



# United Nations and the Gas IndustryTime for a Strategic Partnership!

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### The UN Energy Agenda









- Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All)
- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- The UN Climate Conference (COPs)







**UN – increased focus on energy!** 

# The 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations





































### **Energy - the key to achieving all Sustainable Development Goals**



































## SDG 7 Access to Electricity - Gas based power production



1 BCM/yr



5,5 billion KWH/yr



Household of five 500 KWH/yr (basic needs)



11 mill households or 55 million people

## Combined cycle gas turbine



- Basic needs:
  - Light
  - Fan
  - Phone
  - Refrigerator
  - . TV

# SDG 7 Affordable and clean energy for clean cooking

- Natural gas distribution
- Liquified Petroleum Gases (LPG)

- Reducing indoor pollution
- Replacing wood, charcoal, kerosine
- Less time used to provide energy
- Easy to distribute/transport
- Mitigate deforestation & earth degradation





Energy access also a gender issue!

### SDG 9 Industry and job creation





#### Industrial uses of natural gas:

- Ammonia/Urea production1 bcm/yr = 1,8 mill T fertiliser
- Methanol production 1 bcm/yr = 1,1 mill T methanol
- Petrochemical industry
- Service industry upstream and downstream
- Education, competence development
- Adding value to society



Industry: supporting social and economic development!

### SDG 13 Gas replacing coal in elgeneration

- the low hanging fruit!

..improving environment and air quality by less emissions:

© CO2: 50 % - global warming

• SO<sub>x</sub>: 99 % - acid rain

• NO<sub>x</sub>: 80 % - air quality

Particles/soot: 99.99 % - air quality

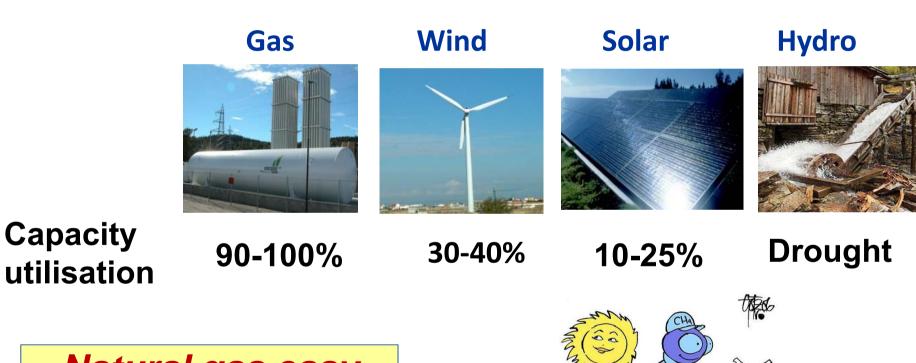




External costs of coal: Public health & environment

# SDG 13 Climate Change mitigation - gas enabling renewable energy

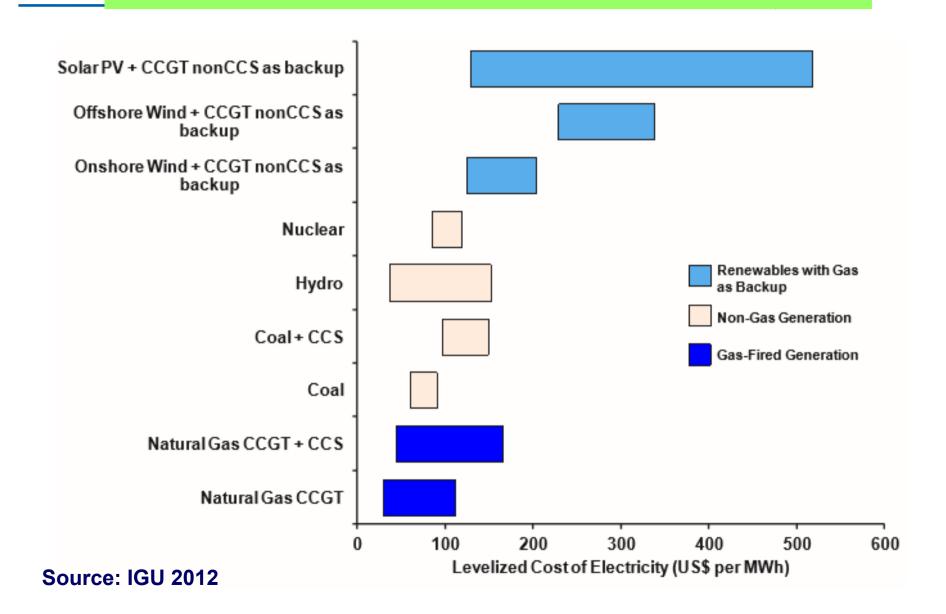
#### Society needs energy 24 hours / 7days



Natural gas easy to turn on and off



### **SDG** 13 Understanding cost of reliability



### **SDG 13 Natural gas**

- the transportation sector (CNG/LNG)



Fleets



#### Less

- Particles/soot
- NOx smog
- CO2
- Noise





**Maritime** 



Economics & environment – the main drivers - Electric cars – less CO2?

## Gas needs a better image! Must reach those outside the industry!

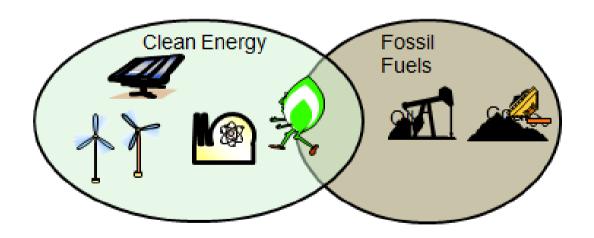




Influenced heavily by energy politics



Public and NGO perception of gas



United Nations – access to policymakers!

# UN Economic Commissionsfollow-up UN priorities

Five UN economic commissions globally

Commissions provide recommendations on policies, standards and best practices

#### **Stakeholders:**

- Ministry officials & diplomats
- Civil society & academia
- Industry associations/companies
- UN organisations, IEA, WBG







## The UNECE 2018-2019 Gas Programme



- Gas supporting UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Managing methane emissions
- Gas- improving air quality
- Synergies between gas and renewables
- New technology: Biogas, syntetic gas, CCSU
- Seminars/workshops/policy meetings



Formal approval in September 2017

### SDG 17 Unique opportunity for the gas industry

#### **UN** as a strategic partner:

- Channel for facts and communication
- Strengthen the UN competence on gas
- Influence the UN energy agenda

#### **Mechanisms for support:**

- Project based expert support
- Financial sponsorship
- Second personell to UNECE in Geneva





UN – offers a neutral platform for collaboration between governments and industry

### Master Sun Tzu, China (500 BC): Make the move when conditions are favourable!



### Thank you for your attention!

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