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## Natural Gas for a Sustainable Energy Future

Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel making it a unique choice in the path towards a lower carbon energy future. The abundance of natural gas, its competitive cost of supply, the availability of proven gas technology and the flexibility to work as a partner with renewable energy, all favour natural gas as the best energy source to address carbon emission reductions at the lowest cost.

The world continues to face the challenge of providing the energy needed to sustain growth, whilst addressing environmental concerns resulting from intensive use of fossil fuels.

In the coming decades natural gas should emerge as the leading fossil fuel, with an increased share of the global energy market. At the same time, governments are increasingly focusing their energy policies towards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the promotion of renewable energy [or nuclear energy] with the objective of developing other major energy sources.

Given this outlook the International Gas Union is working proactively with governments, regulators and the gas industry stakeholders to:

- Promote switching to natural gas in the power generation and industry sectors
- Encourage the use of natural gas in the transportation sector
- Motivate all parties to improve efficiency and strive for best practices throughout the value chain

This can be done now through the use of readily available and proven gas technologies that will continue to help to achieve the reduction of atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases in the medium and long term.

In line with its mission, the International Gas Union will continue to:

- Promote the exchange of know-how within the industry catalysing the development of new technologies
- Act as an effective interface between industry and government informing about the advantages of natural gas
- Monitor the development of energy policies and public opinion to enable the gas industry to anticipate and prepare for both threats and opportunities

**Natural gas is an integral part of our sustainable energy future.**