

Special Session
The Macondo legacy: perception, reputation, reaction

Friday 25th March
9.00 – 10.40

The Macondo disaster in the Gulf of Mexico represents a wind change for the industry. For oil and gas operators and contractors, reputation, risk, responsibility and sustainability have acquired new meaning and urgency following the incident. All stakeholders (governments, environmental groups, political parties) have claimed the right to redefine policy and standards for offshore operations and these are presently under scrutiny in several countries. This is a global process, involving not only the Gulf of Mexico, but many other countries.

For its part, the industry has responded in a coordinated fashion with important initiatives to re-examine current practice, identify existing gaps in technology, develop additional response capabilities and establish a fact-based dialog with governments. This Plenary Session will feature representatives of government and industry, each outlining their positions and objectives. The Panel will also reply to questions from the floor.