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Industry leaders discuss access to new reserves
(Plenary 6, 3rd of July, 08:30-09:30: Accessing reserves and investing in infrastructure)

Mr. Sergio Gabrielli, the charismatic President of Petrobras, Brazil and Mr. John Watson, recently appointed to the role of Executive Vice President, Strategy and Development, Chevron Corporation, will be sharing the stage at the 19th WPC this summer to debate the issue of accessing reserves and investing in infrastructure. With many of the remaining resources located in inhospitable areas or far below the sea floor, access to new reserves is becoming increasingly difficult and cost intensive. The IEA estimates that meeting global energy demands will require investing $1 trillion by 2030. The high level session will be chaired by H.E. Shri M. S. Srinivasan, Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India.

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Mr. John Watson, Executive Vice President, Strategy and Development, Chevron Corporation
A special session of the Congress will be analysing the relationships between the petroleum producers and specialist service companies. The heads of two producers, Mr. Al Mohannadi, CEO of RasGas and Mr. Ferreira de Oliveira, CEO of Portugal's leading integrated oil and natural gas group, Galp, will be discussing the key issues and challenges with 2 senior CEOs from the services side Mr. Alan Boeckman, CEO of Fluor (USA) and Mr. Juan Lladó, CEO of Spain’s leading service supplier Técnicas Reunidas. Moderated by Mr. Michael Hurley, Global Energy Utilities & Mining Leader, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the panel will analyse the changing roles of the players within the industry and looking at ways for further cooperation.

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