



3rd Annual CERAWEEK Energy Security Forum

Monday, March 10th

2:00-5:00pm CST

River Oak Conference Room

Marriott Marquis Houston, TX

Welcome and Introductions [2:00-2:05pm]

- **Marty Durbin**, Senior Vice President, Policy, and President, Global Energy Institute, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- **Mel Ydreos**, Secretary General, International Gas Union

G7 Ministers [2:05-2:20pm]

- **Jonathan Wilkinson**, Minister, Canadian Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (*tentative*)
- **Chris Wright**, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

European Security Scene Set [2:20 – 2:25]

- **Michael Lewis**, Chief Executive Officer, Uniper

Interventions from G7 Delegates and Government Representatives [2:25-2:55pm]

- **Takehiko Matsuo**, Vice Minister, Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
- **Philipp Steinberg**, Director-General for Economic Policy, Ministry for Economic Affairs, Germany
- **European Commission**: Energy Commissioner Dan Jorgensen, DG-ENER Director Ditte Jorgensen, or G-ENER International Relations head Cristina Lobillo
- **Oladipo Okusaga**, Head of Energy, Climate & Programme Management, British Embassy

Special Guest Perspectives on Energy Security and Economic Development [2:55-3:10pm]

- **Danielle Smith**, Premier, Government of Alberta
- **Magatte Wade**, Co-founder, Prospera Africa

Industry Interventions and Interactive Dialogue [3:10-3:55pm]

- *Moderated by **Marty Durbin***, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Closing and Adjourn [3:55-4:00pm]

- **Marty Durbin**, Senior Vice President, Policy, and President, Global Energy Institute, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- **Mel Ydreos**, Secretary-General, International Gas Union

Networking and Reception [4:00-5:00pm]

Participants

	Name	Title	Organization
	Government		
1.	Jonathan Wilkinson	Minister	Canada's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources
2.	Chris Wright	Secretary	U.S. Department of Energy
3.	Tommy Joyce	Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs	U.S. Department of Energy
4.	Takehiko Matsuo	Vice Minister	Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry
5.	Dr. Philip Steinberg	Director General for Economic Policy	German Ministry for Economic Affairs
6.	Oladipo "Dipo" Okusaga	Head of Energy, Climate & Programme Management	British Embassy
7.	Danielle Smith	Premier	Government of Alberta
	Industry		
8.	Marty Durbin	SVP, Policy President, Global Energy Institute	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
9.	Mel Ydreos	Secretary General	International Gas Union
10.	Andrea Stegher	Vice President	International Gas Union
11.	Karen Harbert	President and Chief Executive Officer	American Gas Association
12.	Mike Sommers	Chief Executive Officer	American Petroleum Institute
13.	Paul Everingham	Chief Executive Officer	Asia Natural Gas and Energy Association
14.	Tim Egan	President and Chief Executive Officer	Canada Gas Association
15.	Graham Henley	Chief Executive Officer	International Association of Oil & Gas Producers
16.	Fred Hutchison	President & CEO	LNG Allies, The USLNG Association
17.	Bill Bullock	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	ConocoPhillips (and Chair, ANGEA)
18.	Michael Lewis	Chief Executive Officer	Uniper
19.	Magette Wade	Co-founder	Prospera Africa

Biographies



Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister
Canadian Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson was first elected as the Member of Parliament for North Vancouver in 2015. He has previously served as Minister of Natural Resources, as Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and as Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

Raised in Saskatchewan, Minister Wilkinson spent more than 20 years in the private sector, holding leadership positions with a number of companies dedicated to the development of green technologies.

Minister Wilkinson's work as Chief Executive Officer of both QuestAir Technologies and the former BioteQ Environmental Technologies (now BQE Water), in addition to his role as Senior Vice-President of Business Development with Nexterra, provided him with extensive experience in the energy and environmental technology sectors. He also previously worked at Bain & Company, a leading global management consultancy.

A Rhodes scholar, Minister Wilkinson made use of his educational background in public policy when he worked as a constitutional negotiator and a federal-provincial relations specialist for former Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow. He has served on several industry and charitable boards, including United Way of the Lower Mainland and the BC Technology Industry Association. He also served as a board member and treasurer of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation.

Minister Wilkinson has deep roots in North Vancouver, where he is raising his family alongside his wife, Tara.



Chris Wright
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy

Chris Wright is the 17th Secretary for the U.S. Department of Energy. A self-described energy nerd turned entrepreneur, Chris is a dedicated humanitarian with a passion for bringing the benefits of energy to every community in the world. This passion has inspired a career in energy, working not only in oil and gas but nuclear, solar, and geothermal. As Secretary of Energy, Chris is focused on unleashing American energy dominance, accelerating innovation and advancing all energy sources that are affordable, reliable and secure for the American people.

Chris completed an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering at MIT and graduate work in Electrical Engineering at UC Berkeley and MIT. He founded Pinnacle Technologies and served as CEO from 1992 to 2006. Pinnacle created the hydraulic fracture mapping industry, and its innovations helped launch commercial shale gas production in the late 1990s. Chris was Chairman of Stroud Energy, an early shale gas producer, before selling to Range Resources in 2006. Most recently, Chris served as Chairman and CEO of Liberty Energy, where his team helped to expand the shale revolution to include oil as well as natural gas. Chris has also participated in an effort to apply shale technology to unlock next-generation geothermal and helped to launch small modular reactors.

Chris was nominated by President Trump to serve as the 17th Secretary of Energy on November 16, 2024 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on February 3rd, 2025. He grew up and in Colorado and currently lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, Liz. He is a passionate father, grandfather, skier, cyclist, climber, and outdoor enthusiast.



Tommy Joyce
Acting Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy

Tommy Joyce serves as the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of International Affairs. In this role he promotes the Administration's global energy security and energy abundance policies in international bilateral and multilateral fora and engagements. Previously, he was the first Head of Government Affairs, Investment, and Policy for Tevogen Bio Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq), an energy consultant, and small business entrepreneur. Mr. Joyce previously served in the Department of Energy (DOE) as Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Global Energy Security, Multilateral Engagement, and Market Development, as well as Senior Advisor for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation for DOE/National Nuclear Security Administration. Mr. Joyce is a national security leader and change manager with extensive interagency and international policy experience on the United States' most pressing issues. His experience spans nuclear energy project development, multilateral negotiations, strategic national security program management, counterterrorism, nuclear nonproliferation, warzone deployment, and four Presidential appointments under three Presidential Administrations. He has also served as a government official in the White House – National Security Council, Department of State, and U.S. Senate.

Mr. Joyce earned a B.A. in International Studies from Virginia Tech and an M.B.A. from University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School. He and his wife, Katelyn, have sailed over 16,000 NM.



Takehiko Matsuo
Vice Minister
Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry

Mr. Matsuo Takehiko has been serving as Vice Minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) since July 2024. He leads all of METI's international policy operations and represents the ministry in cross-border economic dialogues and negotiations.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Matsuo served as Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau in July 2021, responsible for METI's trade policy and international economic cooperation. He played a leading role in various policy agendas, including the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), and WTO reform.

He served as Director General for Trade Policy at the Trade Policy Bureau of METI from 2017 to 2019. He made a contribution to finalizing Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement as the METI's chief negotiator and advanced the G20 Osaka process as a co-chair of the Trade and Investment Working Group.

He served as Secretary General of the Electricity and Gas Market Surveillance Commission (EGC) since its establishment in September 2015 and led the secretariat to contribute to the successful and full liberalization of the electricity and gas retail markets in Japan, and to the launch of transmission and distribution charge system reform.

He also served as Director, General Policy Division of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy and contributed to METI's decision-making regarding the Energy Supply and Demand Outlook for 2030, which provided fundamental mid-term policy guidance for Japan's energy policies.

From 2008 to 2010 he served as Special Advisor to the Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris and contributed to the IEA's input to the G8 Summit in 2008.



Dr. Phillip Steinberg
Director General for Economic Council
German Ministry for Economic Affairs

Dr. Philipp Steinberg studied law and political economy as well as tax science in Berlin, Münster and Paris; he received his doctorate in 2001. In addition to the 1st and 2nd state examinations, he holds a License d'Etat Francais and an MBA. After working in a large law firm, he worked in the Federal Ministry of Finance and as party executive of the Social Democratic Party of Germany. In 2013 he moved to the Federal Ministry for Economic

Affairs and Climate Protection as head of department, where he took over the management of Department I (Economic Policy) in 2016. Since 2022 he has headed the newly founded WE department (economic stabilization, energy security, gas and hydrogen infrastructure).



Oladipo Okusaga
Head of Energy, Climate & Programme
Management
British Embassy

Oladipo Okusaga is a British diplomat focusing on energy and climate issues. Oladipo currently serves as the Head of Energy and Climate at the British embassy in Washington DC. Prior to his posting to Washington DC, Oladipo held the position of Head of Energy and Climate Middle East and North Africa at

the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, where he focused on Energy security and the energy transition in the MENA region. Oladipo also served as an Executive Board Member and UK representative at the International Energy Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Before his career in diplomacy, Oladipo Okusaga was a consultant, leading major projects in the private sector where he specialized in the setup, procurement, and delivery of complex major programmes across the property, infrastructure, and natural resources sectors.

Notably, he provided consulting services to esteemed clients such as Heathrow Airport, UK Environment Agency, Shell, Chevron and Anglian Water, demonstrating his expertise in project and programme management advisory. Oladipo's private sector experience has undoubtedly enriched his diplomatic endeavours, allowing him to approach energy and climate issues with a well-rounded perspective.



Danielle Smith
Premier
Government of Alberta

Danielle Smith is a proud Albertan. As Leader of the governing United Conservative Party, she was sworn in as the 19th Premier of Alberta on October 11, 2022. She represents the riding of Brooks-Medicine Hat in the Legislative Assembly.

Ms. Smith has had a lifelong interest in Alberta public policy and finding the right balance between free enterprise and individual freedom, and the role of government. She was previously MLA for Highwood and leader of the Official Opposition.

Before re-entering politics, Ms. Smith worked extensively in the media and in business, most recently as President of the Alberta Enterprise Group. Before that, she was a radio host with Corus Entertainment for 6 years.

Danielle Smith holds degrees in both Economics and English from the University of Calgary. She is married to David and proud stepmom to his son. They live in High River with their dog Buck.



Marty Durbin
Senior Vice President, Policy
President, Global Energy Institute
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Martin (Marty) Durbin is Senior Vice President for Policy, overseeing the U.S. Chamber's well-respected Policy Division. Durbin also serves as President of the U.S. Chamber's Global Energy Institute, leading the strategic development and implementation of the Chamber's climate, energy, and sustainability policy, and highlighting the role of the business community in both strengthening our energy security and accelerating the clean energy transition.

Durbin brings more than 28 years of trade association leadership representing highly regulated energy and manufacturing industries. Prior to joining the US Chamber in 2019, Durbin was Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer at the American Petroleum Institute (API), overseeing the integration of API's advocacy assets. He previously served as President and CEO of America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA) where he led the natural gas industry's market expansion through a comprehensive lobbying, grassroots and media campaign.

Durbin earlier served in senior positions with the American Chemistry Council and the American Plastics Council and began his career in legislative positions for Senator Alan J. Dixon (D-IL) and Representative Rick Boucher (D-VA).



Mel Ydreos
Secretary General
International Gas Union

Mel most recently served as the Executive Director for LNG2023; the successful global LNG conference staged in Vancouver, Canada. Mr. Ydreos brings a wealth of experience in the gas industry and a deep knowledge of the IGU organisation. He has previously served as the IGU Director of Public Affairs leading the IGU's external relations and advocacy activity. He also served as Chairman, Coordination Committee under

the USA IGU Presidency and played a key role in the staging of the World Gas Conference (WGC2018) in Washington DC.



Andrea Stegheer
Vice President
International Gas Union

Andrea has over 25 years of experience in the energy and gas sector in strategic, development, commercial, regulatory and transition matters.

He has been one of the key persons in setting up the storage business under a liberalized market, heading business and commercial development.

Since 2010, he was key in Snam M&A activities to promote international expansion. Among these, he had a primary role in fostering the Southern Gas Corridor development.

He has led Snam Corporate Strategy and stakeholder engagement activities and promoted energy transition projects like Gas for Climate 2050 and the setup of Snam CNG, SSLNG and biomethane activities.

He also promoted the Snam Global Solutions business unit, founded to support gas markets development and optimization worldwide and the set-up of Snam cooperation in China.

He is serving as an International Gas Union Executive Committee member since 2015 and has recently been elected IGU President for 2025-2028 and has served as IGU Vice President since 2021.



Mike Sommers
Chief Executive Officer
American Petroleum Institute

Mike Sommers is the 15th chief executive of the American Petroleum Institute (API), the largest trade association representing all aspects of America's natural gas and oil industry.

Since his appointment in July 2018, Sommers has overseen the strategic realignment of API's priorities and advocacy efforts, introducing an integrated organizational structure and core API Principles. Among other initiatives, he led the organization through an unprecedented period in global energy markets, effectively positioned the industry through political transitions in Washington and in state capitols across the country, increased utilization and visibility of API standards and safety programs, and led the adoption of the industry's solutions-oriented efforts to address the risks of climate change.

Sommers is a regular contributor and thought leader on major cable news networks. In 2021, Fortune Magazine [listed](#) Sommers among its 50 World's Greatest Leaders.



Paul Everingham
Chief Executive Officer
Asia Natural Gas and Energy Association

Paul Everingham joined ANGEA in Singapore as its inaugural Chief Executive in 2022. This followed a four-year term as Chief Executive of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of

Western Australia.

Paul has extensive experience in the global gas and energy sector, having worked with some of the largest and most sophisticated energy operations in the Asia Pacific.

Prior to joining the Chamber of Minerals and Energy, Paul founded and led his own corporate advisory firm and worked for an extended period in the Australian Federal Government, including roles with the Federal Treasury and the Federal Minister for Finance.



Tim Egan
President and Chief Executive Officer
Canada Gas Association

Timothy M. Egan became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Gas Association in September 2010. Mr. Egan has subsequently also been named the President of CGA Enterprises Inc. and the Chair of the Board of Directors on the Natural Gas Innovation Fund Capital Corporation.

Prior to his appointment, he was President of High Park Group (HPG), a public affairs consulting firm. He has an undergraduate degree in history from the University of Ottawa and common and civil law degrees from McGill University. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1995.

Mr. Egan is the publisher of the Energy Regulation Quarterly and editor of the magazine Energy. He also serves as Canada's representative on the International Gas Union (IGU),

sitting on the Executive Committee and serving as North American Regional Coordinator. Mr. Egan also sits on the Advisory Board of the Young Energy Infrastructure Professionals (YEIP).



Fred Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer
LNG Allies

Fred H. Hutchison is President & CEO of LNG Allies a nonprofit organization working to expedite and maximize LNG exports to create U.S. jobs and economic growth, enhance the energy security of America's allies, and improve human and environmental conditions worldwide. An advocate, communicator, and entrepreneur, Fred has been a government and public relations generalist for more than four decades and is a trusted adviser to private and public sector leaders worldwide. He was formerly a legislative assistant for energy and natural resources for U.S. Sen. Frank Church and earned a B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Bill Bullock

**Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
ConocoPhillips**

W. L. (Bill) Bullock, Jr. is executive vice president and chief financial officer. In this capacity, he oversees the teams responsible for finance, investor relations, and digital and information technology.

Bill has more than 35 years of oil and natural gas experience. He previously served in leadership roles as president, Asia Pacific & Middle East; vice president, Corporate Planning and Development; president, Global Gas and Power; president, Middle East & North Africa; and president and general manager, ConocoPhillips

Indonesia.

He joined ConocoPhillips in 1986 and worked in various engineering, operations, commercial and business development assignments.

Bill serves on the Engineering Advisory Council at Texas A&M University and the Joint Advisory Board for Texas A&M University at Qatar. In addition, Bill serves as chairman of the Asia Natural Gas & Energy Association, governing director for the Houston Symphony and director for the Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1986 and a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance from Oklahoma City University in 1996. Bill is a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas.



Michael Lewis
Chief Executive Officer
Uniper

Michael was appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Uniper in June 2023, and he also holds the role of Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO). Since taking the role, he has led the implementation of the Company's new strategy, with the aim to be completely carbon-neutral by 2040.

Starting at Powergen plc in 1993, Michael has had a long and distinguished career in the energy industry in the UK and Germany, holding various roles in Powergen and E.ON. Prior to joining Uniper, he held the role of CEO at E.ON UK plc for six years.



Karen Harbert
President and CEO
American Gas Association

Karen Alderman Harbert is president and chief executive officer of the American Gas Association. Founded in 1918, AGA represents more than 200 local energy utility companies that deliver natural gas to 187 million Americans nationwide.

Prior to joining AGA, she was president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute (Energy Institute). Under Harbert's leadership, the Energy Institute evolved into a premier national and international organization dedicated to advancing a constructive energy agenda with the business community, policymakers and consumers. Harbert led the Energy Institute's development of its comprehensive Energy Works for US platform, which provides policy recommendations to secure our nation's energy future and create millions of jobs, billions of dollars in revenue, and trillions of dollars of private investment. Under Harbert's leadership, the Energy Institute established the groundbreaking Index of Energy Security Risk and the International Index of Energy Security Risk, the first tools to quantify America's energy security on an annual basis. Harbert frequently testifies in front of Congress and provides analysis to the media, policymakers, and industry leaders.

Harbert is the former assistant secretary for policy and international affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). She was the primary policy adviser to the secretary of energy and to the department on domestic and international energy issues. She negotiated and managed bilateral and multilateral agreements with other countries and also served as vice chairman of the International Energy Agency, which advises its 28 member nations on energy policy issues and orchestrates international responses to energy supply disruptions.



Graham Henley
Chief Executive Officer
International Association of Oil & Gas Producers

Graham Henley was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) in September 2023. Before this, Graham was SVP Projects and

Engineering Capability in Shell, completing an international career that had taken him to the deserts of Oman, frozen seas off Sakhalin, and tropical heat of Nigeria, Malaysia, and Brunei. He has spent the last ten years in headquarters roles, initially as Vice President of Conventional Oil & Gas Projects, and thereafter leading the company's global engineering and projects functions. Graham has also led Shell's businesses in Syria until the suspension of operations in the country in 2012 and thereafter undertook a short assignment as Vice President Government Relations International. Graham was Chair of the IOGP Engineering Leadership Council for four years, and has been a member of the IOGP Board since 2019.