



International Regulators' Forum
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International Regulators' Forum Holds 2021 Annual General Meeting Focused on Offshore Petroleum Safety Through the Pandemic and Beyond

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On October 6-7, the International Regulators Forum (IRF) held its virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM), with representatives from 11 countries with mandates for the regulatory oversight of safe offshore petroleum activities -- Australia, Brazil, Canada (outgoing Chair), Denmark, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States.

IRF members reviewed industry performance indicators, discussed best practices and shared lessons learned as the industry and regulators faced the challenges associated with the global pandemic. Members noted the importance of vaccination, which continues to be one of the most effective ways to protect against the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and the severe illness that it can cause. Discussions also focused on developments in regulatory oversight in areas including inspections, renewable offshore energy, and abandonment and decommissioning.

Representatives of the International Association of Drilling Contractors and International Oil and Gas Producers joined part of the meeting to provide updates on the response of their organizations to the pandemic, along with progress reports with respect to the priority areas of digitalization, incident investigation quality and sharing, and well control.

Australia will assume the role of Chair as the IRF works toward resuming in-person meetings next year, including the next IRF Conference and AGM, which are currently planned for Perth, Australia in October 2022.

Further information on the IRF and its strategic agenda is available at the IRF website (<https://irfoffshoresafety.com/>) and its social media channels.

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