

In the face of the energy crisis, the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance reiterates call for a managed phase-out of oil and gas production

Monday 26 September: The Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA), launched in Glasgow in November 2021, today called for an acceleration in the transition away from fossil fuel dependency and "massive increase" in investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy to deliver long-term climate and energy security.

In the face of soaring global energy prices driven in part by the war in Ukraine, the Alliance issued a statement reaffirming their commitment to a managed, orderly phase-out of oil and gas production.

Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities of Denmark, Dan Jørgensen, said: "The ongoing energy crisis has underscored the importance of the mission of BOGA. Oil and gas are not only causing climate change. They are also harming markets and price stability, while increasing the cost of living globally. A managed transition away from oil and gas production is not only possible, but the only responsible thing to do."

Last Monday, alongside the opening of the UN General Assembly meeting in New York, BOGA brought together leaders from government, philanthropy, public and private finance to spur action on delivering a world 'beyond oil and gas.'

Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, Franz Tattenbach, said: "Proud and secure in our all-renewable electricity production, we urge the world to accelerate its transition to renewable energy, as we, Costa Rica, embark on further expanding our renewable energy production to free transport and the rest of our industry from fossil fuel dependency."

The BOGA statement follows an urgent call from United Nations Secretary General António Guterres to "end our global addiction to fossil fuels," citing renewable energy sources as "the only credible path" to energy security.

Ahead of the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27), hosted by Egypt in November, the Alliance is urging more governments to join them, in showing global leadership on the phase-out of oil and gas production, and in supporting developing countries in their transitions beyond oil and gas.

The full BOGA Statement can be found here: https://beyondoilandgasalliance.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/BOGA-Statement-26-Sep-2022.pdf

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About BOGA

The Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) is an international alliance of governments and stakeholders working together to facilitate the managed phase-out of oil and gas production. Led by the governments of Denmark and Costa Rica, the alliance aims to elevate the issue of oil and gas production phase-out in international climate dialogues, mobilize action and commitments, and create an international community of practice on this issue.

BOGA members include France, Greenland, Ireland, Quebec, Sweden, Wales, New Zealand, Portugal, and California. Italy, Finland, and Luxembourg are Friends of BOGA.

More information can be found here: https://beyondoilandgasalliance.com/