## Welcome to the Official 21st WPC Congress Publication!

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ollowing three years of planning, organising and sheer hard work we are now here to celebrate the 21st World Petroleum Congress in Moscow. As one of the largest and most significant events in our industry, the World Petroleum Congress brings together facts and figures thorough discussion and critical reporting, strategic evaluations and comprehensive analysis, on a wide range of issues affecting all those involved in the global oil and gas sector. The Official Publication of the 21st World Petroleum Congress mirrors the discussions during the event itself. Its in-depth reports and highlevel articles from key industry figures on the theme of "Responsibly energising a growing world" frame the discussion and provide essential back ground on some of the greatest challenges and opportunities our industry is facing.

The global economy is gradually recovering and energy demand continues to grow. Oil and gas will remain key components of the energy mix in the decades to come. With innovative technologies, creative thinking and the necessary capital expenditure, our industry will be able to continue delivering reliable, affordable and sustainable energy to all around the world.

By sharing innovative ideas and strategic evaluations, we aim to promote dialogue between the key stakeholders and to address the longterm goals that our industry must pursue in order to ensure the delivery of our mission: sustainable exploration, production, and consumption of oil and natural gas and their products for the benefit of all.

Through the Youth Magazine, which is also part of our Official Publication, the new generation of the industry share their innovative ideas and the way they envision our industry decades ahead. Here they lay out their view of the legacy that they will take over one day and their vision of potential scenarios and developments under their own leadership.

As the industry prepares to meet increasingly challenging demand for oil and gas, under ever more strict requirements on environmental standards and business ethics, the 21st World Petroleum Congress and its Official Publication will certainly deliver a lasting legacy to all stakeholders in the energy sector.

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