



2023 SPE GAIA Summit
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Muscat, Oman

In 2019, the SPE developed the Gaia Summit as a proof-of-concept event to co-create a sustainability discipline strategy for the SPE membership and near members. A strategic framework was an outcome of the collective efforts of the 55 attendees representing 8 stakeholder groups. This knowledge sharing or learning framework has shaped over 40 different Gaia sustainability and energy transition events from virtual Gaia Talks to highly engaging sessions on SPE Live and at mainstream events. The Gaia program has become a place of safe incubation of new knowledge and convening of experts from disciplines such as biological, social and data sciences, disciplines our industry must embrace and scale if we are rise to the challenge of playing a primary role in returning humanity inside planetary boundaries, within its carrying capacity.

In 2022, the opportunity to create a second Gaia Summit was offered as an integral part of Oman Sustainability Week thanks to much-valued support from His Excellency Minister Salim Al Afi. Following the successful delivery of a transformative experience for all attendees, Oman has generously offered to host the Gaia Summit again.

The 2023 SPE Gaia Summit shall be international, extending beyond the region and gathering thought leaders and experts from around the globe. The target audience will comprise operational and strategic decision-making roles in operator and service companies; that is the very stakeholder groups that the Gaia program was originally intended to serve, enable, and empower.

The event will guarantee an audience well-equipped to collaborate on addressing topics critical to humanity's future, but one which can benefit the utmost from meticulously-planned, guided and highly engaging investigation.

Within the space of only four years, our world has changed dramatically and comprehensively. Among the many mega-trends shaking the foundations of our modern civilization, we have witnessed an acceleration of the energy transition, the breaching of seven of the nine planetary boundaries, the limits of the planet's carrying capacity, grappled with a global pandemic that crashed the world economy, and we've seen the outbreak of a war that re-emphasized the criticality of energy security. Much is expected of our industry—the Gaia Summit is intended to help meet those expectations by serving the industry's call to action, call to land on the right side of history.

An Executive Committee and a Program Committee will co-create a deeply engaging, provoking, and exhilarating journey using proven, unique facilitation techniques, shaped



around the Gaia Strategic Learning Framework, and driven by a professional strategic event designer. The

2023 International Gaia Summit will act as a living incubator from which people will exit with a renewed sense of optimism within the incredible gravity of the challenges that lie ahead and the proactive role they can play in addressing those challenges with new thinking, new models and technical solutions our industry is exceptionally well placed to develop and deploy.

Idealistic aspirations will be confronted with operational realities; and both will be reshaped. Diverse points of view will engage with each other respectfully and productively. The vital connections fostered during the Summit will subsequently be leveraged to envision and deliver the future portfolio of events, publications, and experiences for the broader community across the SPE and our partner organizations.

The SPE Gaia Sustainability Community on LinkedIn will offer a conduit to keep the conversation going and enable the essential collaboration to materially realize the envisioned next steps.

Express your interest in attending the SPE 2023 Gaia Summit.