

LNG Producer-Consumer Conference 2024

Speakers' Profile

Session 2: Session Keynote Speech



Mr. JEAN ABITEBOUL

President, GIIGNL

France

Jean Abiteboul is the Founder & CEO of JA Energy Consulting and former Senior Vice-President at Cheniere Energy. With a degree in Engineering from Ecole Centrale de Lyon and Economics, he started his career at Gaz de France (now Engie) in 1975, holding leadership roles in gas supply, trading, and marketing, including President of Gaselys. Jean joined Cheniere in 2006, becoming President of Cheniere Marketing until his retirement in 2016. In 2020, he was appointed President of GIIGNL and a non-executive Director of Tellurian, Inc.

Session 2: Panel Discussion 1

“Public and Private Efforts to Enhance Gas Security and the Role of Gas Reserve Mechanisms”

Moderator



Mr. Akos Losz
Lead Gas Analyst, IEA
France

Akos Losz is Lead Gas Analyst at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris. Prior to joining the IEA, he worked as a Senior Research Associate at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy, specializing in natural gas, and advised the World Bank on gas-related issues as a consultant. He previously held various roles at Westwood Global Energy Group, MOL Group, PFC Energy (now S&P Global), and CSIS. He holds an MA from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and completed undergraduate studies at Corvinus University of Budapest.

Panelists



Mr. Tahir Faruqi
General Manager, Head of Origination - LNG and member of the Leadership Team for Shell's Global LNG Marketing and Trading business Shell

Tahir originally joined Shell in 1997 as a Senior Analyst with Shell Services in the US. Shortly after that, he pursued commercial deal making in Shell Capital, focusing on investing in oil and gas opportunities. Seizing the opportunity to broaden beyond energy, Tahir completed an MBA from University of Chicago and then spent the next four years with Bain & Company in strategy consulting where he focused on transformational projects with mid-to-large corporations across multiple industries. With this broad commercial experience, Tahir returned to Shell Trading & Supply in Gas & Power in their Structured Finance group. He was then appointed as Vice President for the Energy Retailer business in North America where he also co-led the South Power network team.



Ms. Yumiko YAO
Executive Officer, Senior General Manager of LNG Business Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.
Japan

Joined Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. in 1993. She has been Executive Officer, Senior General Manager of LNG business Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. as well as President of Tokyo LNG Tanker Co., Ltd. since 2024.

She has extensive work experience in Global Business, International events promotion (Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic etc.).

She earned a Bachelor of Law from Sophia University in 1993 and MBA from University of Notre Dame, USA in 1999.

Panelists



Mr. Paramate Hoisungwan

Advisor - ASCOPE

Thailand

Mr. Paramate is the Advisor for ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE). He has more than 20 years of work experience in Natural Gas, LNG and Energy Industry including Natural Gas and LNG procurement, Business Development, Policy Development and Collaboration among 10 national oil companies in ASEAN. He is also regular LNG Speaker on the topics of LNG Market Development, LNG Destination Flexibility, LNG Hub Development, LNG Pricing and LNG Infrastructure Development for International events.



Mr. NISHIZAWA Hitoshi (Toshi)

SVP, LNG Division

JERA Co., Inc.

Japan

Toshi Nishizawa is SVP, LNG Division of JERA, in charge of LNG procurement. Throughout his career he has been working for various aspects of LNG businesses. As for procurement aspect, he conducted numbers of long/short-term/spot procurement negotiations and contract management. He also ran LNG upstream businesses and related JV/commercial/financial/corporate aspects.



Mr. Matthew Baldwin

Deputy Director-General, DG ENER, European Commission

Belgium

He has served in the European Commission for 27 years. He was previously Deputy Director General in DG MOVE where he ran the Mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities by 2030, and also served as the EU coordinator for road safety and sustainable urban mobility. He was previously Director for Aviation in DG MOVE, and Director for Market Access in DG Trade. He has also served in senior positions in the cabinets of President Barroso, and Commissioners Lamy and Hill.

Session 2: Panel Discussion 2

“Technology Progress Toward Decarbonizing the LNG Value Chain and Challenges in Developing a Roadmap”

Moderator



Mr. Gunnar Steck
Owner of ENQUIDITY
Germany

Gunnar has held a variety of positions in strategy, legal and regulatory roles in gas trading and supply as well as in gas transmission companies. From senior management positions he has helped companies to understand the impact of regulatory change, to implement changes effectively, and to represent their interests towards regulatory authorities. In 2018 Gunnar founded ENQUIDITY, a boutique consultancy firm advising clients on European legislation and regulation relevant for trading LNG as well as renewable and low-carbon gases.

Panelists



Mr. MURAOKA Tomohide
Associate Executive Officer / Chief Engineer
Japan

He has been working in Gas and LNG with decarbonization fields for almost 30 years. He mainly leads JGC's LNG and Decarbonization business in energy sector, overseeing the company's strategy to offer total engineering services by providing diverse solutions.



Mr. Anatol Feygin
Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Cheniere
United States

Anatol Feygin has served as EVP and CCO since September 2016. Mr. Feygin joined Cheniere in March 2014 as SVP, Strategy and Corporate Development. Mr. Feygin also currently serves as EVP and CCO of Cheniere Partners, and as a director and EVP and CCO of Cheniere Holdings. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Feygin worked with Loews Corporation, Bank of America, and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. Mr. Feygin earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University and an M.B.A. in Finance from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University.

Panelists



Mr. Hamed Mohamed Al-Naamany
Chief Executive Officer, OmanLNG

Hamed Al Naamany has 27 years of experience in the Energy industry, holding different technical, commercial and asset management roles including Upstream and LNG.

In 2012; Hamed experience broadened on LNG growth portfolio and LNG transport, in Europe and North America, including Atlantic LNG, Peru LNG, US LNG and LNG Canada.

In 2016, Hamed returned to Oman LNG to lead the LNG plant rejuvenation and the Debottlenecking Project prior to his nomination in 2019 as Oman LNG's Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer.

In 2021, Hamed was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Oman LNG and Qalhat LNG with key focus to extend the venture concession with new Gas Supply and LNG sales contracts, adaptive to the shift in the LNG market, focus on value-centric Digitalization and competitive NZE roadmap.



Mr. UCHIDA Makoto
Senior Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

Japan

Makoto UCHIDA serves as a Senior Managing Director of JBIC, covering Energy & Natural Resource Finance and Equity Finance. JBIC is a policy-based financial institution of Japan, and conducts lending/investment operations while complementing the private sector financial institutions.

Session 2: Panel Discussion 3 “The Role of Financing in Ensuring Growth of a Stable LNG Market”

Moderator



Mr. Yuriy Humber

President of Yuri Group and Founder of Japan NRG
Japan

Yuriy is founder of the Japan NRG platform, which provides regular information and analysis about Japanese energy policy, industry, markets and R&D. Yuriy is also a columnist on energy issues for the *Nikkei Asia* newspaper and co-author of “Net Zero Sum”, a white paper published by brokerage firm CLSA on Japanese energy policies. Formerly an award-winning journalist, Yuriy is also president of investment research firm K.K. Yuri Group, which operates the Japan NRG platform.

Panelists



Mr. IKEDA Shuhei

**Operating Officer & General Manager, Project Finance Department,
Mizuho Bank, Ltd.**
JAPAN

Mr. Ikeda has 20-year-long project finance experience across the power, energy, natural resources, and infrastructure sectors mostly in Asia, after he joined Mizuho in August 2004. Prior to joining Mizuho, he gained extensive experience in the power business in Japan, Middle East and South East Asia as a project developer at Chiyoda Corporation. He has a BA in Economics from Seikei University, Japan, and an MBA from Georgetown University in Washington DC, USA



Mr. Andrew (Andy) R. Elliott

President, ExxonMobil LNG Asia Pacific

Andy was named President ExxonMobil LNG Asia Pacific 1st December 2022 and is based in Singapore.

Andy was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree (with Honours) in 1998 from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and has over 25-years of international experience in the oil and gas industry in a variety of Subsurface, Commercial and Planning positions.

Andy was most recently the LNG Strategy and Portfolio Manager in Houston leading the development and integration of the LNG Strategy, and optimisation of the global LNG portfolio.

Andy is married and has two children.

Panelists



Mr. KINOSHITA Naoshige

**Deputy Head and Lead Program Coordinator,
Asia External Representation Office of African Development Bank
Japan**

Since joining AfDB in 2011, Kinoshita has focused on private sector transactions, successfully closing multiple renewable energy projects and Mozambique Area 1 LNG project. From 2018 to 2021, Kinoshita served as the Chief Investment Officer at the AfDB HQ's Energy complex. Prior to AfDB, in the 2000s, he supported Enron's entry into the electricity market in Japan. In the 1990s, he worked at ITOCHU Corporation, specializing in infrastructure and energy-saving initiatives. Kinoshita holds an MBA from UC Irvine and a Master's in Global Energy and Climate Policy from the University of London.



Mr. De la Rey Venter

**CEO of MidOcean Energy
United Kingdom**

Mr. Venter joined MidOcean Energy in 2022 after 20 years with Shell where he was the Global Head of LNG and a member of the leadership teams of Shell's Upstream and Integrated Gas and New Energies directorates. He started his career in the mining industry with a variety of strategy, sales, marketing and distribution roles with Samancor and Billiton. Mr. Venter holds a B-Comm degree from the University of Northwest, a Honours Degree in Investment Management from the University of Johannesburg and an MBA from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland.



Mr. YOSHIOKA Takashi

**Senior General Manager, Structured and Trade Finance Insurance
Department, Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI)
Japan**

Since starting career at Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry in 1998, mostly engaged in industrial policy, international trade deals and economic cooperation with foreign governments. Based on experience to promote overseas infrastructure projects through the career, now heading loan insurance department of NEXI to work on exploring frontier projects such as in decarbonization, business development and energy and food security as well as supporting foreign investment and export from Japan.