITIES: TOTAL—TANZANIA AND KENYA](#)

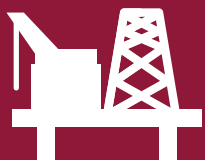
In 2012, only 15.3% of Tanzanians and 23% of Kenyans had access to electricity. Therefore, Total recently acquired an interest in two companies that offer solar-powered energy solutions for rural areas with limited or no access to conventional energy grids. The companies market micro-grid, home and battery storage systems powered by solar energy. Off Grid Electric powers lights for 10,000 new customers a month in Tanzania and Powerhive launched a project that will see 100 micro grids supply power for 90,000 homes in Kenya.



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



OIL AND GAS + ECONOMIC GROWTH



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Conduct skills assessment and communicate reasonable expectations
- Foster full and productive local employment and workforce development
- Encourage local procurement and supplier development

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Support economic diversification to achieve higher levels of economic productivity
- Multi-stakeholder dialogue to promote development-orientated policies

GOAL 8

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Sustainable development requires job creation and inclusive economic growth. More than 200 million people were unemployed in 2015 and more than 600 million new jobs will have to be created in the next 15 years to meet the needs of a growing working-age population.⁹⁴ Decent work opportunities that meet internationally-recognized labour standards and offer skills development will be necessary. Employment is a crucial path out of poverty and towards shared prosperity. The key will be encouraging entrepreneurship, technological innovation and increased productivity.⁹⁵

While the oil and gas industry is less labour-intensive than many other industries, it tends to generate much higher fiscal revenues, attracts significant foreign direct investment and accrues foreign exchange reserves, which are important for the overall economic growth of host countries. The IEA World Energy Outlook 2016 forecasts a required annual upstream oil and gas investment of USD \$700 billion, which would have a significant impact on global growth.⁹⁶ Oil and gas companies can also contribute to providing decent work for all by following good practice in labour, health and safety.

In addition to those contributions, oil and gas companies, as part of their core business activities, can help to build competitive, long-term sustainable resource-based economies via local content practices. Local content policies, which promote the sourcing of goods and services from local businesses, can help foster economic growth and development, especially when pursued in the context of improving the enabling investment and business environment.

Local employment is often a priority for communities and governments, and many developing countries have local content policies requiring certain levels of local employment. In addition to direct employment opportunities, greater opportunities for job creation can exist through local sourcing of goods and services, capacity-building and encouraging economic diversification away from dependence on upstream oil and gas. Investing downstream, in refining and storage capacity, also provides opportunities for job creation and local business development.⁹⁷

Access to energy, a key benefit delivered by the oil and gas industry, also drives economic growth and job creation at a scale that far exceeds the direct and more immediate indirect impacts of the industry's operations. Access to energy enables and increases productivity in a variety of ways. For example, adequate lighting can increase the number of working hours available. Modern heating and cooking appliances can reduce the time spent gathering solid fuel.

Oil and gas companies also have an opportunity to positively influence the policies and practices of their suppliers. Suppliers can be responsive to well-articulated expectations from their customers around labour standards and non-discrimination. Oil and gas companies can help underline those expectations by conducting human rights due diligence that includes examining key supplier performance.

KEY UN SDG8 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

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| <p>8.2 Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value-added and labour-intensive sectors.</p> <p>8.3 Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-</p> | <p>sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.</p> <p>8.4 Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead.</p> |
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- 8.5 By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.
- 8.7 Take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, eradicate forced labour and, by 2025, end child labour in all its forms, including the recruitment and use of child soldiers.
- 8.8 Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.
- 8.9 By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.
- 8.10 Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all.

Integrate SDG8 into core business

Conduct skills assessment and communicate reasonable expectations. Local communities often respond to the arrival of oil and gas companies with unrealistic expectations of imminent and widespread economic development, and host governments increasingly include local content provisions in concession agreements.⁹⁸ But oil and gas companies often operate in remote or economically underdeveloped locations where the conditions make meeting those expectations or requirements difficult, if not impossible. Companies often conduct a skills assessment and compare it to the needs of the project. They also frequently communicate the different stages of the oil or gas project, the different economic opportunities in each stage and the company's local content development plan to local communities, educational organizations and government at the outset. Early and ongoing dialogue sets more reasonable expectations and avoids disappointment that could affect a company's social licence to operate.⁹⁹

Foster full and productive local employment and workforce development. An educated and experienced workforce with transferable skills can be a major driver of economic growth. However, direct employment in oil and gas operations can often be limited, and the local workforce can lack the technical and managerial capacity necessary to meet a company's standards. This is particularly true in the early stages of a project and in countries without an industrial base.¹⁰⁰ Companies and governments often address the capacity issue through education, training programmes and gap closures (see SDG4). Such programmes are also an opportunity to recruit women or other groups who are traditionally under-represented in the industry. Clear and transparent policies on recruitment, employment and employee capacity-building remove confusion about qualifications and demonstrate the company's commitment to local employment.¹⁰¹



Encourage local procurement and supplier development. Incorporating local businesses into the supply chain, either through the direct procurement of goods and services by the company or through indirect procurement via contractors, contributes to inclusive economic growth. However, it often requires a commitment by the company and government to strengthen the capacity of local businesses to make them competitive and to bring them up to required health, safety, labour, human rights¹⁰² and quality standards. This is often done through enterprise development programmes or modification of the company's policies to fit the operational situation.¹⁰³ Policies should also establish what 'local' means, because the developmental impact of procurement from companies located near the project will likely be quite different from procurement from a company merely located within the host state.¹⁰⁴



■ Collaborate and leverage

Support economic diversification to achieve higher levels of economic productivity. A robust strategy for avoiding over-reliance on a company's oil and gas operations includes enabling entrepreneurs to identify new opportunities in the supply chain or for value-adding projects, developing the capacities of micro, small and medium enterprises and otherwise expanding the local oil and gas sector. It also seeks opportunities to create business clusters with other sectors that align with oil and gas, either further down the value chain or in its supply chains. Diversification of the local economy prepares it for

a time in the future when the oil or gas resources have been depleted and the company ceases its operations (see also SDGs 9 and 11).¹⁰⁵

Multi-stakeholder dialogue to promote development-orientated policies. Unless companies and policymakers communicate about industry and development priorities, government local content policies and company programmes to enhance local content may be sub-optimal for achieving SDG8. Policymakers can work to better understand the industry, and companies can become more familiar with a country's development goals. Development agencies can help facilitate this dialogue.

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[ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING LOCAL SKILLS GAPS: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—TANZANIA](#)

Tanzania has struggled to take advantage of the employment opportunities presented by its gas industry. It needs to increase the pool of local labour with skills that are up to international standards, qualifying individuals for semi-skilled employment opportunities in the field. The first step in addressing the issue is an assessment identifying gaps in the existing training and education system. For the Tanzania LNG Project, the five energy companies involved, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation, Shell, Statoil, ExxonMobil and Ophir Energy, collaborated with the Tanzania Vocational Education and Training Authority and VSO, an international NGO, to conduct a skills gap assessment of educational and vocational needs of the country's gas sector. While the focus of the assessment was on occupations in several disciplines relevant to gas, they were chosen for their transferability to other sectors. In addition to identifying gaps, the assessment also identified opportunities, priorities and recommendations for companies to take to address those gaps.

[COLLABORATING ON SKILLS FOR OIL AND GAS AFRICA: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—MOZAMBIQUE, TANZANIA, KENYA AND UGANDA](#)

Recent oil and gas discoveries in Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda offer opportunities for economic development, but these countries are poorly placed to benefit, owing to a lack of local skilled labour. Therefore, Total, Tullow, Eni, Shell, Anadarko, BP and the LNG Joint Venture group have come together to support the Skills for Oil and Gas Africa (SOGA) project, a partnership between the UK Department for International Development, the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. The SOGA project aims to get around 32,000 East Africa residents into sustainable work by 2020, with 35% of those women and 40% aged 15-24. SOGA plans to achieve this through investment in STEM teaching and TVET to give residents the skills to work in the oil and gas industry. The project will also support the development of local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to enable them to become part of the oil and gas supply chain.

[EMPOWERING WOMEN BY FACILITATING BANK SERVICES IN REMOTE AREAS: EXXONMOBIL—GLOBAL](#)

ExxonMobil's 2012 Roadmap for Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment found that one of the key issues facing women entrepreneurs was the challenge of accessing banking services due to geographic distance and high bank fees. As a result, the ExxonMobil Foundation, in partnership with TechnoServe, Mercy Corps and the Centre for Global Development, began a pilot programme to provide women entrepreneurs with access to bank services on their mobile phones. The programme provides mobile savings access and accompanying financial literacy training to 3,000 women farmers and entrepreneurs in Indonesia and Tanzania. The hope is that providing remote access to banking services will enable women to save more, invest their savings and therefore see increased business incomes.

[INDUSTRY GUIDANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL LOCAL CONTENT STRATEGIES: IPIECA—GLOBAL](#)

Local content can be a valuable tool for achieving shared value for the oil and gas industry and the communities in which it operates. However, realizing its full potential can be challenging, especially for smaller companies. In 2016 IPIECA published an updated second edition of its *Local Content Strategy: A guidance document for the oil and gas industry*. This guidance document supports the creation of shared value by outlining a local content approach that encourages producer countries, resource developers, their supply chain and other stakeholders to work collaboratively, recognizing the complicated interdependence of each party's efforts. The local content guidance has been one of IPIECA's two most downloaded publications, and serves to enable companies to maximize the value realized by the industry's local content efforts. There are a range of further initiatives aiming to define policies and practices for promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth. Other examples include the OECD's Policy Dialogue on Natural Resource-based Development, a group that includes companies, governments and civil society organizations which have developed a framework to help formulate and implement collaborative strategies for shared resource-based value creation.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



OIL AND GAS + INFRASTRUCTURE

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Upgrade infrastructure and technology to make them sustainable
- Evaluate potential opportunities for shared use infrastructure

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Enhance technological capabilities and knowledge transfer
- Expand off-grid energy access

GOAL 9

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Economic growth is dependent on local infrastructure and sustainable industrialization. Development requires basic energy, transportation, sanitation, health and communications infrastructure. Addressing the economic and environmental challenges of development also requires technology and innovation. However, many emerging economies face outdated, overburdened or non-existent infrastructure and a lack of technological skills or the institutions to teach them. Investment in infrastructure and innovation is critical for sustainable growth, poverty reduction and public health.

Robust and quality infrastructure has spill-over effects for the entire economy. It creates efficiencies and decreases operational costs, with benefits for all—including the oil and gas industry. In contrast, poor infrastructure poses obstacles, raises investment costs and increases the risk profile of oil and gas projects. The oil and gas industry often invests significantly in infrastructure such as roads, telecommunications, ports and local power to enable its operations. Building shared-use infrastructure, whereby the oil and gas industry allows other stakeholders to use the infrastructure created for its operations, can be a cost-effective way to improve infrastructure access while also benefiting local communities. Furthermore, the oil and gas industry can contribute to improved domestic technological capabilities and greater industrial diversification which, in addition to promoting broad-based economic growth, benefit companies by increasing local capacity to support operations.

KEY UN SDG9 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 9.1** Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all.
- 9.2** Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and, by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product, in line with national circumstances, and double its share in least developed countries.
- 9.3** Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.
- 9.4** By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities.
- 9.5** Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending.
- 9.b** Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries, including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for, inter alia, industrial diversification and value addition to commodities.

Integrate SDG9 into core business

Upgrade infrastructure and technology to make them sustainable. Technological advancements and efficient infrastructure are paths to meeting energy demand while avoiding or reducing environmental and social impacts and related risks. Ensuring that infrastructure is climate-resilient is key to supporting adaptation to climate change. Additionally, by applying new, more efficient techniques for finding and producing oil and gas, companies can improve the environmental and social stewardship of their entire value chain. Examples of these techniques include multi-well drilling and production pads with a smaller environmental footprint, co-generation to improve energy efficiency, development of fuel cells and biofuels, and CCS.¹⁰⁶ For more on energy efficiency and energy access efforts by oil and gas companies, see SDGs 7 and 13.

Evaluate potential opportunities for shared use infrastructure. Lack of infrastructure such as power plants, water treatment facilities and roads and ports, and a lack of funding for large-scale infrastructure investments, inhibit economic development and human well-being. In some instances, these cause the delay or cancellation of oil and gas projects. Developing infrastructure in conjunction with a host government often results in cost savings and other benefits. Oil and gas companies also can provide opportunities to leverage economies of scale or scope. For example, in most instances, a shared infrastructure investment at a larger scale is less costly overall than investing in two separate, adjacent solutions. Likewise, completing two discrete but adjoining infrastructure projects (for example, laying out fibre-optic cables when constructing a pipeline) concurrently can also reduce overall costs. A shared-use approach has the greatest chance for success if governments and other key stakeholders are consulted and development planning begins at the earliest stages of a project (see also SDGs 2 and 5).¹⁰⁷

Collaborate and leverage

Enhance technological capabilities and knowledge transfer. The complexity of oil and gas operations requires a high level of technology and expertise, which makes it more challenging for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) to join the value chain. Capacity-building to develop SMEs and integrate them into local procurement channels promotes inclusive industrialization (see SDG8). Another way is to support STEM education and skills development (see SDG4). The oil and gas industry is investing in new technologies that increase energy efficiency and conservation and are low-carbon and climate-resilient in nature. With emerging economies expected to help drive energy demand, it is particularly important that these advancements are made and shared in the near future. Transfer can take place through licensing or selling technologies to local companies or suppliers. Other transfer routes include joint research and development efforts, joint ventures, partnerships between international and state-owned oil companies, academic exchanges or public-private partnerships.¹⁰⁸

Expand off-grid energy access. In rural and isolated areas with low demand and little or no existing energy infrastructure, extending an electricity grid may not be feasible or practical. In these areas, energy needs—particularly for cooking and heating—are typically met through biomass, notably charcoal, which can cause health or environmental problems. Micro-grids, cleaner fuels such as butane, and renewable energy technologies such as solar and wind power are solutions that can provide the reliable, affordable energy needed for development, while addressing important societal challenges such as climate change and poverty. Such initiatives also offer a path towards balancing the growing energy needs of emerging countries with action on climate.¹⁰⁹

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[BRINGING SHARED-USE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE: PETRONAS—MALAYSIA](#)

Access to internet and telecommunications technology (ICT) infrastructure is important for bringing developing countries out of poverty, yet many households in developing countries do not have any internet access. ICT infrastructure is also important for improving efficiency and savings for oil and gas companies. Therefore, Petronas, Malaysia's national oil company, partnered in a joint venture with one of the country's main telecommunications companies, Celcom, to build a trunk fibre-optic network along a gas pipeline route. This benefits Petronas by meeting the company's IT and telecom needs, while Celcom can lease the spare capacity to mobile service operators and other companies. The 1,400 km of cables now provide coverage for almost 90% of the country.

[IMPROVING LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE BY PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE OFF-GRID ENERGY: SHELL—PHILIPPINES](#)

The indigenous Batak community on Palawan island in the Philippines is isolated in the jungle and so lacked access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy. As part of its Access to Energy Initiative, Shell established a micro-grid that the Batak community sustainably operates using a hydropower generator supplemented by solar power and linked to rechargeable batteries to provide electricity. As a result, the whole community has sufficient electricity, all of which is cheaply provided and sustainably produced.

[LOCAL PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—ANGOLA](#)

Angola has few potential suppliers and business services. Therefore, Chevron, BP, ExxonMobil and Total partnered with state oil company Sonangol and a US-based NGO, PYXERA Global (then called Citizens Development Corps), to establish Centro de Apoio Empresarial (CAE), an enterprise development project. The CAE programme offered business training and advisory services to Angolan businesses and a certified directory of qualified suppliers and company liaison services to the multinational oil and gas companies. Between 2005 and 2010, 312 contracts totalling USD \$212 million were awarded to Angolan businesses in the programme.

[PARTNERING FOR EFFICIENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: REPSOL—GLOBAL](#)

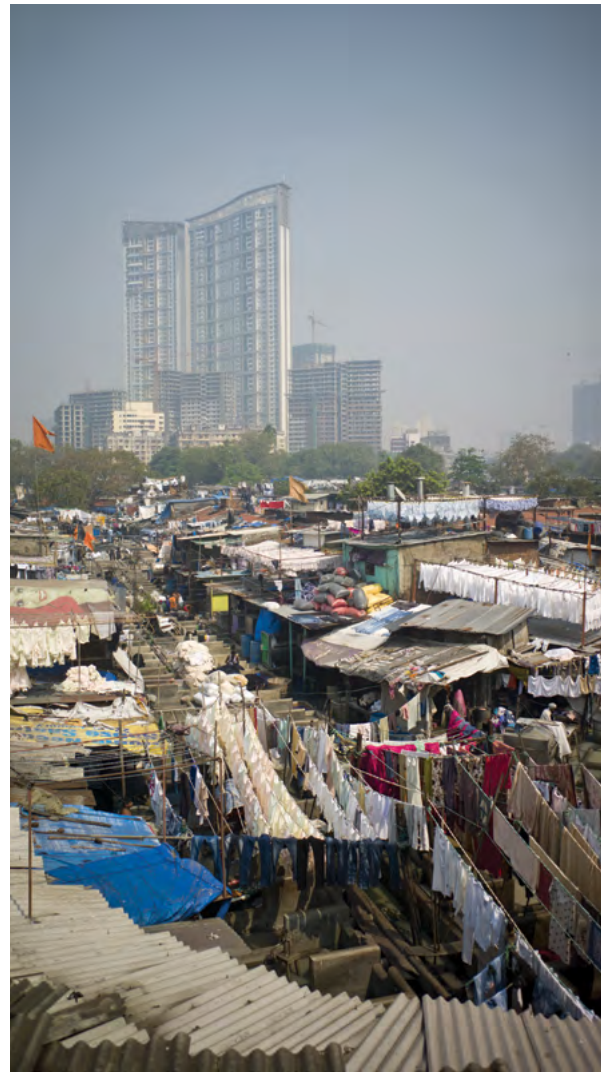
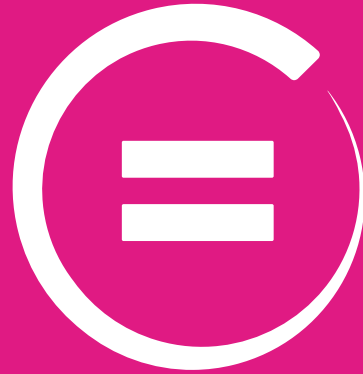
Fundación Repsol runs an Entrepreneurs Fund aimed at supporting entrepreneurs with innovative technological projects in the field of energy and energy efficiency. Additionally, since 2011 Fundación Repsol has been working in partnership with the BC3, Basque Centre for Climate Change, a think tank and research institute rated second in world rankings created by the International Center for Climate Change Governance (ICCG). The BC3 promotes research on the causes and consequences of climate change. Fundación Repsol has worked in partnership with the BC3 and the University of the Basque Country to develop the Low Carbon Program, aimed at finding ways of using energy more efficiently. The programme includes: developing a doctoral thesis, producing publications aimed at both the general public and academics, and organizing an annual workshop.

[WORKING WITH ACADEMIA TO ENHANCE TECHNICAL TRAINING: STATOIL—RUSSIA](#)

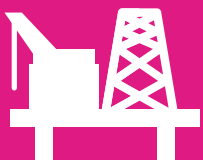
Meeting the demand for skilled personnel in the oil and gas industry in Russia requires stronger vocational training and education. Therefore, Statoil is collaborating with several universities in Russia to build a degree programme on petroleum management. The efforts include providing technical assistance to Pomor State University towards developing a petroleum management-focused Bachelor of Business Administration degree and building staff capacity at the university. The Norwegian University of Science and Technology has been responsible for the project's execution, with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs covering half the external costs and Statoil the rest. Since the programme's inception, the number of course entrants has doubled.



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



OIL AND GAS + REDUCED INEQUALITIES



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Ensure full and transparent tax payments
- Assess inequality impacts in project planning
- Set expectations and communicate with local communities

- Mitigate the impacts of climate change

- Provide access to energy

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Enhance revenue management and improve local governance

GOAL 10

Reduce inequality within and among countries

Oil and gas development and access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy significantly and positively impact economic growth and human well-being. Revenues from the production of oil and gas resources, foreign direct investment and establishment of supply industries can be used to reduce poverty. They can also support social developments that promote equality, for example, in access to health services and education.

At the same time, many resource-rich countries with weak governance and lack of transparency have not been able to drive inclusive growth and reduce income inequality.¹¹⁰ The development of the oil and gas sector, especially when a dominant part of the economy, can increase the value of local currency reducing the international competitiveness of other, often more employment-intensive, sectors. This can contribute to increased inequalities, as can uneven distribution of oil and gas revenues at the national, sub-national or local level. As a result, it can be that some regions or groups benefit, while others are excluded.¹¹¹ Growing inequality can ultimately threaten social and political stability and lead to conflict.¹¹²

Transparency enables greater accountability in the management of public and social resources, so curbing corruption. By promoting increased accountability, transparency supports greater economic efficiency, better sector and host country governance and, ultimately, a fairer distribution of economic rents across society. The oil and gas industry has an important role to play in promoting transparency and operating accordingly, in compliance with global standards and applicable regulatory requirements. SDG10 seeks to remedy income disparity and the underlying inequality of opportunities that leads to it.¹¹³

KEY UN SDG10 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

10.1 By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average.

10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.

Integrate SDG10 into core business

Ensure full and transparent tax payments. Governments in resource-rich, emerging economies can depend heavily on the revenue from oil and gas extraction, and this can fund long-term investment projects that can facilitate economic growth and reduce inequality. Transparency regarding these payments and transfers is useful in checking whether transfers have indeed occurred and in holding companies and governments (at the national, provincial and local level) to account.¹¹⁴ How oil and gas companies can contribute to addressing this issue is discussed in SDG16.¹¹⁵

Assess inequality impacts in project planning. Economic growth is not necessarily uniform; it can vary between regions, genders, and ethnic, religious and age groups. Oil and gas activities can shift existing income distributions, which can create problems for vulnerable groups such as women, older or low-skilled workers who might be less capable of transitioning to new job opportunities. The resultant inequality can, in some situations, potentially lead to violence or instability which, in turn, might have negative impacts on oil and gas operation. Understanding such dynamics and taking them into account when designing benefit-sharing arrangements makes social investments and their impacts more sustainable in the long run. Predicting and managing inclusive growth, particularly when dealing with the large potential windfalls of oil and gas revenues, is a difficult challenge. Conducting socio-economic and human rights impact assessments

can identify marginalized groups who could face heightened risks and more severe negative impacts, and who may require special consideration and mitigation measures. Such assessments help guide a company's strategy for its local socio-economic initiatives. Based on assessment findings, companies can shape their approach so that programmes, such as local employment and procurement, training, and investments in local development and infrastructure, encompass marginalized and vulnerable groups.¹¹⁶

Set expectations and communicate with local communities. Inequality can potentially threaten social and political stability at both the local level near an oil and gas facility and more generally at the national level. The causes could include the disconnect between the economic impact of an oil or gas activity and local expectations, or unequal revenue distribution. This can lead to frustration and increased social tensions, even when incomes are rising and income inequality is actually narrowing. The possibility that this frustration is expressed through violence or instability can be higher when the affected groups are distinct (ethnically, religiously, etc.) and have little influence over a government, and particularly when there is existing support for separatist, extremist or independence movements.¹¹⁷ Revenue transparency and stakeholder engagement featuring inclusive dialogue can help avoid increasing tensions by setting reasonable expectations related to the potential local and national benefits of an oil and gas venture and identifying ways a company and local communities can best work together.



Mitigate the impacts of climate change. Climate change may exacerbate inequality, as poor people tend to be the most vulnerable to its impacts.¹¹⁸ Women, rural communities and marginalized or indigenous groups are more heavily reliant on agriculture and wild resources, which can be climate-sensitive by their very nature. Such groups are often poorly-equipped to deal with the consequences of natural disasters and deserve particular attention as a result (for more on actions oil and gas companies can take to help address climate change, see SDG13.)¹¹⁹

Provide access to energy. Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy is essential for economic growth, employment, education, poverty reduction, and health and safety. This access also contributes to a reduction of inequalities across societies. On the one hand, expanded energy services in the poorest countries are absolutely vital for their development; without access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, the rest of the SDGs, and the end of poverty, are unachievable. On the other hand, the mass scale-up of modern energy services in developing countries will need to be balanced by all countries against the global goal of addressing the risks of climate change. Lack of access to energy may exacerbate inequality, as poor people tend to be the most affected. Oil and gas companies can provide access to energy for low income and excluded groups by, for example, exploring opportunities for shared-use energy infrastructure or by providing affordable clean energy solutions, including renewable energy solutions (see SDG7).

Collaborate and leverage

Enhance revenue management and improve local governance. Extractive companies generate revenue through payment of taxes and royalties to government, but sometimes these contributions are not seen or felt by local populations. Typically, tax revenue contributes to a national pool; when targeted locally, such revenues may be difficult to track, owing to weak government-capacity or a lack of transparency. Companies and responsible local authorities share a common interest: namely that resources paid are invested wisely to benefit the local population. Increasing local benefits may help local authorities to secure their political mandate and support a company's social licence to operate. Moreover, helping governments to invest prudently and provide essential public services alleviates the pressure on the private sector to compensate for an underperforming public sector. Governments also need capacity to understand and anticipate how oil and gas revenues will affect income distribution and how to best direct resource revenues to achieve broader economic growth and avoid 'Dutch Disease'—where oil and gas development causes an influx of foreign currency that increases the value of national currency, making national industries less competitive.¹²⁰ Through its revenue management programmes, IFC has gathered useful lessons with respect to building local government capacity and promoting civil society demand for good governance.¹²¹

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[IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES BY ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND: REPSOL—BOLIVIA](#)

Repsol made an Agreement of Friendship and Cooperation with the Assembly of the Guarani People of Itika Guasu (APG-IG). This commits Repsol to making financial contributions towards the development of the APG-IG and the communities it represents through establishment of a USD \$14.8 million investment fund. This is the first investment fund with an indigenous organization in Latin America and income obtained will be invested in areas such as health, education, housing and economic development.

[INCLUSIVE OPERATIONS—EMPLOYING LOCAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: BP—INDONESIA](#)

Tangguh is Indonesia's second-largest LNG supply facility. With the advent of an expansion project, there was a need to understand how any new activity could impact the local community, particularly the indigenous Papuan community. BP consulted with 62 villages in the Bintuni Bay area to discuss the project and better understand local concerns and requests. The assessment highlighted that the increased industrialization could lead to socioeconomic change that might potentially marginalize the Papuan community. In response, BP altered its approach to engaging with the local community and developing its social programmes; expanding the scope beyond villages in the immediate vicinity of the facility to include members of all four indigenous tribes that reside in the coastal area. In an effort to empower indigenous people, BP supported the establishment of two sustainable businesses: one that manufactures uniforms for Tangguh's workers and others, and another that will provide air-conditioning maintenance to service the growing local industry. BP is also working to build the local indigenous workforce and has committed to an 85%-Papuan workforce by 2029. To achieve this goal, the company developed an internship programme to recruit university graduates from Papua and Papua Barat for BP's Tangguh LNG site. This gives graduates from a variety of disciplines—such as electrical and mechanical engineering, geology and economics—hands-on experience to prepare them for future careers at BP or one of its business partners. More than 55 Papuan graduates have been recruited since the internship programme began in 2009. Currently, 55% of the workforce are Indonesian nationals from the Papuan province.

[INCREASING OPENNESS IN CONTRACTING: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Multilateral development institutions have adopted more stringent requirements for supporting investments in extractive industries. For example, since the early 2010s IFC has required its extractive industry clients to publicly disclose contracts or a summary of key terms as well as material payments made to governments. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development established a very similar rule for hydrocarbons investments in its 2013 Energy Strategy. The Open Contracting Partnership also advocates for public contracts and supports the adoption of the Open Contracting Data Standard (for more on transparency see SDG16).

[PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES BY BRINGING STEM EDUCATION TO INDIGENOUS CHILDREN: CHEVRON—AUSTRALIA](#)

Chevron Australia is supporting programmes and initiatives to engage children in science, technology, art and innovation. Since 2006, Chevron Australia and Scitech have delivered an innovative science education programme that inspires students to consider and pursue careers in the oil and gas industry. The Aboriginal Education Program aims to create a measurable change in the level of engagement in science education among Aboriginal schoolchildren in remote communities. Scitech overcomes geographical, cultural and socioeconomic barriers by travelling to remote locations to involve Aboriginal schoolchildren in culturally-appropriate STEM education. The programme has brought science workshops and professional learning sessions to more than 6,500 students and teachers.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



OIL AND GAS + SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage*
- *Address risks related to operations in urban environments*
- *Support inclusive and sustainable urbanization in communities near operations*

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- *Coordinate planning for urban and regional development*

GOAL 11

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

More than half the world's population lives in urban areas, and this figure is expected to grow to approximately two-thirds by 2050. Cities are responsible for 70-80% of the world's economic output and 80% of its energy consumption and GHG production.¹²² As a result, adapting to changing patterns of energy use and providing access to energy differently will be necessary to meet the sustainable development agenda.

Opportunities exist for more integrated infrastructure, more efficient municipal and residential energy usage, and the development of more effective public transportation systems. Governments can use revenues from oil and gas production to invest in making cities and human settlements more sustainable. Oil and gas companies can provide inputs to the long-term planning for sustainable urban development.¹²³ This can involve identifying opportunities to improve how cities generate and utilize energy, use infrastructure, reduce waste and decrease their carbon footprint. Companies can also provide cleaner and more efficient power generation through the increased provision of natural gas, improved energy efficiency and the use of CCS technology (see SDG7). Anticipation and mitigation by companies can also help address the issues that can accompany the urbanization that often occurs around oil and gas developments.

Furthermore, some 11 million people live in or near cultural and natural World Heritage sites and depend on them for food, water and jobs. Many World Heritage sites are impacted by industrial activities and operations, including oil and gas exploration and extraction. The World Heritage Committee has established a position that mineral, oil and gas exploration or development is incompatible with World Heritage site status, and "urges all States Parties to the [World Heritage] Convention and leading industry stakeholders, to respect the "No-go" commitment by not permitting extractives activities within World Heritage properties, and by making every effort to ensure that extractives companies located in their territory cause no damage to World Heritage properties."¹²⁴ This position is an important consideration for companies when assessing opportunities in or near World Heritage sites.

KEY UN SDG11 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries.

11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.

11.6 By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management.

11.a Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, peri-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning.

11.b By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, develop and implement, in line with the forthcoming Hyogo Framework, holistic disaster risk management at all levels.



Integrate SDG11 into core business

Protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage. The oil and gas industry recognizes that its activities can potentially affect the culture and traditions of local communities—particularly indigenous communities—by disrupting traditional practices or damaging areas of archaeological, historical, artistic or religious significance. Similarly, the industry can potentially impact natural heritage, which is equally important for people's livelihoods and well-being.¹²⁵ To avoid this, the industry can implement cultural and natural heritage management and preservation processes, developed with stakeholders' input. Such activity protects traditional practices and the tangible aspects of local cultures while enhancing a company's social licence to operate. Where there is a potential for impact on designated World Heritage sites, companies should conduct strategic environmental assessments and incorporate cultural heritage into environmental, social and health impact assessments (ESHIA) as well as conducting human rights due diligence in full compliance with international norms and standards and industry good practice. Heritage management plans can be developed and social investments could be made in support of cultural preservation efforts.¹²⁶ The UNESCO World Heritage Council's "no-go" position is an important consideration for companies when assessing opportunities in or near World Heritage sites.

Address risks related to operations in urban environments. Increased urban development can lead to urban encroachment on oil and gas operations. To address the increased risks and costs that can be associated with oil and gas operations located near urban centres, companies can be proactive in planning how to address such risks at the earliest stages of the development planning process. This involves building engagement channels with stakeholders, including local communities and public and municipal officials.¹²⁷ Operating facilities near urban areas may also necessitate the implementation of enhanced safeguards.¹²⁸ These include creating 'buffer zones' to provide a separation from homes, schools and businesses; developing and periodically revisiting emergency response plans for dealing with accidents; and undertaking regular information-sharing and public engagement campaigns targeting local residents, business owners and municipal officials.¹²⁹ Studies show that low-income and minority communities are more vulnerable to the impacts of oil and gas industry activities near urban areas.¹³⁰ Therefore, companies with new projects or facility expansions should plan ahead to reduce the potential of negative impacts on these communities in particular.

Support inclusive and sustainable urbanization in communities near operations. Some oil and gas projects in some locations attract job seekers and entrepreneurs from outside the area. Companies recognize that such sudden population growth can overrun existing communities and overwhelm local governments. It can also affect a community's ability to access health, clean water, education and traditional livelihoods. Inward migration can also bring a range of social issues including crime, breakdowns in established social networks and disproportionately negative impacts on women. Increasingly, companies are taking these issues into account and working with stakeholders at early stages in the development planning process.

Much of this involves companies leveraging their experience of working with local government and communities to plan and monitor growth and to develop and implement mitigation strategies, if warranted. This includes partnering with local organizations on public health campaigns or devising temporary housing strategies that meet short-term needs without requiring investment in infrastructure

that will not be needed after an intense construction period. Through economic growth, local content and education initiatives (discussed further in other SDGs), companies can help communities diversify their economies and prepare for the inevitable transition to the operations phase of an asset and, ultimately, project-closure.

Collaborate and leverage

Coordinate planning for urban and regional development. Historically, cities have often grown organically, but future sustainable urban development will require more rigorous planning and coordination. In the future, cities will need to address energy inefficiencies through high-efficiency municipal and residential systems, robust public transportation systems, improved waste management and integrated infrastructure. To that end, oil and gas companies can identify opportunities for shared-use urban infrastructure and participate in multi-stakeholder efforts to address the issue of urban air quality (see also SDGs 7 and 9).¹³¹

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[ENERGY-EFFICIENT HYDROGEN-BASED TRANSPORT: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Hydrogen is potentially an important low-carbon transport fuel. Hydrogen-electric vehicles are quick to refuel and can cover a similar range to conventional cars. Hydrogen-electric vehicles could also help improve local air quality, as they produce water rather than polluting emissions from the exhaust. In the future, when electricity from renewable sources is used to produce the hydrogen, these cars could generate close to no carbon emissions. Shell is taking part in several initiatives to encourage the adoption of hydrogen-electric energy as a transport fuel. In Germany, for example, the government is supporting the deployment of a national network of hydrogen-electric fuelling stations across the country by 2023. Shell is working on this project with joint venture partners H2 Mobility Germany—Air Liquide, Daimler, Linde, OMV and Total. The group currently operates three hydrogen-filling stations in Germany and has two hydrogen-filling stations in Los Angeles, California. The potential for similar projects in the USA, UK, Switzerland, Austria, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands is being assessed.

[REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CLEAN FUELS AND VEHICLES: IPIECA—GLOBAL](#)

Lead can present serious environmental health problems, with potential impacts including increased blood pressure, higher risk of cardiovascular disease, and delayed mental and physical development. The removal of lead is important to public welfare and is being made possible through the introduction of widely-available vehicle catalytic exhaust technology. The result is improved air quality. In 2002, IPIECA joined with numerous international organizations, governments, industry associations and NGOs to establish the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV). The PCFV was established with three key objectives: phase out leaded gasoline worldwide; reduce fuel sulphur levels to less than 50 parts per million (in some countries the average sulphur levels in fuels may reach 10,000 parts per million¹³²); and introduce vehicles emissions standards alongside these cleaner fuels. The PCFV holds regional, sub-regional and in-country planning and technical workshops, produces guidance documents and engages with government decision makers. By these means, the PCFV succeeded in enabling sub-Saharan African countries to phase out leaded gasoline by December 2005. By 2015, the PCFV achieved a lead reduction of an estimated 190,690 metric tonnes, with only three countries still using leaded gasoline. Significant progress has also been made in reducing sulphur levels. Alongside PCFV, IPIECA developed a guide on Fuel sulphur: strategies and options for enabling clean fuels and vehicles.¹³³

[WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY: EXXONMOBIL—USA](#)

New York City's Greenpoint neighbourhood was seriously harmed by petroleum contamination during the first half of the 20th century. ExxonMobil has been undertaking a complex decades-long remediation project in the area, alongside supporting urban development to make Greenpoint a more sustainable community. The dual-pump recovery system has proven most effective in remediation efforts, which have also involved water treatment and addressing soil vapour issues. Additional initiatives have included funding and STEM support for local schools, projects to rehabilitate local parks, support for Greenpoint Library and the local YMCA, and providing uniforms and equipment for auxiliary officers of the New York Police Department.



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION






OIL AND GAS + RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Integrate product stewardship approach*
- *Introduce environmentally-sound and efficient chemical and waste management*
- *Improve supply chain sustainability*

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- *Coordinate approaches to sustainability*

GOAL 12

Responsible consumption and production—ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Economic and population growth increases demand for resources that may already be stretched or, in some cases, fail to meet basic needs. Improving resource efficiency in production, consumption and supply chains is necessary, but will be insufficient to match the anticipated growth in demand. Changing consumption and waste patterns, particularly consumer lifestyles in the growing global middle-class and in industrialized countries, is essential for sustainable management of the world's resources (such as in a 'circular economy', in which we keep resources in use for as long as possible, extract the maximum value from them whilst in use, then recover and regenerate products and materials at the end of each service life).¹³⁴

Responsible consumption is an important issue for the oil and gas industry. The industry benefits from increased energy efficiency, particularly in less-accessible and more energy-intensive operations. Economic growth also results in increased energy demand. Addressing the much larger issue of energy demand by improving energy efficiency, resource conservation and use of renewable energy resources requires a shift in consumer behaviour. One way to encourage this could be through a uniform price on carbon. Another way to achieve this is to eliminate the fossil fuel subsidies that exist in some producing countries. Such subsidies encourage waste and discourage growth in low-carbon alternatives. Companies are helping to meet sustainability challenges by mitigating the impacts and improving the efficiency of their operations and by supporting energy efficiency through a variety of methods. These include implementing product stewardship principles, eliminating routine gas flaring, ensuring effective management of chemicals and waste, employing directional drilling when necessary and feasible, developing cleaner fuels, and sharing energy efficiency knowledge and building capacity among consumers.

KEY UN SDG12 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 12.2** By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources.
- 12.4** By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment.
- 12.5** By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.
- 12.6** Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle.
- 12.8** By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature.
- 12.a** Support developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production.
- 12.c** Rationalize inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption by removing market distortions, in accordance with national circumstances, including by restructuring taxation and phasing out those harmful subsidies, where they exist, to reflect their environmental impacts, taking fully into account the specific needs and conditions of developing countries and minimizing the possible adverse impacts on their development in a manner that protects the poor and the affected communities.

■ Integrate SDG12 into core business

Integrate product stewardship approach. The oil and gas industry produces more than fuel. Other essential products include lubricants, asphalt, paraffin wax and raw materials for other sectors, such as agriculture, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.¹³⁵ To understand and address the full environmental and social footprint of their products, oil and gas companies often examine not just their own operations but their products' entire lifecycle, from resource extraction and production to marketing and distribution to end-use. By incorporating the concept of product stewardship—an approach to managing the impacts of products throughout their lifecycle—into their management systems, oil and gas companies are better able to meet their own sustainability objectives as well as those of their suppliers, distributors and customers. This involves the integration of robust waste management processes throughout the value chain, including transporting, storing, processing, recycling, recovery and end-of-life disposal of waste. Companies can also reduce costs, increase recycling and energy recovery rates, and improve efficiency.¹³⁶

Introduce environmentally-sound and efficient chemical and waste management. Sustainable production begins with operational efficiency; i.e. minimizing inputs, including energy and water (see SDG7). It extends to reducing waste outputs, such as wastewater discharges and emissions, as well as the sound management of chemicals, throughout the entire oil and gas industry value chain. Robust chemical and waste management processes

integrated throughout the value chain maximize efficiencies and reduce risks and costs. For example, the waste output of plastics is being reduced using technologies that convert the high-energy content of plastics at the end of their product life into useful new products such as fuels or feedstock for new plastics. This reduces waste and the need for new inputs while increasing efficiency.¹³⁷

Improve supply chain sustainability. Given their reliance on the inputs provided by suppliers and contractors, oil and gas companies typically ensure that, in addition to business requirements, the social and environmental standards of vendors throughout their supply chain align with those of the company. Such alignment is usually specified in supplier contracts. Also, by coordinating supply chain logistics and emphasizing the preference to have suppliers close to operations, companies shorten the supply chain, which improves environmental, social and economic sustainability.¹³⁸

■ Collaborate and leverage

Coordinate approaches to sustainability. The combined effort of multiple stakeholders is required to improve patterns of oil and gas consumption. Coordinated approaches between oil and gas companies, governments and NGOs, such as IPIECA's Fuels and Products Working Group, facilitate addressing issues related to fuel-sustainable mobility, future fuel consumption issues and their impacts. Working together, all involved help to develop good practices, achieve consensus and inform regulatory standards.¹³⁹

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Case studies and initiatives

[ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT: API—GLOBAL](#)

The American Petroleum Institute (API), the USA-based national oil and gas trade association, is working with the United Nations Environment Programme Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to ensure that chemicals are used and managed safely and efficiently. By contributing to, and aligning its efforts with, SAICM goals, API is assisting in the enhancement of chemical management capacities in developing countries and in the harmonization of global chemical management policies. API requires its members to follow its environmental principles, including those on chemical management, and works with governments and other stakeholders to develop relevant laws and policies.

[FINDING USES FOR WASTE PRODUCTS—CO₂ AS A RAW MATERIAL: REPSOL—GLOBAL](#)

As a result of improving carbon capture technology, there are greater opportunities for CO₂ utilization. Therefore, Repsol has focused on developing a new class of eco-design polymers for which CO₂ is a raw material: polycarbonate polyols. A full lifecycle assessment of the polycarbonate polyol methodology was performed to assess the environmental impact of the system across a range of impact categories, such as global warming, abiotic depletion, freshwater eco-toxicity and human toxicity. The conclusion was that, compared to conventional polyols and alternative polycarbonate polyols, Repsol's proposed system had the best overall performance across the environmental impacts analysed.

[MAKING MORE EFFICIENT USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH COGENERATION: EXXONMOBIL—GLOBAL](#)

Cogeneration technology captures heat generated from the production of electricity for use in production, refining and chemical processing operations. Due to its inherent energy efficiency, cogeneration leads to reduced GHG emissions. ExxonMobil has interests in approximately 5,500 megawatts of cogeneration capacity in more than 100 installations at more than 30 locations around the world. This capacity is equivalent to the annual energy needed to power 2.5 million homes in the USA. The company's cogeneration facilities stop approximately six million metric tonnes per year of GHG emissions from entering the atmosphere.

[PLASTIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN: EQUATE—KUWAIT](#)

EQUATE is global producer of petrochemicals. As a manufacturer of the basic materials used in plastic products, EQUATE recognizes the importance of educating the public on responsible plastic use and recycling opportunities. Since 2015, EQUATE has worked with its own employees and, later, high school students to increase awareness of plastic usage. In the third quarter of 2017, EQUATE will launch a public awareness campaign targeting the general public. This campaign supports awareness on sustainable development generally and in particular sustainable consumption patterns under SDG 12.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



OIL AND GAS + CLIMATE ACTION



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Plan strategically for a net-zero emissions future
- Self-assess carbon resiliency
- Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change impacts
- Mitigate emissions within oil and gas operations

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Partner in research and development and education outreach
- Support effective policy measures
- Help consumers lower their emissions

GOAL 13

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.

Economic and population growth, combined with reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil, and gas), have driven the increase in anthropogenic GHG emissions since the start of the industrial age. The resultant concentrations of CO₂, nitrous oxide (N₂O) and methane (CH₄) in the atmosphere have contributed to global warming. CO₂ emissions, of which around 80% are from fossil fuel use,¹⁴⁰ are estimated to account for more than half of global warming. SDG13 focuses on addressing these issues in the context of global development, using the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as a channel for generating discussion and agreement around these topics.¹⁴¹

In December 2015, Parties to the UNFCCC came together in Paris for the 21st Conference of Parties (COP 21). After years of negotiations, parties to the UNFCCC committed to 'prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions' (NDCs) and to 'communicate nationally determined contributions every five years'. Additionally, Parties agreed to 'regularly provide... a national inventory report of anthropogenic emissions' and provide 'information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its NDC'.¹⁴² In addition to these key commitments, the Agreement also calls on countries to facilitate the advancement of adaptation, mobilization and flow of finance, and technology transfer.

COP 21 resulted in a global agreement which, for the first time, committed all Parties to take action on climate change. The core aim of the agreement is: 'to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change' by 'holding the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels'. This includes 'increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience' and 'making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low GHG emission and climate-resilient development.'

As noted in the Paris Agreement, achieving these aims involves achieving a 'balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century'.¹⁴³ This is often referred to as achieving net-zero GHG emissions.

A net-zero GHG emission world entails at least two major changes. First, GHG emissions from all sources, but most importantly from fossil fuel use given its prominent contribution to climate change, will need to be reduced dramatically.¹⁴⁴ Demand for fossil-fuel based energy and consumer behaviour will need to adjust. All major technological approaches—energy efficiency, renewables, large-scale CCS, nuclear power, and others—will have a role to play. Second, residual GHG emissions will need to be offset either through the enhanced use of natural carbon sinks (i.e. environmental formations that absorb and store more CO₂ from the atmosphere than they release) or through technologies such as bioenergy with CCS. The protection of existing natural carbon sinks and the development of new ones, such as purposely-planted forests, will be especially important until CCS becomes economically viable for large-scale deployment.

While the Paris Agreement was a significant political step in universally acknowledging and addressing the risks of climate change, it is clear that additional action beyond the current NDCs will be needed to achieve the aims of the Agreement. Where current NDCs generally cover the timeframe to 2030, their projected aggregate impacts, without further action, are widely recognized as inadequate to achieve temperature rise well-below the 2°C aim. Acknowledging the need for greater effort, each country has agreed to increase the ambition of their NDCs at five-year intervals. Countries have also been called upon to prepare long-term low-emission development strategies to the middle of the century.

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The enormity of the energy challenge should not be underestimated. Energy is at the heart of the modern economy and essential to achieve the SDGs. As recognized in SDG7, countries need affordable and reliable energy to run modern economies. Countries want to ensure that the transition to net-zero emissions will not sacrifice economic development, high employment and other social objectives. Moving from a high-emission world economy to a net-zero emission economy over the course of the century will require concerted scale-up actions by government, business and civil society.

To help implement some of the elements that will be needed to reach a net-zero emission future, the oil and gas industry has a unique role to play. In the near term, natural gas can serve as an effective transition fuel, helping countries to switch from coal-fired power to a cleaner alternative while, in parallel, the industry continues and increases its efforts to manage the methane emissions associated with natural gas production. Longer term, given the industry's global leadership in petroleum geology, resource extraction and pipeline transmission, the industry has a vital role in testing the feasibility of large-scale CCS. Indeed, the oil and gas industry may be the only sector with the requisite expertise and global scale of operations to develop and implement large-scale CCS within a public-private partnership framework. Moreover, oil and gas companies are well positioned to be leaders in the effort to adapt and strengthen resilience to the effects and risks of climate change and reduce impacts.

KEY UN SDG13 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

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| <p>13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.</p> <p>13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.</p> <p>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.</p> <p>13.a Implement the commitment undertaken by developed-country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to a</p> | <p>goal of mobilizing jointly \$100 billion annually by 2020 from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund through its capitalization as soon as possible.</p> <p>13.b Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities.</p> |
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■ Integrate SDG13 into core business

Plan strategically for a net-zero emissions future.

The aims of the Paris Agreement envision governments developing comprehensive national strategies to significantly reduce GHG emissions. The transformation will be a process over several decades that will require long-term planning. The long operational lifespan of oil and gas infrastructure means that prospective investments should be considered in light of emissions scenarios decades ahead.¹⁴⁵ Business strategies will need to harmonize with national strategies, including the NDCs to 2030 and the Long-Term Low Greenhouse Gas Emission Development Strategies to 2050, as called for in the Paris Agreement. With that in mind, companies could consider their current resources, infrastructure investments, future fossil fuel demand, technology, and research and development. All of this helps to identify strategies that take into account the transition of the global energy system. Companies can work with governments, academia and civil society to promote supporting technologies, such as large-scale CCS, in an effort to contribute to the policies and actions needed for cost-effective, technology-based pathways to the global aims.

Self-assess carbon resiliency. The Paris Agreement recognized that countries need to assess their vulnerabilities to climate change and undertake adaptation planning processes.¹⁴⁶ Similarly, oil and gas companies may consider developing a comprehensive understanding of the implications of climate change for their businesses.¹⁴⁷ This includes the implications of the economic and physical risks of climate change for their infrastructure and operations across a range of scenarios. A growing number of companies are setting internal shadow prices on their carbon emissions as a tool for screening projects and identifying impacts of potential carbon tax or reduction regulations in the future.¹⁴⁸ Setting different carbon prices to forecast the effects of possible future government emission restrictions (such as mandatory carbon pricing) or levels of demand scenarios can help inform companies' investment decision-making, risk assessment and adaptation processes.

Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate change impacts. Climate change may impact a company's infrastructure, assets, operations and supply chains.¹⁴⁹ For example, rising sea levels may threaten offshore facilities or pipelines in coastal areas. To improve the resilience of their facilities and local infrastructure, companies are

considering, identifying and evaluating a wide variety of risks, including those that may be influenced by climate change. Based on those efforts, adaptation and management strategies can be developed, implemented and monitored. Given its physical footprint, there are significant opportunities for the oil and gas industry to support both the avoidance and restoration of degraded land, thereby reducing GHG emissions and sequestering carbon through nature-based solutions. One option for companies could be to directly participate in UN-supported national reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) programmes (through, for example, the purchase of credits or investment in an innovative financing mechanism.)

Mitigate emissions within oil and gas operations.

The large majority of GHG emissions associated with hydrocarbons are created when energy-users consume energy products. For that reason, society should try to reduce consumption emissions including by adjusting consumer behaviour. The burden is also with oil and gas companies to mitigate emissions associated with exploration and production. For years, the oil and gas industry has worked to reduce emissions within its own operations through energy efficiency improvements and reductions in flaring, venting and fugitive emissions. As noted in SDG7, improving efficiency in production and operations has many benefits.

Efforts specific to managing GHG emissions, particularly with respect to natural gas, include:

- **Minimizing flaring.** As much as 5% of the natural gas produced globally is estimated to be lost to flaring every year. The flaring of natural gas is sometimes necessary during the initial commissioning of a well, or for safety reasons. Many companies are already reducing flaring in their operations. However, routine flaring (the burning of the associated natural gas during oil production) still occurs and wastes valuable energy. Options to reduce the flaring of associated gas include capture and use for power generation, liquefaction for transport or re-injection back into the reservoirs, which can help enhance further production.¹⁵⁰
- **Minimizing methane emissions.** In oil and gas operations methane emissions can be the result of controlled venting for safety reasons or from leaks in the various stages of the gas value chain. To minimize this, companies are using technology that captures gas released between drilling and production. Infrared

cameras and continuous methane detectors that identify leaks during production, processing and transportation are also helping to reduce methane emissions.¹⁵¹

- **Developing CCS.** One of the greatest opportunities for oil and gas companies to develop low-GHG emitting energy is through large-scale CCS development and deployment. By sequestering CO₂ in geological formations deep within the earth for permanent storage, CCS is a key technology in the pursuit of lowering global GHG emissions. According to the Global CCS Institute, 11 out of 17 CCS projects now in operation are related to oil and gas production and processing.¹⁵² Industry collaboration with governments and other stakeholders around the world on the research, development, financing and deployment of CCS is necessary to overcome the significant barriers to its large-scale and cost-effective deployment. Furthermore, public investment and policy support will be particularly important in these efforts, as they can help to successfully address issues related to economic viability and regulatory uncertainty. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5th Assessment Report attaches considerable importance to CCS deployment. Without large-scale CCS, costs for delivering atmospheric CO₂ stabilization pathways are shown to be much higher.¹⁵³

Collaborate and leverage

Partner in research and development and education outreach. Addressing climate change will require unprecedented collaboration from all parts of society. Research is needed on current climate change issues and the future of the energy system. New low-GHG emission energy sources and emission reduction technologies will need to be developed and disseminated. Oil and gas companies are collaborating with universities and research institutions, governments, customers and consumers to find solutions. These efforts include public-private partnerships, joint research and development projects and knowledge-sharing through industry associations. Going beyond existing initiatives, the industry has the opportunity to explore greater coordination to help identify goals and harmonize efforts.¹⁵⁴

Developing countries require access to reliable, affordable energy for their economic development, (SDG7) and in resource-rich countries oil and gas can be a primary source of government revenue. The Paris Agreement acknowledges that achieving net-zero GHG emissions has to be accomplished in the context of the priorities of sustainable development and poverty eradication. It does not call on developing countries to take on absolute emission-reduction targets, but rather to enhance emission-mitigation efforts. The Paris Agreement also encourages them to embark on an energy transition over time to achieve economy-wide



reductions that reflect their specific circumstances. The gradual transition to lower-GHG emission energy systems in these countries will require coordinated effort from their own governments and those of developed countries. There is also a role for companies, international organizations and donor states. Companies can help developing countries by working with other stakeholders to identify and implement effective policy actions, and supporting technical assistance, capacity-building and strategic planning for governments.

Support effective policy measures. An enabling policy environment is needed to support the technology innovation, development and deployment needed to transform the energy system at lowest cost. Countries at different stages of development and with different states of energy independence will decide how best to design climate and energy policy to pursue sustainable development as part of a global effort. Policies that give clear price signals on reducing net emissions, including carbon pricing or removal of fossil fuel subsidies, can often help to achieve policy objectives. A carbon price, through either a carbon tax or a cap-and-trade system, would ultimately need to be global to avoid unequal

international competition. Without global price uniformity, there would be an incentive to move emissions-intensive activities to less-regulated 'emissions havens'. Companies could support and encourage effective policy measures, such as a global carbon price, by sharing the industry's experience with such tools and engaging with stakeholders on policy issues.

Help consumers lower their emissions. Reducing the emissions of oil and gas activities is important but these operations account for only 10–20% of the total emissions from oil and gas. The remaining 80–90% comes from the end use of oil and gas products. Transportation alone consumes 60% of produced oil and is responsible for more than a quarter of global energy usage.¹⁵⁵ For that reason, oil and gas companies are working with motor vehicle manufacturers to develop more energy efficient fuels and advanced engine lubricants and to introduce vehicles with more advanced emissions standards. This work can be scaled up. Companies can also provide technical assistance to customers and conduct education and awareness campaigns for consumers to maximize the efficient and responsible use of oil and gas products (see SDG12).¹⁵⁶

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Case studies and initiatives

[CARBON CAPTURE AND ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY: SAUDI ARAMCO—SAUDI ARABIA](#)

In 2015, Saudi Aramco launched the Middle East's first carbon capture and enhanced oil recovery (CO₂-EOR) project. The Uthmaniyah CO₂-EOR Demonstration Project is located in a small area at the Uthmaniyah production unit, which forms part of the giant Ghawar field (the largest oil field on earth, encompassing 1.3 million acres). The CO₂-EOR demonstration project compresses and dehydrates 40 million cubic feet of CO₂ per day from the Hawiyah NGL (natural gas liquids) Recovery Plant and then transports the CO₂ stream 85 km to the injection site, the Uthmaniyah field.¹⁵⁷ The injection is aimed at enhancing oil extraction. Saudi Aramco is monitoring the project to learn how much of the CO₂ remains sequestered underground. Based on experience from this pilot, the company plans to roll out CCS across its Saudi operations over the next three to five years.

[CAMPAIGNING TO PROMOTE ENERGY-CONSCIOUS DRIVING: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—EUROPE](#)

FuelsEurope is a membership-based organization of 40 companies that operate refineries in the European Union and account for almost 100% of EU petroleum refining capacity and more than 75% of EU motor fuel retail sales. FuelsEurope launched the “Save More Than Fuel” campaign to promote more ‘energy-conscious’ driving as one of the many ways the European refining sector can help lower emissions. The campaign was launched online in 2015, is available in 23 languages and is aimed at encouraging European drivers to reduce their fuel consumption—and therefore their emissions—by providing 10 simple tips.

[CCAC OIL AND GAS METHANE PARTNERSHIP—REDUCING METHANE EMISSIONS: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Methane is 86 times more potent than CO₂ over a 20-year period, and the oil and gas industry is considered by many to be the second largest man-made emitter of methane (after agriculture).¹⁵⁸ This is why the International Energy Agency identified reducing methane emissions in this sector as one of the best opportunities for lowering total GHG emissions in the near term. The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) is a global effort of governments, civil society and private sector organizations to improve air quality and slow climate change by addressing short-lived climate pollutants such as methane. It created a voluntary initiative to help oil and gas better understand their methane emissions, address them in a systematic and cost-effective manner, and demonstrate results to stakeholders. The CCAC's Oil and Gas Methane Partnership also provides technical support to companies. The initiative currently has the following partner companies: BP, Engie E&P, Eni, Pemex, PTT, Repsol, Southwestern Energy, Total, Shell and Statoil. Partner companies are obligated to report publicly each year the share of their assets that are conforming to the CCAC's suggestions for methane-emission reduction, with the expectation that the share will increase year-on-year.

[CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: EDUCATION ON RISK MANAGEMENT FOR NATURAL DISASTERS: REPSOL—GUYANA](#)

Repsol's programme of education on risk management for natural disasters builds on measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change when designing new homes. The programme includes preparations and drills on the right courses of action in the event of a natural disaster, as well as developing coordination and response teams with the community.

[DEVELOPING A CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY FRAMEWORK: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

The Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) is a CEO-led effort focused on developing comprehensive and stable policy frameworks for climate change. The 10 oil and gas companies in OGCI are committed to sharing best practices and standards, developing standard methodologies for measuring and reporting on climate change impacts and promoting a multi-stakeholder approach. They are also looking at long-term strategies for transitioning to a low-carbon future including integrating climate change into a company's core business, emphasizing renewable energy technology and investing in low-GHG emissions research and development.

[COLLABORATING TO IMPROVE VEHICLE FUEL EFFICIENCY: TOTAL, BP AND IPIECA—GLOBAL](#)

Oil and gas companies are collaborating with vehicle manufacturers to improve fuel efficiency through improved engine design and optimizing the efficiency of fuel and lubricants. Using technology that reduces friction, Total has developed fuel economy oils for 15 different types of vehicles. These oils can reduce fuel consumption by up to 3%. BP recently introduced a new fuel technology that cleans the dirt particles in engines and increases mileage by as much as 5%. A number of oil and gas companies and industry associations, including IPIECA, provide technical input to the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV), a public-private collaborative effort that promoted the phasing-out of leaded fuels. In the 10 years following the launch of PCFV, almost all of the 100-plus countries that used leaded fuel have made the transition to unleaded fuels. Only six countries continue to use leaded gasoline.

[ENGAGING ON LOW EMISSIONS PATHWAYS: IPIECA—GLOBAL](#)

Oil and gas together currently provide over 50% of global primary energy supply. Meeting energy demand while addressing climate risks continues to be a challenge. In order to demonstrate the industry's commitment to being part of the solution, IPIECA members have developed a consensus view on meeting the challenge of climate change in the context of sustainable development. Exploring Low Emissions Pathways sets out the necessary steps to meet the Paris Agreement aims. Key messages include: highlighting three common elements of a future low emissions world (energy efficiency, reducing emissions from power generation and addressing emissions from other end-use sectors); that CCS is a key technology to support the transition; and that due to the size, complexity and growth of the energy system, the transition will occur over the course of the century, with oil and gas continuing to be a key part of the mix. This work has contributed IPIECA member' expertise and voice on the issue.

[INNOVATING THE PLASTICS-MANUFACTURING PROCESS TO REDUCE ENERGY USE AND ASSOCIATED EMISSIONS: EXXONMOBIL—GLOBAL](#)

Scientists from ExxonMobil and the Georgia Institute of Technology developed a potentially revolutionary new technology that could significantly reduce the amount of energy and emissions associated with manufacturing plastics. Results of the research were published in the peer-reviewed journal Science. Using a molecular-level filter, the new process employs a form of reverse osmosis to separate para-xylene, a chemical building block for polyester and plastics, from complex hydrocarbon mixtures. The current commercial-scale process used around the world relies on energy and heat to separate those molecules. If brought to industrial scale, this breakthrough could reduce industry's global annual CO2 emissions by up to 45 million tonnes, which is equivalent to the annual energy-related CO2 emissions of about five million houses in the USA. The new technology could also reduce global energy costs used to make plastics by up to USD \$2 billion a year, as the process is about 50 times more energy-efficient than current state-of-the-art membrane-separation technologies.

[REDUCING COMPANY CO2 EMISSIONS: STATOIL—GLOBAL](#)

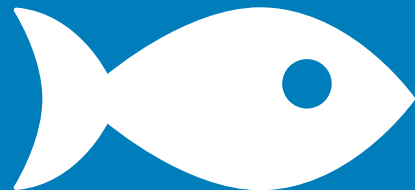
Statoil has announced a new target to reduce emissions from its operations by three million tonnes of CO2 per year by 2030, compared to 2017. The company is already on track to deliver 1.2 million tonnes in CO2 emissions savings from the Norwegian continental shelf by 2018—two years ahead of schedule and 50% above the targets established by the Norwegian petroleum industry in 2008.

[REDUCING FLARING DURING LNG TRANSPORT: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—QATAR](#)

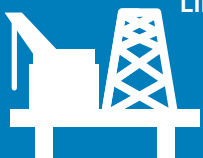
Approximately 1% of the LNG loaded onto ships evaporates owing to the difference in temperature between the LNG and the ship tank. This leads to waste. At ExxonMobil's joint venture operations in Qatar, a jetty boil-off gas (JBOG) recovery facility has recently been introduced to recover the natural gas that was previously flared during LNG vessel loading at the marine berths located at the Ras Laffan Port. The JBOG recovery facility collects the boil-off gas and returns it to the LNG plants to be used as fuel or converted back into LNG. During one year of operation, the JBOG facility has recovered more than 500,000 metric tonnes of gas and reduced LNG vessel loading-related flaring by around 90%.



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



OIL AND GAS + LIFE BELOW WATER



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Incorporate environmental assessments into management plans
- Minimize and address the rate of ocean acidification

- Accident prevention, preparedness and response

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Transfer and share marine technology
- Coordinate biodiversity research

GOAL 14

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

More than two-thirds of the earth's surface is covered by oceans, and there is a clear link between the integrity of marine ecosystems and human well-being. More than three billion people rely on marine resources for their livelihood and oceans contribute to poverty reduction, food security and economic growth.¹⁵⁹ Oceans absorb 30% of the CO₂ produced by humans, provide three billion people with their primary source of protein and, through marine and coastal resources, are responsible for 5% of global GDP.¹⁶⁰ However, these ecosystems are at risk from pollution, acidification, degradation of marine environments and climate change. SDG14 seeks to promote sustainable management and protection of marine and coastal ecosystems and biodiversity.¹⁶¹

Over one-third of oil and gas extracted today comes from offshore deposits.¹⁶² Offshore drilling, especially deep and ultra-deepwater drilling, often faces greater technical challenges and severe conditions. It also creates the risk of damage or disruption to marine habitats and migration routes through noise, pollution or spills. Increased vessel traffic can heighten risks of collisions with marine wildlife. Rigorous health, safety, social and environmental management systems help the oil and gas industry to assess and minimize the risk of operations; subsequently, they can help the industry to develop operational standards and processes that reduce the risk of negative impacts to the marine environment. The industry applies similar principles to avoid damaging fish resources and associated fishing-based livelihoods.

Many offshore operations take place in areas that have otherwise been little explored and about which little is known. Information derived from research and development and technology used in those operations, as well as from baseline surveys and monitoring, can contribute to the broader knowledge of marine science. As knowledge develops, oil and gas companies can work together to improve good practice for operating offshore and enhance conservation efforts.

KEY UN SDG14 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 14.1** By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution.
- 14.2** By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans.
- 14.3** Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels.
- 14.5** By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.
- 14.7** By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island Developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.
- 14.a** Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries.

Integrate SDG14 into core business

Incorporate environmental assessments into management plans. The offshore oil and gas industry operates in a variety of environments, including coastal waters, deep waters and estuaries. All support unique ecosystems and biodiversity. Mitigating potential impacts on the environment in the areas around offshore operations requires integrating local environmental and social considerations into the baseline surveys and environmental impact assessments. Environmental management plans built on those assessments can be implemented to cover an operation's entire life cycle, incorporating each marine ecosystem potentially affected. This includes waste water treatment and discharge, oil spill prevention during drilling and transportation, and decommissioning and rehabilitation operations. The system could incorporate the mitigation hierarchy approach, which establishes a framework for managing biodiversity risks and impacts through avoidance, minimization, restoration and, when appropriate, biodiversity offsets.¹⁶³ Marine ecosystem management efforts should be considered in the context of broader marine spatial planning and seek to complement national biodiversity protection plans.



Minimize and address the rate of ocean acidification. Oceans absorb CO₂. About 30% of the CO₂ produced by fossil fuel consumption ends up in the ocean, which makes the water more acidic. There has been a 26% increase in acidification since the industrial revolution began and it can have dramatic effects on biodiversity, affecting fisheries and aquaculture and damaging the fishing and tourism industries.¹⁶⁴ The transition to a lower GHG emissions energy system by governments, industry and society is helping to reduce the rate of acidification.¹⁶⁵ Likewise, programmes like the Blue Carbon Initiative, which seek to protect coastal ecosystems that sequester and store carbon, can help reduce the amount of GHGs in the atmosphere, also leading to lower levels of ocean acidification.

Accident prevention, preparedness and response.

Established standards and operations integrity management systems, combined with a culture of safety and risk management, are important tools for accident prevention. Prevention also requires attention to and continuous improvement in every phase of operations where oil is produced, transported or stored. Exploration and production facilities should use advanced technologies, materials and multiple backup safety systems to prevent incidents that can lead to spills. Technologies to monitor pipelines enable operators to identify weak spots before leaks develop. Companies may also consider improvements in the design of cargo vessels and marine terminals.¹⁶⁶

While prevention remains the priority, companies also prepare themselves for effective incident response by having in place a well-rehearsed oil spill response plan. The overall goal of spill response is to limit the potential impacts of an accidental release. Companies achieve this by employing the most effective suite of response tools in a given situation. Projects such as the Global Initiative (GI) established by IPIECA and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), bring together industry and governments to assist countries in developing national structures and capability for oil spill preparedness and response. The industry is also promoting ratification of IMO conventions that assist countries in effective national and regional oil spill response frameworks. Industry-established oil spill response organizations provide timely mobilization and deployment of specialized equipment and trained personnel.¹⁶⁷ In addition, work on major incident intervention and response as initiated by IOGP, is spreading good practice in emergency response capacity.¹⁶⁸

Collaborate and leverage

Transfer and share marine technology. Oil and gas companies frequently collaborate with each other as well as partner with academic experts and, when relevant, with local scientists and communities to develop technologies and conduct studies to improve protection and understanding of the marine environment. The findings from these partnerships are then frequently made available to benefit the broader community. Examples include the IOGP-managed Arctic Oil Spill Response Technology Joint Industry Project (JIP), which was established to increase industry knowledge on how to respond to Arctic oil spills.¹⁶⁹

Coordinate biodiversity research. Protecting marine and coastal environmental resources requires knowledge of the environment as well

as changes that may be occurring. This may require extensive, ongoing scientific research, often in partnership with scientific institutions. Dialogue with other scientists and stakeholders around the world who are also conducting similar research on marine ecosystems and biodiversity deepens companies' understanding of the local biodiversity and potential impacts of offshore oil and gas operations. Likewise, studies conducted by industry can significantly contribute to the broader understanding of a region's marine ecosystems. In some cases, industry has also partnered with local scientists to allow use of oil and gas facilities as offshore laboratories for exploring the marine environment. Given the vast amount of research, a central repository may be useful to coordinate, manage and share information, and take advantage of opportunities.¹⁷⁰

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[BIODIVERSITY DATA ACCESS—PROTEUS PARTNERSHIP: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

In 2003, the UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNE-WCMC) convened mining, oil and gas, and spatial data management companies to form the Proteus Partnership. This organization provides access to global biodiversity data sets to inform industry decision-making. It focuses on improving the accuracy of the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), sharing biodiversity developments and trends, and compiling data on marine ecosystems. In addition to the WDPA, which now contains information on 220,000 protected areas, the organization has also developed the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) in collaboration with four international conservation organizations. The IBAT helps oil and gas companies make better-informed decisions regarding their offshore and onshore biodiversity impacts.

[CORAL CONSERVATION: TOTAL—YEMEN](#)

Environmental baseline surveys for the construction of a liquefied natural gas plant at Balhaf, Yemen, identified coral colonies containing almost 80 different species that could be threatened by the project. In response, Total developed a mitigation plan that included redesigning part of the plant. One change, for example, involved discharging the plant's cooling water further out in the sea to avoid temperature increases affecting the coral. The company also installed retaining walls and silt curtains to protect the banks during construction. In addition, more than 1,500 coral colonies that would still have been in exposed areas—including one weighing four tonnes—were transplanted distances of 600–800 metres, the first coral transplant of this scale. The area is now a verified conservation area and the coral will be monitored and reported on throughout the production life of the plant. The project led Yemen LNG to partner with the International Union for Conservation of Nature on an observatory for marine biodiversity.

[JOINT INDUSTRY PROGRAMME TO REDUCE IMPACT OF SOUND POLLUTION ON MARINE LIFE: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Sound from oil and gas operations, particularly from seismic exploration, has the potential to have negative impacts on marine life. Since 2005, a number of oil and gas companies and the International Association of Geophysical Contractors working through the Joint Industry Programme (JIP) have supported research into this issue and the development of mitigation tools. Studies funded by the JIP with leading academic and technical experts have significantly increased understanding of how marine mammals perceive the marine acoustic environment and the potential threats posed by industry sounds. The JIP has also developed and implemented a range of mitigation tools including the PAMGuard software system, now used around the world. The software system interprets signals received through Passive Acoustic Monitoring arrays from marine mammals close to seismic operations allowing operators to delay starting or to halt operations if necessary to avoid potentially harmful exposure to sound.

[WORKING TOGETHER TO ENHANCE OIL SPILL RESPONSE CAPABILITY: THE MARINE WELL CONTAINMENT COMPANY: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—USA](#)

Oil spills as a result of industry activities present a potentially serious social and environmental threat. Therefore, Shell, Chevron, ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil came together in 2010 to found the Marine Well Containment Company (MWCC), a not-for-profit organization that provides deepwater well containment services in the US Gulf of Mexico. More recently, Anadarko, Apache, BHP Billiton, BP, Hess and Statoil have joined. Since 2011, the MWCC has been ready to respond to a deepwater well control incident, with dedicated specialized equipment always capable of being deployed up to 10,000 feet in depth from a dedicated deployment ship. The MWCC represents a strong example of oil and gas industry cooperation to deal with a threat to all.



15 LIFE ON LAND



OIL AND GAS + LIFE ON LAND



INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- *Effective biodiversity and ecosystem management*
- *Implement the mitigation hierarchy*
- *Minimize impacts through new technologies*
- *Biodiversity offsets*

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- *Multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing*
- *A landscape-wide conservation approach*

GOAL 15

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity contribute essential economic, ecological and cultural benefits. They also aid in regulating climate and provide important supporting services such as nutrient cycling. The loss of biodiversity and damage to land ecosystems, driven by land degradation, rising drought, desertification and deforestation, undermine the goals of food security, poverty reduction, water access and good health. Achievement of SDG15 requires the protection of critical ecosystems.

Some oil and gas company operations take place in or near sensitive environments.¹⁷¹ If not managed correctly, they could contribute to habitat fragmentation, introduce or spread alien invasive species, and affect local carbon cycles and sequestration.¹⁷² The rise of hydraulic fracturing can extend the potential risks for local biodiversity into new areas.¹⁷³ Likewise, there are secondary potential impacts that result from increased in-migration and ancillary infrastructure development, which can also strain local habitats. Sustained efforts to protect local ecosystems and preserve wildlife and biodiversity are necessary by a variety of players, including the oil and gas industry. This is being done by designing projects and facilities to avoid and reduce their impacts, putting ecological risk management strategies in place, effectively reclaiming sites at the end of the life of a producing asset and, as a last resort, instituting biodiversity offsets, particularly in locations with recognized sensitive or noteworthy ecological features.

KEY UN SDG15 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

- 15.1** By 2020, ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services, in particular forests, wetlands, mountains and drylands, in line with obligations under international agreements.
- 15.2** By 2020, promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, halt deforestation, restore degraded forests and substantially increase afforestation and reforestation globally.
- 15.3** By 2020, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land-degradation-neutral world.
- 15.5** Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species.
- 15.8** By 2020, introduce measures to prevent the introduction and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species.
- 15.9** By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts.

Integrate SDG15 into core business

Effective biodiversity and ecosystem management.

Companies can integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) conservation principles and considerations into their business management systems. Effective BES management can help to ensure the ongoing availability of ecosystem services. It can also help to meet stakeholder expectations, avoid project delays, protect a company's or project's social licence to operate, and potentially create new business opportunities. Good management practices entail coordinating BES programmes with national biodiversity strategies and action plans, building BES into governance and business processes, engaging and understanding stakeholder expectations, understanding BES-related reference conditions, assessing dependencies, opportunities, potential impacts and related risks, and then mitigating and managing these impacts and risks by selecting an approach, and monitoring and reporting performance.¹⁷⁴

Implement the mitigation hierarchy. Although oil and gas exploration, development and production activities can affect surrounding environments, the industry manages and mitigates potential impacts through application of the mitigation hierarchy, which emphasizes preventing negative impacts first (avoid, minimize) before considering remediation efforts (restore, offset as a last resort). In parallel, companies can seek opportunities for conservation of the natural environment. This is even more important as oil and gas exploration opens new areas that may feature

noteworthy or sensitive biodiversity. Implementation of a mitigation hierarchy during project planning, such as the one set out in IFC Performance Standard 6, helps to manage BES impacts and related risks.

Minimize impacts through new technologies.

Increasingly, companies are taking advantage of technological advancements to reduce the impacts and related risks of their operations on local biodiversity. For example, directional drilling techniques allow for the location of multiple wells on one pad, resulting in a much-reduced operational footprint. Techniques such as enhanced oil recovery also boost the volume of oil recovered from a well, thereby reducing land impacts by maximizing oil recovery while keeping the number of new wells drilled to a minimum.¹⁷⁵

Biodiversity offsets. If, after all avoidance, minimization and restoration measures have been taken, some oil and gas operations still have a net negative environmental impact, companies can consider biodiversity offsets. Through both protection and restoration efforts, offsets are intended to achieve no net loss, and preferably net gain, of biodiversity. They compensate for residual environmental impacts by recreating affected habitats in a new location. Offsets are a useful mechanism for balancing economic development and environmental conservation and can sometimes lead to net conservation gain. They also improve access to land, help to safeguard a company's social licence to operate and reduce risks to supply chains and corporate reputation.¹⁷⁶



Collaborate and leverage

Multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing. Oil and gas companies benefit from an increased understanding of biodiversity and ecosystems, their actual and potential BES-related impacts and related risks, and best practices for appropriate management. Multi-stakeholder partnerships such as the Cross-Sector Biodiversity Initiative, a partnership between IPIECA, the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the Equator Principles Association, provide opportunities to pool resources, share scientific knowledge and develop biodiversity management tools and guidance. Such cooperative efforts are also useful in addressing the secondary impacts of oil and gas operations, such as increased access to wildlife for hunters, poachers and predators. Unlike direct impacts, secondary impacts are the result of a more complex confluence of factors that makes them more difficult to address. Multi-stakeholder efforts can provide the scientific knowledge needed to identify such impacts and their related risks, define spheres of responsibility to best address them and coordinate

approaches. Additionally, initiatives such as the Proteus Partnership, established to share terrestrial and marine biodiversity data and knowledge on how to analyse and interpret that data, are building capacity and informing future efforts.¹⁷⁷

A landscape-wide conservation approach. There is a growing trend for conservation and impact management efforts be considered holistically instead of employing a site-based approach. Conservation and mitigation efforts could be more effective if they consider not just the impacts on, and risks to, habitats and biodiversity near a site, but also the broader landscape, which includes local communities, economies, biodiversity and ecosystems, as well as factors that could reduce or amplify the effects of oil and gas industry activities. The result is a strategy that directs regional conservation priorities and manages cumulative effects. This landscape approach requires collaboration and information-sharing with other stakeholders, including companies in other industrial sectors, conservationists and local communities.¹⁷⁸

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[PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY AGAINST INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES: CHEVRON—AUSTRALIA](#)

Chevron Australia and predecessor companies have had onshore oil and gas operations on Barrow Island off the northwest coast of the country for over 50 years. Since 1910, Barrow Island has been designated as a Class A Nature Reserve, the highest level of environmental protection offered by the Australian government. One of the biggest threats to some of the island's native flora and fauna is the introduction of alien species that could potentially disrupt the ecosystem. To protect Barrow Island, Chevron applies a quarantine management system (QMS), which it integrates into its environmental management system. The QMS includes early detection of alien invasive species and extensive control and eradication measures. Since the Chevron-operated Gorgon Project on Barrow Island began, no introductions or proliferations of non-indigenous species on the island or in its surrounding waters have occurred. Chevron is sharing the details of its internationally-lauded QMS with organizations worldwide to help stem the global threat to biodiversity from invasive species.

[CONSERVATION IN MAGDALENA MEDIO AND THE EASTERN PLAINS: ECOPETROL—COLOMBIA](#)

In 2014, Ecopetrol and the Wildlife Conservation Society of Colombia joined forces to promote the conservation of ten species of flora and fauna in Magdalena Medio and Eastern Plains regions. The selection of species, chosen for their ability to support the conservation of other species and their local ecosystems, was validated by experts from the Alexander von Humboldt Institute, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, and National Natural Parks of Colombia. Already by 2016, the initiative had facilitated the release of 1,600 turtles in the Eastern Plains, reintroduced 41 alligators into El Tuparro Natural National Park, signed over two dozen conservation agreements to protect both flora and fauna, and contributed to the restoration of nearly 50 hectares of land, among other achievements.

[PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY AND INVESTING IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: EXXONMOBIL—PAPUA NEW GUINEA](#)

ExxonMobil has developed an LNG project in Papua New Guinea, including gas production and processing facilities and 700 km of pipelines. In order to protect the biodiversity of the areas in which it operates, ExxonMobil introduced a Biodiversity Programme and, through it, has developed a protected area for the Kikori River Basin. This is helping to protect the threatened pig-nosed turtle. The project is also investing in environmental education at the Port Moresby Nature Park, which has hosted over 6,000 local children to date and raised awareness of environmental issues.

[REFORESTATION AND RECLAMATION OF BOREAL FORESTS: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—CANADA](#)

The Oil Sands Leadership Initiative (OSLI) is a collaboration of several companies: ConocoPhillips Canada, Nexen Inc., Shell, Canada, Statoil Canada, Suncor Energy Inc. and Total E&P Canada. OSLI uses on-the-ground initiatives to enhance environmental performance and reduce biodiversity impacts in the boreal forests of the oil sands region. Specifically, OSLI is accelerating reforestation through the Faster Forests programme. This collaborative effort enables execution at the landscape, rather than project, level. The project continues to adapt to achieve the best results possible. Successes include a new technique of planting frozen seedlings during winter months, altering the selection of tree and shrub species for a more boutique approach, and planting a broad variety of species beyond those of commercial value. When selecting species, the programme considers aboriginal peoples' values and traditional land uses and engages diverse stakeholders in the process.

[SHARING BEST PRACTICE TO CONSERVE BIODIVERSITY: CSBI—GLOBAL](#)

The introduction of IFC's Performance Standard 6 on Biodiversity Conservation created the need to develop and disseminate best practices for applying the Standard. In 2013, IPIECA, ICMM and the Equator Principles Association formed the Cross-Sector Biodiversity Initiative (CSBI) to share tools and knowledge on good practices. An industry forum, CSBI provides leadership on the application of the mitigation hierarchy to the impacts of projects on biodiversity and ecosystem services. CSBI has produced tools including the Project Timeline Tool, EBRD/CSBI Good Practices for the Collection of Biodiversity Baseline Data and the Cross-Sector Guide for Implementing the Mitigation Hierarchy. The CSBI continues to be a valuable forum for partners to share knowledge and contribute to the global debate.



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

 A white icon on a blue background depicting a dove holding an olive branch in its beak, positioned above a gavel, symbolizing peace and justice.


OIL AND GAS + PEACE

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Integrate human rights perspective in impact assessments
- Community engagement and consent
- Integrate anti-corruption systems

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Improve institutions through NOCs
- Increase effective, accountable and transparent institutions

GOAL 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Human rights violations, insecurity and weak governing institutions inhibit economic growth. Peace, justice and effective governance based on the rule of law might be both the outcome of, and a necessary precondition for, all the other SDGs. SDG16 aims to achieve these outcomes by focusing on efforts to reduce violence and corruption, promoting the rule of law and transparent, responsive institutions, and encouraging inclusive decision-making.

Companies thrive in stable, peaceful environments. Responsible business practices contribute to stability. Governments have the primary responsibility for maintaining peace and security, while companies contribute by following and respecting the law, adhering to anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and practices, identifying and mitigating adverse human rights impacts of their activities, and conducting regular and inclusive engagement with stakeholders.

However, oil and gas operations may be faced with situations where there is conflict in their operating areas. While the responsibility of companies to respect human rights does not change when operating in such situations, meeting that responsibility presents heightened challenges. This is true whether it is a dispute related to company operations, or unrelated social or political conflict in the region. In these situations, robust risk and impact assessments are important and companies need to conduct conflict analysis and take specific measures to address the heightened risks. If they face security threats, companies need to ensure that their security services, public or private, uphold standards such as the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR) and the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers (ICoC).¹⁷⁹

KEY UN SDG16 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

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| 16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere. | 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels. |
| 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all. | 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels. |
| 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime. | 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements. |
| 16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms. | |

■ Integrate SDG16 into core business

Integrate human rights perspective in impact

assessments. The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights recognize the responsibility of companies to respect human rights. Most oil and gas companies have policies and corporate values committed to human rights. However, given the range of different contexts in which companies operate, it is important that they address the human rights impacts specific to the local environment and take steps to address these issues in their own activities and within their supply chain. Human rights issues can be integrated into existing risk and impact assessment approaches, such as project environmental, social and health impact assessments (ESHIA) or, if needed, companies can conduct a full human rights impact assessment (HRIA). HRIsAs can be an important tool for effective human rights due diligence. Such an assessment considers the potential impacts of operations; issues resulting from business relationships, such as with business partners; and other factors that might contribute to adverse human rights impacts. If an HRIA is considered advisable, it is advantageous to initiate one early in a project, when there can be a greater risk of human rights issues. With that in mind, companies need to take care in determining if the human rights issues are sufficiently covered in an ESHIA, or call for a more comprehensive HRIA.¹⁸⁰

Community engagement and consent. There is increasing emphasis on the importance of meaningful engagement with local communities. Transparent, inclusive consultation enables companies to respect the rights of communities potentially affected by their activities and avoid conflict that might otherwise arise from a lack of broad support and participation. To that end, companies need to ensure timely and responsible management of community queries and concerns, adhering to any formal grievance-handling procedures required by the regulatory authorities. Specific sensitivities in community engagement are also important when considering the needs of Indigenous Peoples, in accordance with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples¹⁸¹ and ILO convention 169.¹⁸² Within these frameworks, companies are working to understand and respect the free, prior and informed consent processes essential in engaging with indigenous communities.¹⁸³



Integrate anti-corruption systems. Illicit financial flows, that is, money that is earned from or used in illegal acts such as corruption, tax evasion and illegal exploitation of resources, can undermine peace and security—particularly in developing countries. The complexity, scale, areas of operation and range of relationships involved in the oil and gas industry demand particular rigour in conducting business in a fair and ethical manner, with zero tolerance of corruption. Going beyond compliance with anti-corruption laws and international legal frameworks, oil and gas companies can embed anti-corruption policies into their core business procedures. This involves implementing compliance programmes that guard against the legal, economic and reputational risks associated with corruption.¹⁸⁴ In addition, oil and gas companies can protect themselves by encouraging business partners and subcontractors to implement anti-corruption policies of their own and supporting multi-stakeholder financial transparency and anti-corruption initiatives.¹⁸⁵

Collaborate and leverage

Improve institutions through NOCs. NOCs often partner with independent oil and gas companies. Such partnerships can contribute to NOC capabilities by identifying and meeting needs for training, technology and operational experience transfer and encouraging prudent management practices, including those that advance human rights issues and due diligence. NOCs can then serve as a conduit for the development of other host country institutions' human rights capabilities.¹⁸⁶

Increase effective, accountable and transparent institutions. Bribery, corruption or poor business practices prevent the citizens of resource-rich countries from fully realizing the benefits of that resource wealth. Transparency plays a vital role in discouraging corruption, promoting accountable management and strengthening good governance that supports economic growth. Regular publication of payments made by companies to governments

and revenues that governments receive from companies can allow the public to hold both parties accountable. Transparency in contracts, beneficial ownership (the names and identities of the actual owners of companies) and commitments can help deter corruption in extractive deals, or abuses in transfer pricing and tax evasion. The result is an improved investment climate. Transparency concerning plans and policies, particularly on issues such as the environment and local content, is also important for communicating with local stakeholders, managing risk and maintaining a social licence to operate (see SDG17).¹⁸⁷

Compliance with the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and other international legislation such as the 2013 EU Accounting and Transparency Directive enables companies to identify risky situations and act accordingly. Companies' internal compliance programmes, ethics codes of conduct and human rights policies are equally important.¹⁸⁸

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[COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AREAS: OCCIDENTAL—COLOMBIA](#)

Occidental has operated for many years in a conflict-affected region of Colombia. Both for symbolic reasons and because it provided revenue to the regional and national governments, the company was sometimes targeted by guerrillas who shut down its oil pipeline and attacked employees. When the company signed a deal for a new oil project, it partnered with two local NGOs to conduct a risk and human rights assessment that included extensive stakeholder consultations and a holistic examination of issues. As a result, Occidental was able to identify a new community investment approach and manage community expectations. This greatly reduced the ability of guerrilla groups to exploit community grievances to foment unrest.

[PARTICIPATORY ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MONITORING IN RURAL ANDEAN COMMUNITIES: HUNT OIL—PERU](#)

The Peru LNG Project, operated by Hunt Oil, is a 408 km pipeline that traverses the Andes to a liquefaction plant and marine terminal on the Pacific coast. The pipeline crosses diverse landscapes and ecosystems, and also 34 rural Andean communities and 15 localities. The communities in Ayacucho and Huancavelica are among the poorest in Peru and heavily depend on subsistence agricultural practices for their livelihoods. Given the social context, and possible impacts, early in the project planning phase the company implemented the Participatory Environmental and Social Monitoring Programme (PESMP). This allowed communities to receive accurate information and participate in the monitoring of the overall environmental and social performance of the project during construction. It also guaranteed that community concerns were heard and addressed. The PESMP is the first of its kind to be carried out in the construction of an oil and gas project in Peru. It is considered highly successful and could be used as a model for similar projects in South America and beyond.

[POLICIES FOR REVENUE TRANSPARENCY AND ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION: SHELL—GLOBAL](#)

Bribery and corruption are serious problems, presenting both ethical and business challenges. Shell has introduced a zero-tolerance policy on corruption and bribery, and does not 'accept the direct or indirect offer, payment, solicitation or acceptance of bribes in any form'. Facilitation payments and political donations are also prohibited. In order to ensure and prove compliance, Shell has been voluntarily disclosing all payments made to governments since 2011. The company also advocates mandatory country-by-country global reporting. External voluntary codes and organizations such as the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Businesses and Statement of Tax Principles for International Business and the EITI are also useful.

[THE VOLUNTARY PRINCIPLES ON SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Collaboration with public security forces can present a range of challenges for companies, but working with them is frequently necessary. Therefore, governments, NGOs and a number of oil and gas companies worked together to establish the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights in 2000. Numerous international oil and gas companies are signatories to the Principles, which detail good practice for the conduct of risk assessments and interaction with security forces.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



OIL AND GAS + PARTNERSHIPS

INTEGRATE INTO CORE BUSINESS

- Build government capacity
- Develop and disseminate sustainable energy technologies

COLLABORATE AND LEVERAGE

- Participate in dialogue
- Strengthen coordination between initiatives
- Incorporate SDGs into policies
- Apply the SDG indicators

GOAL 17

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

The SDGs cannot be achieved through isolated actions. In an increasingly globalized and interconnected world, commitments to global partnership and coordinated efforts by governments, companies, investors, international organizations and civil society are necessary. Success will require solutions and business strategies from all parties aligned with the SDGs. Investment, job creation, skills, infrastructure development and technological innovation are ways that oil and gas companies are helping to drive sustainable development. Partnering with other stakeholders connects complementary skills, reduces risks for companies and allows companies to better leverage their core competencies. Above all, partnering can lead to higher-quality, longer-term sustainable outcomes than any stakeholder could achieve on its own.¹⁸⁹

All of this applies to the oil and gas industry. In addition to the regular economic activities envisioned in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the private sector's contributions to the SDGs, the energy these companies produce will play a large role in the success of all the goals. Access to reliable, sustainable, modern and affordable sources of energy is a necessary condition for poverty reduction, economic growth, environmental preservation and improved health. This will require concerted action to bring together and leverage core skills and create platforms for setting shared goals. In addition to multi-stakeholder initiatives, there are opportunities for oil and gas companies to develop partnerships within their value chains or through sectoral initiatives that bring together leaders to establish or raise industry standards.¹⁹⁰

KEY UN SDG17 TARGETS RELEVANT TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

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| <p>17.1 Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection.</p> | <p>17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries.</p> |
| <p>17.3 Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.</p> | |
| <p>17.7 Promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed.</p> | <p>17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.</p> |

■ Integrate SDG17 into core business

Build government capacity. Great opportunities exist for oil and gas companies to work with the governments of resource-rich, emerging economies to help them develop the capacity to monitor and properly manage the revenues from the country's resource wealth. These collaborations can provide technical assistance, training and funding support for initiatives that help countries to develop efficient and effective tax collection and revenue management frameworks, and also to build the capacity of government staff to implement and enforce such policies and programmes. These efforts contribute to poverty reduction, stronger government institutions, greater transparency and improved rule of law.

Develop and disseminate sustainable energy technologies. Energy is a critical pre-condition for achieving the SDGs. Access to reliable, affordable, modern and sustainable energy sources can drive economic growth, poverty reduction, improved education, health and safety. As the world's population grows and economic development increases energy demand, the challenge of energy poverty will only become more acute. The world will need to develop new ways of increasing energy access while addressing the issue of climate change. Oil and gas companies, with their investment capital, technical expertise, experience of working in emerging economies and history of innovation, are well-positioned to be at the forefront of multi-stakeholder efforts to identify and scale up sustainable energy solutions that move all the other SDGs forward.

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■ Collaborate and leverage

The discussion of each SDG in this Atlas includes existing and potential collaboration and partnership opportunities for achieving the goals. In addition, the following are opportunities and approaches for companies to work with stakeholders at global, national, regional and local levels to achieve the SDGs.

- **Participate in dialogue.** Dialogue between companies, governments, development partners and civil society will be important for determining the role of the oil and gas industry in national action plans for the SDGs and for contributing to enhanced policy coherence for sustainable development.
- **Strengthen coordination between initiatives.** Companies can help improve the coordination and alignment of global, regional and local level initiatives related to sustainable development of oil and gas resources to ensure that they are complementary without duplication of effort.
- **Incorporate SDGs into policies.** Companies can provide their expertise and industry insights to assist governments in achieving the SDGs. Companies can also collaborate to provide common industry perspectives on how to integrate the SDGs into policies that are relevant to the oil and gas industry.
- **Apply the SDG indicators.** Companies can review and collaborate with other stakeholders to determine how to apply the SDG indicator framework.

Case studies and initiatives

[COLLABORATING ON OIL SPILL RESPONSE CAPABILITY: IPIECA—GLOBAL](#)

Though there are numerous oil spill-related international conventions, the ratification of these remained low, with harmful effects on global oil spill preparedness. Therefore, IPIECA joined in partnership with the IMO and technical partners such as the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation, to establish the Global Initiative (GI) in 1996. The GI was launched to encourage and facilitate the development and implementation of national, regional and sub-regional oil spill contingency plans. It also set out to increase the ratification of relevant international conventions, by means of facilitating cooperation between local or national government authorities and the oil industry. The GI has achieved significant progress, including designation of Governmental Responsible Authorities, development of national legislation and ratification and effective implementation of relevant IMO conventions by the recipient countries.

[EDUCATING POLICYMAKERS AND REGULATORS ON THE ENERGY INDUSTRY FOR EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONS: EXXONMOBIL—US](#)

Oil and gas regulation and policy is extremely complicated and is continuously changing alongside technological developments. Since 2013, ExxonMobil, together with General Electric and the Environmental Defense Fund, has supported the establishment of four courses for regulators and policymakers: Petroleum Geology and Engineering Concepts, Petroleum Technology, Environmental Management Technology, and Communications and Hot Topics. These courses are aimed primarily at new regulatory or policymaking personnel. Colorado School of Mines, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Texas at Austin have developed and now teach the courses. Each is a few days long, combines an online element with classroom training and field experience and is designed to provide practical skills to improve on-the-job performance.

[EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE \(EITI\): MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

The multi-lateral, multi-stakeholder EITI is a voluntary standard that promotes the transparent and accountable management of countries' revenues from their natural resource wealth. It provides a platform for host governments, companies and civil society to work together to facilitate economic growth by improving governance and reducing corruption related to natural resource revenues. It does this by overseeing and reconciling the payments made by oil and gas companies to the government, as well as the payments received by the government. Currently, 37 countries have published EITI annual revenue reports detailing more than USD \$1.5 trillion in government revenue.

[GLOBAL GAS FLARING REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP \(GGFRP\): MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

Approximately 140 billion cubic metres of natural gas are flared annually as part of oil and gas operations, wasting energy resources and adding an additional 300 million tons of CO₂ to the atmosphere. The GGFRP is a public-private partnership that brings together oil and gas companies, international organizations such as the World Bank and national governments to share knowledge and best practices on reducing natural gas flaring. The GGFRP is attempting, through joint action, to improve regulatory frameworks and financing mechanisms for investment in flaring reduction, provide technical assistance for the development of domestic gas markets as an alternative to flaring and develop best practice standards. GGFRP partners have developed a global standard for reducing flaring that has been endorsed by 15 GGFRP companies, each of which has committed to zero flaring in future projects.

[WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL: MULTIPLE COMPANIES—GLOBAL](#)

In 2011, to catalyse new action to transform global energy systems by addressing climate change, eliminating energy poverty and promoting development of sustainable energy, the UN launched Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL). SEforALL is a platform that includes representation from the public sector, civil society, international organizations and the private sector. Also included are oil and gas companies and industry bodies, such as Eni, Shell, Statoil and the World Petroleum Council. These partnerships are enabling SEforALL to leverage large-scale investments, extract bold commitments from its members and allow for substantial knowledge-sharing. More than 100 countries, including 85 developing countries, have joined SEforALL, and 43 rapid assessments or gap analyses have been carried out. The programme has mobilized USD \$120 billion a year in sustainable energy investments and has also launched the Global Energy Efficiency Accelerator Platform.

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