

Agenda* (subject to change)

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08:15am	Registration & Breakfast <div style="text-align: right;"> <i>Sponsored by</i>  THOMSON REUTERS </div>
09:00	Global Oil Outlook <i>Esa Ramasamy, Platts Editorial Director, Americas</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's driving global oil markets today and what to expect in the future • Changes in the global crude and refined products markets
09:30	North American Crude Oil Update <i>Esa Ramasamy, Platts Editorial Director, Americas</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New US pipeline developments • The impact of the Seaway Reversal pipeline project bringing WTI to Houston • Will all of this lead to a new benchmark?
10:00	Refreshment & Networking Break
10:30	Latin American Crude Market Overview <i>Richard Capuchino, Platts Managing Editor, Americas Crude Oil Markets</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Brent Dubai spread is attracting Latin American crudes to Asian refiners • Challenges posed by Canadian crudes at the US Gulf Coast
11:00	A Perspective on Refined Products <i>Matthew Cook, Platts Senior Managing Editor, Clean Oil Products</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shale's effect on naphtha specifications • How propane exports will change LPG markets • General developments in gasoline and distillate markets
11:30	Latin America's Impact from North American Shale <i>Rick Allen, BENTEK Energy Director, Oil and Gas Consulting Services</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How US production growth is shaping all North American energy markets • The US continues its massive build-out of infrastructure for oil, gas and NGLs • North American hydrocarbon exports increasingly needed to balance markets
Noon	Lunch <div style="text-align: right;"> <i>Sponsored by</i>  GlobalView </div>

*Please note that this forum will be held in English.

Speaker Biographies



Esa Ramasamy, *Platts Editorial Director, Americas*

Based in Houston, Esa Ramasamy has close to 20 years of editorial experience at Platts and is one of the few reporters who have covered all products (including petrochemicals) derived from a barrel of oil. Esa has covered petrochemicals in Asia, as well as products in the US. Esa's market knowledge extends to crude oil and refined product markets in the Persian Gulf, Asia-Pacific and Americas. He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Simon Fraser University.



Rick Allen, *BENTEK Energy Director, Oil and Gas Consulting Services*

Mr. Allen is responsible for managing projects for the consulting division at BENTEK, a select team of highly-experienced energy experts focused on the delivery of in-depth market analytics services and data to BENTEK's consulting clients. He has more than twenty years' experience in energy market analysis, infrastructure planning and risk management in positions with Western Gas Resources, Anadarko, Nexen Marketing USA and National Fuel Marketing. His roles have included marketing and trading natural gas, managing and optimizing natural gas assets such as production, pipeline transportation and storage capacity, and experience in business development in the crude oil and midstream asset arenas. Prior to his energy experience he held positions in commodity finance with UBS NY and regulatory compliance with Bunge Corporation N.A. Mr. Allen holds a J.D. from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver and a BBA in Marketing from the University of Oklahoma.



Richard Capuchino, *Platts Managing Editor, Americas Crude Oil Markets*

Richard Capuchino is the Managing Editor for the Americas crude oil markets. Based in Houston, Richard Capuchino has over 18 years of editorial experience at Platts and most recently served as the chief editor for the Latin American wire. Richard's experience includes covering the US petrochemical market for six years, US Gulf Coast NGL/LPG markets for nine years and Latin and US West Coast crude for nine years. He currently covers the US Gulf Coast crude market. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Houston. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the University of Houston.



Matthew Cook, *Platts Senior Managing Editor, Clean Oil Products*

Matthew Cook rejoined the Platts editorial team in June 2012 as senior managing editor for clean products. Reporting to Esa Ramasamy in Houston, Matt manages the US gasoline and middle distillates market reporting teams. In his previous work at Platts, Matt served as a managing editor and market reporter in the Houston oil markets reporting team, where he covered North American crude oil and refined products. Matt first joined Platts in 2004. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin.