International Gas Union (IGU)

IGU advocates natural gas as an integral part of a sustainable global energy system. It covers the whole gas supply chain.[1] The members of IGU are gas industry associations and companies, which together represent more than 90% of the global gas market.[2]

Membership of board/executive committee: A Shell employee is a member of the executive committee.[3]

2022 assessment outcome: Some misalignment

2021 assessment outcome: Aligned

Summary

Shell benefits from its membership of IGU, in particular from IGU’s advocacy of the benefits of gas and its role in the energy transition. IGU also participates in international forums, such as the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties.

We have found IGU to have some misalignment with our climate and energy transition-related policy positions.

We will urge IGU to:

- Support reducing methane emissions throughout the natural gas supply chain through direct regulations such as performance standards based on robust monitoring, reporting and verification frameworks. Explicitly state support for ending routine flaring by 2030 or sooner to help achieve such standards.
We will encourage IGU to:

- Explicitly state support for net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Support policies to facilitate the decarbonisation of heavy industry, including those that create demand and encourage supply of low-carbon energy in industry.
- Support improving energy efficiency through standards and regulatory instruments covering key sectors of the economy.

We will remain a member of IGU at the current time. We will continue to track alignment between IGU’s climate and energy transition-related positions and our own and will be transparent about where we find differences. We will continue to engage the association in areas where we have different views.

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[1] https://www.igu.org/about/
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[3] A Shell employee is a member of the executive committee, but this is not a Shell-designated position.
[21] https://www.igu.org/resources/energy-systems-a-case-study-from-ontario-canada/
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