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Gas: an asset for the 21st century

From 1 to 5 June 2015, Paris is host to the world gas industry community on the occasion of 26th World Gas Conference (WGC PARIS 2015).

Organised every three years in the country of the chairman of the International Gas Union (IGU), this event is a tremendous showcase for our energy.

With around more than 3,000 delegates and 45,000 m² of exhibition space, this conference will be the occasion for gas to show, above all, that it is an energy of the future.

Accessible, affordable and respectful of the environment: gas is an asset for our country, for Europe and for the world.

Patrick Pouyanné, CEO of the Total group and Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of the Engie group, the two main sponsors of this meeting, have agreed to answer the questions put to them by *Gaz d'aujourd'hui* for this «World Gas Congress» special issue.

In the presence of the highest authorities of the State and industry leaders from the entire world, and six months away from the COP21, gas will also recall that it has a major role to play in combating climate change. This issue of *Gaz d'aujourd'hui*, identifies the actions in favour of the climate and sustainable development being taken by the gas industry.

The links between natural gas and sustainable development, complementarity between gas and renewable energies in electricity, its presence in the emerging countries and the question of human capital: gas should not be afraid of putting forward the arguments in its favour. They are strong!

At a time when the global balances are being redrawn, the gas operators, with one voice, must to pass a strong and unambiguous message: gas will be an asset for the 21st century.



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