Thousands gather for 24th World Petroleum Congress, making the most of your Calgary visit, and Canada gears up for LNG debut

Thousands of energy leaders, dignitaries and professionals are gathering in Calgary for the 24th World Petroleum Congress, which will take place 17-21 September at the BMO Centre, Stampede Park.

The triennial event’s theme for the Calgary gathering is “Energy Transition: The Path to Net Zero”.

Organisers herald the conference and exhibition as “an important bridge between the traditional energy sector and a more carbon-neutral industry over the next 25 years.”

Upstream – the global oil, gas and low-carbon energy news publication – is the 24th WPC event’s official live news provider throughout the week.

In the past, Upstream produced the news at WPC events in print show dailies. This year, however, the publication is providing all the news online, through the
WPC Upstream Live Centre digital platform at: https://www.upstreamonline.com/live/WPC23/.

Upstream also will provide the 24th WPC Daily News highlights in daily e-newsletters, which the show organisers will distribute to WPC delegates and Upstream will distribute to its subscribers.

Check the WPC Upstream Live Centre news regularly on your smartphone or computer throughout the week for Upstream’s live news updates from the 24th WPC, along with highlights from the show’s organisers.

Aramco President and Chief Executive Amin Nasser will be honoured this year with the WPC Dewhurst Award for his leadership and contributions to the oil and gas industry. Nasser is the prestigious award’s 12th recipient in the World Petroleum Council’s long history. The award will be presented on Monday, 18 September. The Women’s Networking Breakfast and the Opening Ceremony and Reception will take place on Sunday, 17 September.

On Monday, 18 September, the 24th WPC will host a ministerial dialogue at 8:00 a.m. with Saudi Arabia’s Minister of Energy, Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud. The week will bring a plethora of Plenary, Strategic and Technical Programme speakers, and many other events, including the host country’s Canada Night festivities on Tuesday, 19 September.
The 24th World Petroleum Congress takes place in the beautiful city of Calgary, which sits on the edge of the Rocky Mountains and the vast expanse of the Canadian prairies.

There is an underlying energy in the city that invigorates and motivates. You'll always find something new to see and do, a new restaurant to try, a festival to lose yourself in, or a unique attraction to experience.

Renowned for warm Western hospitality and undeniable community spirit, Calgary is a place of big skies, big ideas and welcoming, friendly people.

Check out this introduction to Calgary and its surroundings to get the most out of
your visit.
Canada, the host nation of the 24th World Petroleum Congress, is working hard to become an important exporter of liquefied natural gas, which many see as a bridge fuel in the energy transition – particularly for nations where cleaner burning natural gas can replace coal for purposes such as generating electricity.

Canada’s long-brewing ambition to become an LNG exporter will finally be realised in 2025, the expected start-up date for phase one of the LNG Canada project – the first in a queue of export schemes that backers hope will make the country a significant player in the fast-expanding North American LNG business.

The conditions are right for it. Canada has the resources — an estimated 1373 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, according to the Canadian Gas Association — and for the western coastal province of British Columbia, proximity to an increasingly gas-hungry Asian market.

A recent International Gas Union report puts the amount of “aspirational” liquefaction capacity in Canada — proposals yet to reach final investment decision — at 229.6 million tonnes per annum, not all that far behind the 333 million tpa under consideration in the US and well ahead of Mexico’s 48.8 million tpa. When combined, that puts North America at the forefront of proposed capacity expansion. Check out the full story on Canada’s LNG projects from Upstream’s Features and Technology Editor, Russell McCulley.
Upstream will keep you informed throughout the week during the 24th World Petroleum Congress. Check back regularly online at our Live Centre “News studio” channel for news and insight gathered at the event.

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