YOUTH

Tomorrow's Energy Leaders

Young people are already an influential group within the industry. On a daily basis, young professionals integrate their vision into the reports they draft, the ideas they propose and the questions they ask. Today, the potential of this group is insufficiently leveraged by senior leaders.

The unique value of young people stems from their personal commitment to a sustainable energy future – their own future. Therefore, young people have the drive to raise their voice and challenge the status quo. They have the responsibility to question whether current industry practices are optimally addressing their future needs in a rapidly changing world.

Senior leaders should make capturing the benefits of youth engagement a priority. In the next years, the ability to adapt will determine who will be ahead of the curve, as we have already seen with the rapid surge of the US shale revolution. Young people can increase the agility of companies to adjust to such external challenges, while maintaining a focus on the long-term objective: sustainable growth. Tomorrow starts today. Young people should take ownership of their future.

As the chair of the WPC's Youth Committee, I invite you to explore this new edition of the WPC Youth Magazine. It is a collective effort of young people of the oil and gas industry across the globe. I am grateful to Jifeng and his leadership on this edition, as well as the support from the WPC team and the top leaders of the oil and gas industry. Please, join our

activities at the WPC Youth Lounge and our Youth Session on the main Congress programme (June 18, 16:00-17:30). They are unique opportunities for intergenerational dialogue.



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