

# 2026 Offshore Technology Conference

STEERING OFFSHORE ENERGY INNOVATION INTO THE FUTURE



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# ABOUT OTC

The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) is where energy professionals meet to exchange ideas and opinions to advance scientific and technical knowledge for offshore resources. Founded in 1969, OTC's flagship conference is held annually in Houston. OTC has expanded technically and globally with OTC Brasil and OTC Asia.

OTC is a collaboration of 12 non-profit organizations that support the global energy sector. Our organizations work cooperatively to develop and manage a portfolio of events dedicated to accelerating the development and transfer of interdisciplinary offshore technologies. Revenue from our portfolio is returned to our sponsoring organizations which benefit the advancement of their members and the energy sector.

Income from this event is invested back into the sponsoring organizations' programs that will provide opportunities for industry professionals to enhance their professional and technical skills, and to promote education to continue to help advance the offshore energy industry.

These organizations include the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Oceanic and Engineering Society (IEEE-OES), Marine Technology Society (MTS), Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG), Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME), Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (TMS), Brazilian Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels Institute (IBP), International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) and Energy Workforce and Technology Council (EWTC).

# QUICK FACTS

## WiFi Access:

Free wireless internet access is available in the OTC press room. The wireless network name is **Pressroom** and the password is **meeting400**. Additionally, free WiFi is available in the NRG Center level 1 and level 2 lobbies. The wireless network name is **OTC2026**. *This free wireless access will not be available on the exhibit floors or meeting rooms.*

Free wireless outside of NRG Park:

- McDonalds at 9805 S Main St. - Head south on Kirby toward Westridge, turn right at S Loop Fwy W, then turn right at S Main St
- Starbuck's located inside building at 6400 Fannin St. - Head south on Kirby toward Westridge, make a U-turn at Westridge, turn right at Main, then right at MacGregor, then right at Fannin.

## Digital Conference Program:

To access the digital conference program, please visit <https://2026.otcnet.org/attend/digital-conference-program>

## General, Photography, Audio Recording and Videotaping Guidelines

- You can access our Event Code of Conduct at <https://www.otcnet.org/about/event-code-of-conduct>
- No audio recording, video recording, or photography is allowed without OTC's permission.
- All journalists seeking to do so must register as press, check in at the OTC press room, and agree to the following:
  - Journalist represents a qualified news organization that has regularly scheduled programs.
  - No webcasting or streaming is permitted during technical sessions but is permitted in the concourse and hallways.
  - OTC may limit at its sole discretion the locations, times, and subjects for video and audio recordings and photographs.
  - All requests to interview the OTC chairman or any member of the OTC Board of Directors must be made to the OTC media contact listed below.
- To view additional rules, please visit <https://2026.otcnet.org/about/photography-video-audio-recording-regulations>

## Photography

- Still photographers must have their OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. **OTC press badges must be visible at all times.**
- Still photographers may cover the exhibit floor without an OTC press representative once they receive their press badge.
- Photographers must ask permission of exhibitors before photographing any area in which their exhibit appears.
- Photography inside the technical sessions is not permitted, except by official OTC staff.
- Photographs of speakers and presenters are permitted with their consent and may only occur on the exhibit floor or hallways.
- OTC staff will upload daily photos by the end of the day, when available. Click [here](#) for photos.
- OTC's show photographer can provide professional quality, high-resolution photos of the NRG Center exhibition area from the catwalk. No other photographers are allowed on the catwalk. An OTC press representative in the press room can help fulfill photo requests.

## Audio Recording

- Radio and podcast reporters must have OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. OTC press credentials must be visible at all times.
- Audio recordings inside the technical session rooms is not permitted, except by OTC staff.
- Audio recordings of speakers and presenters is permitted with their consent and may only occur on the exhibit floor or hallways.
- Radio and podcast reporters may cover the exhibition floor without an OTC press representative once they receive their press badge.
- Radio and podcast reporters must get permission from the exhibiting company before conducting any interviews in an exhibitor's area.
- Taped information will be used for brief news reports that will not be broadcast more than 30 days following the close of OTC.

## Video Recording

- Video crews must be accompanied by an OTC press representative to film on the exhibit floor, and must check in at the press room each day. Scheduling in advance with the OTC media contact will ensure you get the access you need.
- Video crews must have OTC press badges before entering the exhibit floor. OTC press credentials must be visible at all times.
- Video recordings of technical sessions is not permitted, except by OTC staff.
- Video recordings of speakers and presenters is permitted with their consent and may only occur in the mezzanine or hallways.
- Taped information will be used for brief news reports that will not be broadcast more than 30 days following the close of OTC.
- No final product will incorporate more than five minutes of video from the exhibition floor, without special written permission of OTC.

## Exhibitor-Appointed Photographers and Videographers

Exhibitor-appointment photographers and videographers will have special badges to indicate that they are allowed to take photography in the exhibiting company's booth. Exhibitor staff must escort the photographer/videographer on and off the exhibit floor. They are not allowed to take photography or video outside of the booth. OTC's official photographer can provide overall images from the event. Visit [www.otcimages.com](http://www.otcimages.com) for official images from OTC.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

## ***Where can I find exhibitor booths?***

You can find an up-to-date exhibitor map here: <https://exhibits.otcnet.org/OTC2026/Public/eventmap.aspx>

## ***How can I request an interview with OTC leadership or event speakers?***

To request an interview with a member of the OTC leadership team or one of our event speakers, please contact the OTC press team at [pr@otcnet.org](mailto:pr@otcnet.org). Because of the high volume of requests, please be sure to indicate your name, outlet and the type of story you are writing.

## ***When I arrive at NRG, where do I go to pick up my badge?***

When you arrive at NRG, please visit room 403-405 on the second floor of the NRG Energy Center to pick up your press badge and check in. The press room will be open Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM CT and Thursday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT.

## ***My colleague did not register for the event online. Can they still register as press at the event?***

Yes. Online registration closes Friday, May 1 at 10 AM CT. If you are unable to register prior to this date, please visit room 403-405 during the event to register in person and pick up your press badge. Please be prepared to fill out a registration form in-person and have your media credentials ready to show organizers.

## ***Will I have digital access to technical papers?***

Yes. As registered press, you are allotted access to the technical papers featured in this year's event. To request a copy of a technical paper, please contact [pr@otcnet.org](mailto:pr@otcnet.org).

## ***How can I get access to images of the event?***

OTC organizers will make available images of the event available for the press and public to use. To access, please visit <http://www.otcimages.com/>.

## ***Will press be able to ask questions during technical sessions and panels?***

Yes. When asking questions, please identify yourself as a member of the press.

## ***I am live tweeting about the event. What hashtag should I use?***

Tag @OTCevents and use #OTC2026.

## ***How can I access the official OTC event application?***

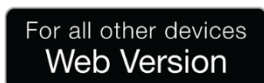
Below we have included QR codes that lead you to the official OTC Apple, Google Play, or Web applications:



<https://ativ.me/ye9>



<https://ativ.me/yeb>



<https://ativ.me/1016>



# NOTABLE CONFERENCE EVENTS

To find a comprehensive 2026 Technical Program schedule, please visit <https://2026.otcnet.org/2026-technical-program>



Opening General Session



Panel



Executive Dialogue



Keynote Speaker Series



Around the World



Energy Evolution Exchange

Start time	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5	Wednesday, May 6	Thursday, May 7			
8:00 AM		<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>Agents for Energy: How Generative AI is Transforming Industrial Decision-Making</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Kumar Lakshmi pathi, GenAI Lead for Energy &amp; Utilities – AWS</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Shankar Narayanan, Head of Technology Partnerships - Amazon Web Services</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>CCUS to 2050 - Outlook and Path Forward</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Jarred Metoyer, Senior Vice President, Markets and Risk – DNV</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Mohsen Shavandi, Director of Energy Transition – DNV</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 300</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>Venezuela's Oil &amp; Gas Industry: Lost and Found</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Luis Pacheco, Non-Resident Fellow - Baker Institute, Rice University</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Oman Oquendo, President - Venezuelan American Petroleum Association (VAPA)</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>From the Gulf Coast to the World: Marine Export Lessons for the Next Wave of LNG Facilities</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Paul Fellows, Senior Vice President – Integrated Solutions Americas – KBR</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Hoss Shariat, Chief Technical Engineer, Oil &amp; Gas Process – KBR</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 206</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>From Orbit to Ocean: AI-Driven Satellite and Field Intelligence for Faster, Smarter Spill Response</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Mauricio Fragoso, Director of Energies and Infrastructure Monitoring – CLS</p> <p>Juan Pena, Valencia - Orbital EOS</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Luz Zarate, Metocean Engineer - Shell Global Solutions</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b></p> <p>Additive Manufacturing for Pressure Vessels and Subsea Structures: Fabrication Methods, Qualification Frameworks, and Cost Drivers</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Peter Richards, Chief Executive Officer - DEEP Manufacturing Ltd.</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Neil Kavanagh, Founder and Principal Consultant - K Energy Consulting</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 206</p>
9:00 AM	<p><b>Opening General Session:</b></p> <p>To kick-off the 2026 conference, OTC will host an Opening Ceremony to welcome attendees, speakers, and exhibitors alike; recognize the exceptional work of OTC's award winners; and share an update on the state of the industry with an opening plenary session.</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President - Co-operative Republic of Guyana</p> <p>John Whitmire – Mayor of Houston, Texas</p>		<p><b>Around the World:</b></p> <p>Guyana's Integrated Energy Future: Linking Offshore Growth, Climate Resilience, and Food Security</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Kathy Smith, President - Georgetown Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</p> <p>Vickram Bharrat, Minister of Natural Resources - Government of Guyana</p>				
9:15 AM							
9:30 AM			<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b></p> <p>From First Oil to 100,000 BOPD: Insights from Beacon's Shenandoah 20K Development</p>	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>The Forty Year Evolution of Deepwater Floating Production Platforms in the Gulf of America</p>	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>Strengthening America's Maritime Energy Transportation Future (LNG)</p>		
		<p><b>Energy Evolution Exchange:</b></p> <p>The Workforce Behind the Energy Evolution: Bridging Offshore Oil, Gas &amp; Renewables</p>					

9:45 AM	<p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Daniel McConnell, Chair of the Board of Directors - Offshore Technology Conference</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>		<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Harshal Kolambe, Managing Director - Nimbus Marine Group</p>	<p>Peter Ramsaroop, Peter Ramsaroop - Government of Guyana</p> <p>Alistair Routledge, President - ExxonMobil Guyana</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Rosh Khan, Councillor - GCCI - Georgetown Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 202</p>	<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Joseph Leimkuhler, Vice President, External Affairs - Beacon Offshore</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Alison Sheppard, Commercial Development Manager - Exmar Offshore Company</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Ram Gopalkrishnan, Advisor - Shell International E</p> <p>R. Don Vardeman, Retired – sELF</p> <p>Richard D'Souza, President - Richard B Offshore</p> <p>Ricky Thethi, Global Director - 2H Offshore</p> <p>Larry Cutburth, Midstream Project Manager - Wood Plc</p> <p>David Barton, Advisor - KBR</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Steven Leverette, Head - Leverette Offshore LLC</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 306</p>	<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Ryan Peay, Deputy Assistant Secretary - Office of Resource Sustainability - US Department of Energy</p> <p>David McKellips, Vice President of Commodity Marketing – Williams</p> <p>Justin Slater, Project Development Manager - Fincantieri Bay Ship Building</p> <p>Rob Smith, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs - Cheniere Energy, Inc</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Buford Pollett, Associate Professor of Energy Law and Co - University of Tulsa</p> <p>Neil Kavanagh, Founder and Principal Consultant - K Energy Consulting</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 306</p>
10:30 AM	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>Subsea Tiebacks, Increased Production, Lower Costs &amp; Risks, Greater Optionality</p>		<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Ammar Sabbagh, Head of BD Enterprise 5G Energy - Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions</p>				
10:45 AM	<p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Einar Michel, Senior Analyst - Offshore Market Analyst &amp; Offshore Vessel Product Manager - Rystad Energy</p>						
11:00 AM	<p>Katie Pelliccio, General Manager Facilities Engineering - Chevron Angola</p>	<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b></p> <p>Fueling the Future and Powering the World</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Kyle Haustveit, 16th Assistant Secretary - U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Jennifer Miskimins, President - Society of Petroleum Engineers</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b></p> <p>How U.S. Energy Companies Are Sizing Up Venezuela's Revival</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>Maria Angela Capello, President - Red Tree Consulting LLC</p> <p>Ted Borrego, Energy Law Professor - University of Houston Law Center</p> <p>Justin Jackson, Senior Vice President, US &amp; Mexico - Wood</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Barbara Thompson, Project Director – North America Offshore, Subsea Projects and Services - Baker Hughes</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b></p> <p>From Policy to Paychecks: How Washington's Energy Decisions Impact Your Bottom Line</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b></p> <p>John Dabbar, Executive Director - National Petroleum Council</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Katie Mehnert, Chief Executive Officer and Founder - ALLY Energy</p> <p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>			
11:15 AM	<p>Maggie Sheridan, Manager of Operations Engineering - Murphy Oil Corporation</p> <p>Donald Craig, Subsea Technology Manager - BP America Production Co.</p>						
11:30 AM	<p>Sandeep Patni, Subsea Team Lead – Shell</p> <p>Paul Hughes, Country Technology Manager – GOM Region - Subsea 7</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b></p> <p>Art Schroeder, President - Energy Valley Inc.</p>						
11:45 AM							
12:00 PM	<p><b>Location:</b></p> <p>Room 306</p>						

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12:30 PM			<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b> Charting the Next Chapter of U.S. Offshore Energy Leadership</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Megan Carr, Associate Director for Strategic Resources - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Intelligent Energy: Harnessing AI to Maximize Reliability and Operational Excellence</p>	<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b> Say Yes</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Roddie Mackenzie, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer - Transocean</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Sarah Kern, Director of Strategic Engagement - Energy Innovation Capital</p> <p><b>Location:</b> General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Sustainability in Offshore Energy</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Gwenola Boyault, Vice President Sustainability – SLB</p> <p>David Seabrook, Business Line Director, Digital Carbon - SLB</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Gary Sams, Fellow - SLB</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Decision-Making in Offshore Investment and Decarbonization</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Ivan Cima, Chief Operations Officer - Welligence Energy Analytics</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Huyen Bui, Senior Geophysicist - Shell Oil Co.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Navigating the Next Wave: U.S. LNG Expansion, Floating Innovations &amp; Market Resilience</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Javid Talib, Founder and Principal Advisor - JHT Consulting LLC</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Hoss Shariat, Chief Technical Engineer, Oil &amp; Gas Process – KBR</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 206</p>
12:45 PM	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Government and Industry, Working Together for Secure, Reliable, Affordable Offshore Oil and Gas</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Ryan Peay, Office of Resource Sustainability - US Department of Energy - Deputy Assistant Secretary</p> <p>Erik Milito, President - National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)</p> <p>Jacob Tyner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management - U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Art Schroeder, President - Energy Valley Inc.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker Series:</b> Intellectual Anarchy: The Art of Disruptive Innovation</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Patrick Sullivan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer – Oceanit</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Hani Elshahawi, Managing Director – NoviDigiTech</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 206</p>	<p>Bryan Domangue, Gulf of America OCS Region Director - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)</p> <p>Matt Giacona, Acting Director - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)</p> <p>Kenneth Stevens, Acting Director (Principal Deputy Director) - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Evan Zimmerman, Executive Director - Offshore Operators Committee</p> <p><b>Location:</b> General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Speakers include:</b> Kishore Manghnani, Chief Executive Officer - ShorelineAI Inc</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Shankar Narayanan, Head of Technology Partnerships - Amazon Web Services</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Sarah Kern, Director of Strategic Engagement - Energy Innovation Capital</p> <p><b>Location:</b> General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> David Seabrook, Business Line Director, Digital Carbon - SLB</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Gary Sams, Fellow - SLB</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Huyen Bui, Senior Geophysicist - Shell Oil Co.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 302</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Hoss Shariat, Chief Technical Engineer, Oil &amp; Gas Process – KBR</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Room 206</p>
1:00 PM								
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2:00 PM	<p><b>Panel:</b> Innovation in Offshore Industry - Panel with Technology Executive Leadership</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Veronique Nouaze, Vice President, Technology Development - SLB</p> <p>Claudine Champavere, Senior Vice President, Product Marketing and Strategy - TechnipFMC</p>	<p><b>Around the World:</b> Brazil Offshore Energy in a Nutshell - Next Wave &amp; New Frontiers</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Rafael Fernando Nascimento, Manager - Buzios 7 Project – Petrobras</p> <p>Brad McKinney, Deputy Assistant Secretary - S. Commercial Service at the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce</p>	<p><b>Panel:</b> Decade of Guyana: Rapid Success Fuels Rapid Transformation</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Kyle Countryman, Guyana Development Manager – ExxonMobil</p> <p>Tim Chapman, Guyana Appraisal Director - Hess Corporation</p>	<p><b>Executive Dialogue:</b> Venture Capital at OTC? The How and Why of Investing in Game-Changing Offshore Technologies</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Kemal Anbarci, GM Venture Capital Managing Venture Executive - Chevron Technology Ventures</p> <p>George Coyle, Managing Partner - Energy Innovation Capital</p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Jim Sledzik, Managing Director, Strategic Ventures, NAM -</p>	<p><b>Panel:</b> Bridging the Gap For Traditional Hydrocarbons to Expand Into Geothermal</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Joe Batir, Managing Partner - Batir we go</p> <p>Kenneth B Medlock, Senior Director - Rice University, Baker Institute for Public Policy</p>		<p><b>Panel:</b> Strength in Collaboration: How GTA Delivered a First-of-Its-Kind LNG Development</p> <p><b>Speakers include:</b> Anil Senol, Project General Manager: Mauritania-Senegal – bp</p> <p>Teddy Teisrud, Project Director – Golar</p>	
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2:45 PM	Werner Schinagl, Global Vice President of Base Management - bp  Gabriel Guerra, Vice President - Data, Digital & Innovation - Shell	Wlisses Menezes Afonso, Executive Manager of Wells – Petrobras Pablo Tejera Cuesta, Vice President Pre-Salt Assets Brazil – Shell	Keith Henderson, Vice President International Developments – CNOOC  Paloma Mohammed, Vice Chancellor - University of Guyana  Omon Dibua, Onshore Operations Director – TechnipFMC	Aramco Ventures  <b>Location:</b> General Session Stage – Exhibit Hall A	Johanna Ostrum, Chief Operating Officer - Gradient Geothermal  Lev Ring, President - Sage Geosystems		Massimiliano Bellotti, Chief Operating Officer Asset Based Services – SAIPEM  Marco Villa, Chief Executive Officer - Technip Energies	
3:00 PM	<b>Moderated by:</b>  Muge Demiroglu, Chemistry Discipline Lead – bp	Patricia Pradal, President - Chevron do Brasil	Vickram Bharrat, Minister of Natural Resources - Government of Guyana		Florent Rousset, Vice President of Geothermal - Baker Hughes		<b>Moderated by:</b>  James Thompson, Project Manager - LNG Value Chain – bp	
3:15 PM	Parth Pathak, Manager, New Technology Development - SLB	Felipe Arbelaez, Senior Vice President Brazil Upstream – bp	<b>Moderated by:</b>  Vikas Shukla, Technology Development Program Lead - Exxonmobil (SO) Upstream Research Co.		<b>Moderated by:</b>  Elizabeth Cambre, North American Business Development Manager - New Energies, Geothermal – Vallourec		<b>Location:</b>  Room 306	
3:30 PM	<b>Location:</b>  Room 306	Artur Watt, Director General – ANP	<b>Moderated by:</b>  Ryan Ruppert, Senior Geoscience Advisor - ExxonMobil Exploration Co.		Kerry Fellers, Director of Membership - Geothermal Rising			
3:45 PM		Tabita Loureiro, Technical Director – PPSA	<b>Location:</b>  Room 306		<b>Location:</b>  Room 306			
4:00 PM		Roberto Ardenghy, Chief Executive Officer - Brazilian Petroleum & Gas Institute						
4:15 PM		Carlos Mastrangelo, Oil & Gas Trusted Advisor - 4WardMaster						
4:30 PM		<b>Location:</b>  Room 202						
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# OTC PARKING MAP



# OTC LEADERSHIP BIOS



**Dan McConnell** – OTC Chairperson

Dan McConnell is an industry consultant who specializes in geomarine resources. Prior to this role, he was a marine geologist at Fugro with over 20 years of experience with main areas of interest in seafloor mapping and geochemistry surveys, deepwater site characterization, marine mineral exploration, and methane hydrate exploration. In 2003, Dan started AOA Geophysics' Houston-based geohazard consulting group. He and other principals sold AOA Geophysics to Fugro in 2011.

Dan participated in the site selection and science party in the landmark Chevron-US Department of Energy gas hydrate drilling expedition (Leg II) in the Gulf of Mexico. Among numerous industry and scientific cruises, Dan was able to go offshore on the MarMine seafloor massive sulfide exploration cruise on the Arctic Mid-Ocean Ridge in 2016 and lead the geoscience team on the NORI 2018 Geophysical and Mineral Sampling Survey for polymetallic nodules in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone.

Dan has authored over 65 technical papers and articles and has been issued two patents. Dan also currently serves on the U.S. Department of Energy Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee.



**Donald Burris** – OTC Vice Chairperson

Donald Burris is Chief Technical Advisor of Marine at KBR / Granherne and Vice Chairperson for Offshore Technology Conference 2026. He is an accomplished naval architect with two decades of experience across energy exploration, production, and transportation, with core expertise in field development planning, FEED, and detailed design.

Throughout his career, Donald has worked on a wide range of offshore and onshore facilities, including semi-submersibles, tension leg platforms (TLPs), FPSOs, FLNG systems, fixed jackets, and LNG import and export terminals. His work spans the full lifecycle of complex energy projects, from early-stage concept development through execution.

In addition to his professional work, Donald is an active leader within Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, where he currently serves as Functional Vice President of Planning. He previously served as Alternate FVP of Planning and has been Chair of the Offshore Activities Steering Committee since 2015, helping guide industry collaboration and technical advancement within the marine and offshore sectors.



**Amanda Rushing** – OTC Executive Director

Amanda Rushing is a seasoned association executive event strategist and Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) with over two decades of experience leading international conferences, trade shows, and educational programming across sectors. As the Executive Director of the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC), Amanda oversees the strategic planning and execution of one of the world's foremost gatherings of offshore energy professionals.

Prior to her current role, Amanda served as Vice President of Events & Education for The ESOP Association, where she led cross-functional teams in producing high-impact conferences and industry events. She also held senior leadership roles with the American Urological Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers, managing global events that drew up to 16,000+ attendees. Her background also includes advisory roles for federal clients and contributions to key industry

publications, including Professional Meeting Management, where she served as both chapter reviewer and content editor. Amanda holds a degree in business administration and maintains active leadership roles within the events industry.

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## APPENDIX I: PRESS RELEASES

### Welcome Letter from Houston Mayor John Whitmire:

On behalf of the City of Houston, I am pleased to welcome the global energy community to the 2026 Offshore Technology Conference (OTC).

For more than five decades, OTC has called Houston home. As the energy capital of the world, our city is where this industry comes together to exchange ideas, advance technology, and shape the future of energy. That connection is no accident. Since its founding in 1969, OTC has brought tens of thousands of professionals to Houston each May, generating meaningful economic impact for our businesses, hotels, and the broader community, while serving as a cornerstone of our city's identity.

This year's conference convenes leaders from more than 100 countries at a pivotal moment for the offshore energy sector. The conversations that take place here—on the exhibit floor, in technical sessions, and across the tables of Houston's many acclaimed restaurants—do not stay here. They evolve into the ideas, investments, and innovations that drive the industry forward.

To our international guests, welcome to a city that believes in doing great things at scale. Houston's ports, medical center, energy corridor, and cultural institutions are among the most accomplished in the world. We do not take that standing for granted, and we work every day to be a city worthy of the world's confidence.

We are proud to host OTC once again in a place where some of the energy industry's most important work gets done. Welcome to Houston—we are glad you are here, and ready to get to work.

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### Rebuilding Together Houston Named OTC 2026 Beneficiary

*Tuesday, April 21, 2026*

**Houston, Texas, USA (21 April 2026)** – The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) has selected Rebuilding Together Houston as the 2026 beneficiary. The organization was recognized for its longstanding commitment to improving housing conditions and strengthening neighborhoods across the Greater Houston area.

As part of OTC 2026, Rebuilding Together Houston will be recognized during the conference's Opening General Session alongside this year's Distinguished Achievement Award recipients. The annual event highlights leaders and organizations shaping the offshore energy industry while also recognizing OTC's selected charitable beneficiary in support of the conference's broader commitment to community impact.

Since its founding in 1982, Rebuilding Together Houston has served more than 15,000 homes in need and continues to provide critical services to hundreds of families each year. Through its repair and revitalization programs, the organization

helps low-income homeowners, seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities remain safely in their homes while supporting long-term housing stability across the region.

“Houston has long played an essential role in OTC’s success, and we are proud to support organizations working every day to strengthen the communities that make this conference possible,” said Dan McConnell, Chairman of the OTC Board of Directors. “Rebuilding Together Houston’s hands-on efforts to improve housing conditions for residents in need across the city reflects the kind of local impact this initiative is meant to support, and we are honored to recognize them as this year’s beneficiary.”

Over the past decade, OTC has contributed more than USD 2 million to organizations including Young Women’s College Preparatory, Medical Bridges, Offshore Energy Center, Spindletop Charities Inc., Engineers Without Borders, Gulf of Mexico Foundation, Energy Institute High School, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas, International Federation of Red Cross, United Against Human Trafficking, and Oilfield Helping Hands.

“The Distinguished Achievement Award has become an important way for OTC to give back while celebrating excellence across the offshore energy sector,” said Amanda Rushing, Executive Director of OTC. “We are pleased to pair the event with meaningful charitable support and create additional opportunities throughout the conference for attendees to contribute to this year’s beneficiary.”

OTC will also provide attendees with additional ways to support Rebuilding Together Houston during the conference, including through an on-site fundraising initiative with booth exhibitor Kendra Scott, which will donate 20 percent of proceeds to this year’s beneficiary.

According to Christine Holland, CEO of Rebuilding Together Houston, support from OTC will help expand the organization’s ability to deliver critical repairs and accessibility improvements to Houston-area homeowners. “Every project we complete helps a family remain safer in their home and more connected to their community. Contributions like this directly strengthen our ability to serve more neighbors across the region.”

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### **OTC Recognizes 2026 Spotlight on New Technology® Award Winners** *Sunday, March 15, 2026*

**Houston, Texas, USA (15 March 2026)** — The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) proudly announces the winners of the 2026 Spotlight on New Technology Award, celebrating the boldest advances shaping the future of offshore energy. This year’s program highlights 17 breakthrough technologies—four from small businesses—that bring fresh thinking and real-world performance across drilling, completions, subsea systems, AI and more.

Selected for originality, technical ingenuity, demonstrated results and commercial potential, these innovations promise to improve safety, efficiency and sustainability across the offshore value chain. From autonomous well construction and advanced bit intelligence to AI-driven geotechnical models and next-generation subsea push systems, the lineup underscores how rapid technological progress is unlocking new possibilities for operators and service providers alike.

#### **2026 Spotlight on New Technology Award Winners (alphabetical)**

- **Baker Hughes** — Kantori™ autonomous well construction solution
- **Bosch Rexroth** — eSEA Push
- **Bosch Rexroth Hägglunds** — Hägglunds Thunder
- **CNPC USA Corporation** — Monobore Expandable Casing Technology
- **CNPC USA Corporation** — UltraSense™ — UHTHP Bit Intelligence
- **Fugro** — Fugro GeoAI Framework
- **HYTORC** — TorcSync
- **i2k Connect Inc.** — EnrgLLM™
- **KeyDrill Technology LLC** — KeyDrill Gyro While Drilling (KGWD)
- **Oliden Technology, LLC** — MaxFusion
- **Oil States** — GeoLok™

- **Oil States** — MPD Drill Ahead Tool
- **SLB** — Retina™ at-bit imaging system
- **SLB** — FIV-III™ dual-trigger formation isolation valve
- **TB Global Technologies Ltd.** — CHOKUSEN
- **TB Global Technologies Ltd.** — Harmless Emergency Release System for Offshore Ammonia Transfer
- **Teledyne Marine** — eXtreamer

#### **Small-business winners (alphabetical)**

- **HYTORC** — TorcSync
- **i2k Connect Inc.** — EnrgLLM™
- **KeyDrill Technology LLC** — KeyDrill Gyro While Drilling (KGWD)
- **Oliden Technology, LLC** — MaxFusion

Since 2014, OTC’s Spotlight program has highlighted the inventive work of small businesses alongside industry leaders. Small-business eligibility requires independent ownership (or nonprofit status) and fewer than 300 employees in the 12 months before the application deadline.

The 2026 Spotlight on New Technology winners will be honored at OTC on Monday, 4 May at NRG Center in Houston, Texas. For details about the award and recipient technologies, visit the OTC Spotlight on New Technology Award page at [www.otcnet.org](http://www.otcnet.org).

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#### **Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali to Deliver Opening Address at OTC 2026**

*Tuesday, February 26, 2026*

**Houston, Texas, USA (26 February 2026)** – The Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) is honored to announce that His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, will officially open the 2026 Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas. President Ali will deliver the Opening Address at the OTC 2026 Opening Ceremony on Monday, 4 May 2026, marking the formal commencement of the world’s largest offshore energy technology event.

His Excellency will be joined by a delegation from Guyana, including the Honorable Vickram Bharrat, Minister of Natural Resources. The OTC Board of Directors looks forward to welcoming President Ali and his delegation to Houston and to highlighting the strong and constructive engagement between Guyana and the global offshore energy community.

"President Ali's acceptance of our invitation to open OTC 2026 is a tremendous honor for the Conference and a meaningful recognition of the role OTC plays on the world stage," said Dan McConnell, Chairman of the OTC Board of Directors. "Guyana has established itself as a major offshore producer and an important voice in the global energy landscape, and we look forward to welcoming President Ali and his delegation to Houston as we explore the technologies and partnerships shaping the future of offshore energy."

Guyana’s ascent as a major offshore energy producer has drawn multibillion-dollar investment, accelerated offshore infrastructure development, and deepened collaboration with international energy companies and technology partners. The participation of His Excellency and the Guyanese delegation reflects the country’s growing influence in the global energy landscape and reinforces OTC’s role as a neutral, international platform for dialogue among governments, industry leaders, engineers, manufacturers, and technology providers.

"President Ali’s participation in the Opening Ceremony underscores the geopolitical significance of offshore energy and the global attention surrounding its continued development," said Amanda Rushing, Executive Director of OTC. "We are proud to provide a platform where government leaders and energy professionals can engage directly, and we expect President Ali's address to set a powerful tone for the four days of technical sessions, exhibitions, and dialogue that follow."

OTC 2026 will take place 4–7 May at NRG Park in Houston, Texas. The conference will bring together tens of thousands of energy professionals from more than 100 countries to exchange knowledge, showcase innovation, and advance the development of offshore resources.

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**OTC Recognizes Industry Leaders With 2026 Distinguished Achievement Awards**  
*Tuesday, February 24, 2026*

**Houston, Texas, USA (25 February 2026)** – The 2026 Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) Board of Directors has selected this year’s Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA) honorees, recognizing Wafik Beydoun for individual achievement and Brava Energia’s BS-4 Block/Atlanta Field for institutional achievement. The 2026 Heritage Award will be presented to James E. Chitwood, and a Special Citation will be awarded to the Aramco Marjan Increment Program. All recipients will be recognized during the OTC Opening General Session on Monday, 4 May at the NRG Center in Houston, Texas, USA.

Over the past five decades, OTC has served as a global meeting place for energy professionals to share knowledge, explore new ideas, and showcase advances in offshore technology and sustainability. OTC 2026 will be held from 4–7 May, bringing together thousands of industry leaders for technical sessions, keynote discussions, and a large-scale exhibition focused on the future of offshore energy.

**OTC Distinguished Achievement Award for Individuals**

Wafik Beydoun is being honored for his lifetime of leadership in the global energy industry, as well as his advocacy for the development and adoption of new technologies across technical sectors. With more than 30 years of experience, he is widely recognized for fostering collaboration among companies, professional societies, and governments to advance offshore technology.

Throughout his career, Beydoun has held senior technical and executive roles across multiple regions, including leadership positions with TotalEnergies, ADNOC, and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers. His work has contributed to major offshore discoveries, advanced research and development initiatives, and strengthened international cooperation across the energy sector.

Beydoun has also played a significant role in professional societies and global industry events, serving on the Offshore Technology Conference Board of Directors for nearly a decade, including as Chair in 2018–2019. His leadership has helped support major initiatives such as the launch of OTC Brasil and the continued growth of global OTC events.

**OTC Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations, and Institutions**

This year’s Distinguished Achievement Award for Companies, Organizations, and Institutions is presented to Brava Energia for its BS-4 Block/Atlanta Field development.

Located approximately 185 kilometers off Brazil’s southeast coast in the Santos Basin, the Atlanta Field is the world’s deepest heavy crude oil field, lying in more than 5,000 feet of water. Brava’s project stands out for overcoming significant technical challenges, including producing highly viscous, high-acidity crude from a shallow, unconsolidated reservoir in an ultra-deepwater environment.

“This award reaffirms our value creation strategy and sends a positive message to the entire Brazilian independent industry,” says BRAVA Energia’s Offshore Operations Director, Carlos Travassos.

The Atlanta Field is operated by BRAVA in partnership with Westlawn Americas Offshore, which holds a 20% stake.

**OTC Heritage Award**

The Heritage Award will be presented to James E. Chitwood in recognition of his significant contributions and leadership in petroleum engineering, particularly in the areas of flow assurance and deepwater engineering. During a career spanning more than 50 years, Chitwood has helped drive major advancements in subsea systems, deepwater production concepts, and offshore technology development.

Chitwood has been at the forefront of many of the industry's most important deepwater research initiatives. He played a central role in the Chevron-led DeepStar program, one of the largest collaborative offshore research consortia, and later supported ultra-deepwater technology development through the U.S. Department of Energy-backed RPSEA program.

Chitwood is also recognized as a prolific innovator, holding more than 100 patents related to subsea systems, chemical delivery, and offshore production technologies. In addition to his technical work, he has dedicated decades to mentoring engineers, students, and researchers, and has contributed extensively to industry knowledge through publications, conferences, and collaborative research programs.

### **OTC Special Citation**

A Special Citation is presented to Aramco's Marjan Increment Program for its large-scale offshore development and the program's performance in engineering, fabrication, installation, safety, innovation, and emissions reduction in the Arabian Gulf.

The program successfully commissioned one of the world's largest Offshore Gas and Oil Separation Plants (GOSPs), capable of processing up to 1.24 million barrels per day of liquids and 1 billion standard cubic feet of associated gas. The scope of the program also included expanding a new onshore plant, as well as installing 31 offshore platforms. Due to its scope and magnitude, the design and fabrication of those facilities took place across multiple countries.

By combining technical scale, innovative design, and a strong focus on safety, the Marjan Increment Program aims to set a new benchmark for complex offshore field developments.

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