

LNG Producer-Consumer Conference 2025

Participants' Profile

Session1: Public-Private Session

Opening Speech



Mr. MURASE Yoshifumi

Commissioner of Agency for Natural Resources and Energy Japan

As head of this key METI agency, he oversees all areas of resource and energy policies. His responsibilities cover a wide range of programs encompassing the planning of the Government of Japan's energy policies and strategies. Key programs include measures to promote; the wider adoption of new energy sources to support zero-emission strategies, energy saving measures, and the expansion of renewable energy. As Commissioner, Mr. Murase also oversees METI programs designed to secure stable supplies of energy resources and fuels including oil and gas. His remit also covers oversight electricity and gas supply including nuclear energy generation as well as building systems for energy infrastructure and markets.

Remarks



Mr. Jassim M. Al-Marzouqi

EVP, Commercial & Business Development

QatarEnergy

Qatar

- Jassim joined QatarEnergy in 2007 and worked in several commercial positions.
- Prior to joining QatarEnergy, Jassim was with QatarEnergy LNG.
- Jassim started his career with ExxonMobil in 2001, held several positions in Doha and Houston.
- Jassim graduated from Arizona State University with a B.Sc. in electrical engineering (1998) and M.Sc. in electrical engineering (2000).

Remarks



Mr. Eduardo TEMPONE

Ambassador of Embassy Of The Argentine Republic

Ambassador Eduardo Tempone has been serving as the Ambassador of Argentina to Japan since July 2023. He was Director of Multilateral Economic Negotiations from 2009 to 2011 and from 2015 to 2020. His diplomatic postings include Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Geneva (2001-2008), and the Embassy in Washington D.C. (Commercial Section) (2011-2015). He served as Sous Sherpa of the G20 from 2020 to 2022.



Mr. Justin Hayhurst

Ambassador to Japan Australia

Mr Hayhurst is Australia's Ambassador to Japan and took up the appointment in January 2023.

He is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was most recently Deputy Secretary of the Geostrategic Group and Australia's Senior Quad Official. Previously, Mr Hayhurst was First Assistant Secretary International in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.



Ms. Tala Goudarzi

DOE Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary United States

Tala Goudarzi joins the Department of Energy's Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM), having worked across the energy industry, both in the public and private sectors. Tala served as Senior Advisor to the President and CEO of the Edison Electric Institute where she corresponded with stakeholders and developed campaigns and policy initiatives to address industry challenges. Tala acted as Public Affairs and Policy Advisor to the President of Semptra Infrastructure providing strategic briefings to leadership for high-stakes engagements, orchestrating executive appearances to align with corporate objectives and facilitating key partner relationships.

Panel Discussion 1

Moderator



Mr. Nirmal Shani

**Managing Partner-Global Energy & Sustainability, MarketsandMarkets
United Arab Emirates**

- A growth leader and philanthropist, Nirmal is passionate about energy and sustainability, leading the global practice at MarketsandMarkets.
- At S&P Global as Head of APAC-CERAWeek, he developed new partnerships across Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and United Arab Emirates, to collectively elevate the voice of Asia within the global energy system towards an 'Equitable Energy Transition for All.'
- Before joining S&P (then IHS) as its first India Country Manager in 2011, Nirmal was the youngest business head at Dun & Bradstreet.
- His philanthropic interests focus on education and health related issues in rural India.

Panelists



Mr. Mark Abbotsford

EVP and Chief Commercial Officer, Woodside Energy

Appointed EVP and CCO in August 2024, Mark leads Woodside's Commercial, Marketing, and Trading teams and is responsible for developing growth opportunities through mergers and acquisitions, new energy business development, exploration and new ventures. Mark has more than 20 years' experience across roles based in Australia, Singapore, Japan and United Kingdom. He holds a Master of Philosophy in Finance from the University of Cambridge, and a Bachelor of Economics and MBA from the University of Western Australia, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School.



Mr. Andrew Geoffrey Barry

**Vice President – Global LNG Marketing & Chairman – ExxonMobil LNG
Market Development, ExxonMobil Upstream Company
Singapore**

Andrew Barry, Vice President – Global LNG Marketing and Chairman – ExxonMobil LNG Market Development since April 2021, is based in Singapore. With over 30 years in the oil and gas industry, he was previously Managing Director of ExxonMobil PNG Limited and President of ExxonMobil Canada. Barry holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Queensland University of Technology and an MBA from the University of Melbourne. His career includes roles in Australia, Texas, Qatar, and Canada. He is married with three children.

Panel Discussion 1

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Mr. Laurent David
General Delegate of GIIGNL
France

Laurent David was appointed General Delegate of GIIGNL in July 2023. He has over 20 years of experience in the energy sector, particularly in LNG, market analysis, and strategic planning. Before GIIGNL, he led strategy for Gas, Renewables, and Power at TotalEnergies and held senior roles at ENGIE, where he worked on corporate strategy and energy scenarios. He began his career in 2000 after earning a PhD in Energy Economics, focusing on gas market deregulation.



Mr. TSUGARU Ryosuke
Senior Managing Executive Officer, Chief Low Carbon Fuel Officer
(CLCFO), JERA Co., Inc.
Japan

He took up the position of JERA in April 2024. In this role, he oversees the LNG value chain and leads the development of hydrogen and ammonia value chains. With a career spanning over three decades, he has devoted himself to the global energy sector. He possesses deep expertise in LNG development and a profound understanding of the LNG value chain. Before his tenure at JERA, he dedicated over 30 years to Mitsubishi Corporation, where he held key senior positions in the energy sector.

Panel Discussion 1

Panelists



Mr. WAKUDA Hajime

**Director-General, Natural Resources and Fuel Department,
Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE)
METI, Japan**

June 2024: Director-General, Natural Resources and Fuel Department,
Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE),
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

April 2024: Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Agency for Natural
Resources and Energy, METI

April 2020: President, JOGMEC (Japan Organization for Metals and Energy
Security)

March 2018: Director, Policy Planning Division, Natural Resources and
Fuel Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy,
METI

July 2014: Director General, Business Strategy Department, JOGMEC

June 2012: Director for Defense Industry, Aerospace and Defense
Industry Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau,
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

April 1992: Joined Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
(METI, formerly Ministry of International Trade and
Industry)

Panel Discussion 2

Moderator



Mr. Paul Everingham

**Chief Executive, Asia Natural Gas & Energy Association
Singapore**

- 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.

Panelists



Mr. AMANO Tatsushi

**Senior Executive Managing Officer
Global Head of Energy and Natural Resources Finance Group
JAPAN BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (JBIC)
JAPAN**

AMANO Tatsushi is Managing Executive Officer and Global Head of Energy and Natural Resources Finance at JBIC, overseeing oil & gas, mining, and hydrogen/ammonia financing since July 2023. Since joining JBIC in 1995, he has held roles in legal affairs, corporate finance, policy planning, and energy finance. He served at Japan's Ministry of Finance (1999–2001), practiced law in London (2012–2014), and is admitted to the New York State Bar. Amano holds a BA from the University of Tokyo and an LLM from the University of Pennsylvania.



Mr. Anatol Feygin

**Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Cheniere
United States of America**

Anatol Feygin has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer since September 2016. Mr. Feygin joined Cheniere in March 2014 as Senior Vice President, Strategy and Corporate Development. He also currently serves as EVP and CCO of Cheniere Partners and as a director, EVP, and CCO of Cheniere Holdings. Prior to Cheniere, Mr. Feygin worked with Loews Corporation and Bank of America. He began his banking career at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. Mr. Feygin holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering (Rutgers University) and an M.B.A. in Finance (Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University).

Panel Discussion 2

Panelists



Mr. Luis F. Gonzalez

Aboitiz Data Innovation Chief Operating Officer, Power & Industrials

Luis Gonzalez is Head of Data Science & AI for Aboitiz Data Innovation (ADI), leading enterprise AI efforts to improve operational efficiency, revenue, and ESG outcomes at AboitizPower. With over 25 years of global experience in AI and digital transformation, he has worked with 50+ clients across energy, transport, and industry. Luis is Co-founder of the AI Asia Pacific Institute and former MD at Element AI Asia. He is a guest lecturer at NTU, and has held senior roles at GE Digital and GE Power.



Mr. TAKEUCHI Atsunori

Executive Officer, Senior GM of Global Business Planning Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.

Japan

Joined Tokyo Gas Co Ltd in 1990. He has been Senior General Manager of Global Business Planning Department since 2024. He was Senior General Manager of LNG Business Department as well as President of Tokyo LNG Tanker Co Ltd, and the first President of TG Global Trading Co Ltd since 2020 to 2024. He has extensive work experiences in sales and service to commercial customers, including serving as Chief Representative of Asia Pacific Regional Office at Kuala Lumpur and as an invited researcher at Harvard University.

Panel Discussion 3

Moderator



Mr. SHIRAKAWA Yutaka

Gas Analyst of International Energy Agency France

Joined Tokyo Gas in 1988. Engaged in LNG procurement, contracting and shipping, re-gas terminal operations, technology development and overseas business. Worked in the Research Department of JOGMEC from 2019 and currently works at the International Energy Agency (IEA) from September 2024. Graduated from the Waseda University Graduate School of Science and Engineering and the Yale University Graduate School of Management.

Panelists



Mr. Zubin Bamji

Manager for the World Bank's Global Flaring & Methane Reduction (GFMR)

Zubin Bamji is the Manager for the World Bank's Global Flaring & Methane Reduction (GFMR) Partnership, a trust fund composed of governments, oil companies, and multilateral organizations working to end routine gas flaring and reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production. He leads a team that advises and supports governments in identifying and implementing solutions to the many economic, regulatory, policy, and technical barriers to flaring and methane reduction.

Prior to joining the World Bank's Energy & Extractives Global Practice, Bamji was a Senior Advisor for the U.S. Department of Commerce, working on regulatory, environmental, and sustainability issues for NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration). He has also served as Director of the Security Industry Association and Director of Brand Management & Communications for NPR. Bamji began his career as an Account Supervisor for Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in economics, management, and journalism from the University of South Carolina.

Panel Discussion 3

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Ms. Erin O'Brien

Assistant Deputy Minister, Dept of Natural Resources, Government of Canada

Erin was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister, Fuels Sector, Natural Resources Canada in August 2022. Her role involves driving the transition to a net-zero future, focusing on energy security and affordability for Canadians. Previously, she served as Director General, Policy, at the Major Projects Management Office, overseeing the development of the Impact Assessment Act and projects like the Trans Mountain Expansion. With a career primarily at the Department of Finance Canada, Erin held various senior roles in policy areas such as international trade, economic development, and finance. She also served as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Minister of Finance and holds a Master's degree in International Political Economy.



Ms. Meghan Demeter

Methane Alert and Response System Manager | Government Engagement Lead, UNEP's International Methane Emissions Observatory

Meghan Demeter manages IMEO's Methane Alert and Response System, a satellite-based detection and notification system for major methane emissions sources in the oil and gas sector. She also coordinates IMEO's engagement with governments to connect data with methane reduction action. Prior to joining UNEP, she worked at Environmental Defense Fund to engage leading oil and gas companies on methane mitigation. Meghan holds a Master's Degree from George Washington University in Environmental Policy and a Bachelor's Degree from Western Washington University in Environmental Economics and Energy Policy.



Mr. Tahir Faruqi

**Vice President Origination
Shell**

Tahir Faruqi is Vice President Origination - LNG and member of the Leadership Team for Shell's Global LNG Marketing and Trading business. He was previously General Manager – Global Head DLNG and General Manager Origination North & Central America Shell LNG Marketing & Trading.

Tahir originally joined Shell in 1997 as a Senior Analyst with Shell Services in the US. Shortly after that, he pursued commercial deal making in Shell Capital, focusing on investing in oil and gas opportunities. Seizing the opportunity to broaden beyond energy, Tahir completed an MBA from University of Chicago and then spent the next four years with Bain & Company in strategy consulting where he focused on transformational projects with mid-to-large corporations across multiple industries. With this broad commercial experience, Tahir returned to Shell Trading & Supply in Gas & Power in their Structured Finance group. He was then appointed as Vice President for the Energy Retailer business in North America where he also co-led the South Power network team.

Panel Discussion 3

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Mr Georges Tijbosch

CEO of MiQ – Methane Intelligence

Georges Tijbosch is Chief Executive and Board Member at MiQ, a not-for-profit climate tech foundation, providing the blueprint for the reduction of methane emissions in the oil and gas sector.

Alongside RMI and SYSTEMIQ, Georges helped launch MiQ in 2019. Under Georges' leadership, MiQ has become the largest certification initiative for methane emissions in the oil and gas sector, certifying over 5% of the global gas supply.

Georges is the former Director of Origination at Centrica. Before that, Georges was a director at London investment bank commodity trading desks.



Mr. Masataka YARITA

Director, LNG and Methane Management Division

Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC) JAPAN

Masataka has served as Director for LNG and Methane Management Division since April 2025 and Head for LNG Information Team in Research and Analytics Department of JOGMEC. Including his former carrier as a Head of Methane Management Taskforce, he led methane emission management efforts across the organization. Previously, he served as a stocks and demand analyst at the IEA. He holds LL.M. in International Oil and Gas Law and Policy with Distinction from University of Dundee in Scotland and bachelor's degree of Global Political Economy from Waseda University in Tokyo.