

## Natural Gas: The Next 10 Years

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### Abstract

The world's natural gas system will change fundamentally in the next decade. Structural shifts that have taken place over the past twenty years will accelerate, almost completing the transition towards a market that is flexible and global. But this decade will also see the rise of four mega players who might try to bend the system to their will—Russia, the United States, Qatar and China. And at the same time, the next ten years will reveal how gas will fare in the energy transition—whether it will make inroads in markets where it can help us deliver on our carbon challenge, and whether it will fend off competing fuels and technologies vying for the same market.

### Biography

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