IPIECA in profile
The global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues
What is IPIECA?

IPIECA is the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues. Established in 1974 in response to the formation of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), IPIECA remains the industry’s principal channel of communication with the UN.

Our vision is for an oil and gas industry that’s operations and products meet society’s environmental and social performance expectations. IPIECA’s leadership helps make this a reality.

IPIECA is the only global association involving both the upstream and downstream oil and gas industry on environmental and social issues. Our membership includes:

- 37 companies, comprising all 6 supermajors and 7 national oil companies
- 16 associations, forming a network who represent over 400 oil and gas companies

IPIECA members account for over half of world’s oil production and work together to address a wide range of issues within three broad themes: climate and energy, the environment, and social responsibility.

IPIECA’s strategy

IPIECA provides leadership on environmental and social issues for the oil and gas industry by:

- **Enabling** the industry to improve performance through developing good practice
- **Informing** global policy and external stakeholders on environmental and social issues
- **Anticipating** challenges for the industry by scanning and assessing emerging issues and developing actions

How IPIECA works

Through its member led activities and executive leadership, IPIECA brings together the collective expertise of oil and gas companies and associations.

In total we have over 500 member company employees working across groups focused on:

- Social responsibility
- Health
- Biodiversity
- Water
- Oil spill response
- Climate change
- Fuels and products
- Sustainability reporting
- Supply chain

The association is governed by a General Committee made up of senior representatives from members. The General Committee meets once a year at the IPIECA Annual General Meeting.

IPIECA’s strategy is developed by an Executive Committee, which consists of company members willing to commit their time and effort to the governance of IPIECA. The Executive Committee meets three times a year and has a wide geographical representation reflecting an international perspective.
What does IPIECA do?

IPIECA helps the oil and gas industry improve its environmental and social performance by:

**Developing, sharing and promoting good practice**

Good practices are developed through peer exchange, workshops and guidance documents. IPIECA guides and reports are widely used as reference manuals and constitute a key resource on industry thinking and key trends. All our publications are free to download from our website www.ipieca.org

**Engaging the industry**

Through issue focused meetings members share knowledge, experience, strategies and approaches related to key environmental and social issues. IPIECA workshops and symposia bring together experts from within and beyond the industry to seek responses to global environmental and social challenges.

**Providing the latest thinking on key issues**

Engagement at an international level through IPIECA provides access to essential information and analysis impacting the industry. Furthermore IPIECA anticipates challenges by scanning and assessing emerging issues and developing actions.

**Communicating industry actions**

As a leading and authoritative voice with established links with intergovernmental organizations and other institutions, IPIECA ensures that the activities of the industry are presented effectively to key stakeholders.

**Networking and partnerships**

Joint action between oil and gas companies and other stakeholders can bring together complementary skills and create platforms for innovation and creativity. IPIECA fosters and facilitates networking and partnerships between the industry, non-governmental organizations, policy and scientific experts, and the UN.

**Providing United Nations liaison**

IPIECA holds UN consultative status, which allows participation in all UN treaty processes such as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).
Vision

An oil and gas industry that successfully improves its operations and products to meet society’s expectations for environmental and social performance.

Mission

• IPIECA operates globally and seeks to achieve its vision by:
• Developing, sharing and promoting sound practices and solutions
• Enhancing and communicating knowledge and understanding
• Engaging members and others in the industry
• Working in partnership with key stakeholders