

## Development of Gas Market in Qatar

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As part of its energy talks series and in collaboration with its sister organization, the Windsor Energy Group (WEG), **Access for Women in Energy** (AccessWIE) organised a dinner discussion on the development of the gas market in Qatar. The dinner was hosted by HE Mr Khalid bin Rashid bin Salim Al-Hamoudi Al-Mansouri, Qatar's Ambassador to the UK, at his residence in London, on 28 February 2008.



### Here are some interesting discussion points

- Security of gas supply remains a concern in Europe worried by Russian “gas-politics”.
- Gas still plentiful and there seems to be little chance of supply peaking.
- Gas will figure more in a move towards a post-oil economy.
- The balance between producers and consumers is more level owing to the large numbers of petrodollars now in producer hands.
- Some producers are delaying decisions for fear of striking poor deals.
- Other producers need to move fast to diversify from energy economies to create jobs for young and growing populations.
- Expansion of LNG has commoditised gas.
- Security of supply is not an issue if customers are prepared to pay a premium.
- Shortage of specialist labour and increased costs of building new trains are a problem.
- GTL trials with Airbus as a “green aviation fuel” are promising.
- Globally energy demand is accelerating beyond the capacity of suppliers to meet demand.
- Transportation fuels will become more expensive as a consequence.
- Climate change policies will have impact on gas and other hydrocarbons in coming years.
- Supply of methane gas from coal layers is growing in Europe but this is restricted by distance from markets and therefore will not compete with LNG.

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*AccessWIE* was founded in 2007 by Dr Carole Nakhle, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Crystol Energy. The group is co-chaired by Lady Judge (The Hon. Barbara Thomas), Chairman Emerita of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, and Lord Howell, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society and of the UK Energy Industries Council.