

Global LNG training programme returns to T&T

THE globally recognised Natural Gas and LNG Dynamics (NGD) Course will return to Trinidad from August 6–7, bringing with it decades of international expertise at a time when renewed upstream activity and cross-border gas diplomacy are reshaping the country's energy landscape.

Presented by Conference Connection, an established leader in global B2B conferences and strategic energy training since 1994, the course is part of a global series that has been delivered more than 25 times in 15 countries-including Singapore, Dubai, Houston, and Perth. Its return to Trinidad reflects an ongoing commitment to support professional development in markets where gas remains central to the national growth agenda.

The timing of this session is particularly relevant. As Shell proceeds with the Aphrodite gas development offshore Trinidad and Subsea7 commences work on subsea installations for the project, the national conversation around gas backfill, LNG output, and energy diplomacy-especially regarding Venezuela's Dragon field-has gained new urgency. At the same time, evolving fiscal regimes and regional energy ambitions from countries like Guyana and Suriname are prompting a rethink of commercial frameworks and project viability.

The two-day course, led by renowned LNG strategist, best-selling author and Gulfstream LNG CEO Dr Vivek Chandra, is designed for engineers, economists, regulators, legal advisers, commercial teams, and energy policymakers seeking to elevate their understanding of natural gas dynamics-from fundamentals to advanced pricing, contract structures, and emerging technologies like floating LNG and hydrogen integration.

Participants can expect a structured learning experience delivered in two progressive modules, covering both technical foundations and commercial dimensions of the natural gas and LNG industry. The course is designed to offer internationally relevant insights, combining practical applications with strategic context. Full details on module content will be available on the organiser's website www.cconnection.org. Speaking on how this course can offer a chance to recalibrate how stakeholders think about gas markets in transition, Dr Chandra said, 'Trinidad is a pivotal player in the Atlantic LNG story, and now more than ever, its professionals must be equipped with the foresight to anticipate market shifts, the tools to adapt, and the confidence to lead.'

The programme will also include focused sessions on maritime boundary disputes and their relevance to the Caribbean's energy diplomacy. 'I look forward to returning to Trinidad to deliver this updated programme,' he added. 'As an entrepreneur developing US LNG export projects, I wish to share my vantage point on upstream investment, pricing, and policy challenges. We'll explore regional case studies, including the cross-border development with Venezuela and the Guyana dispute, drawing on my recent doctoral research and published work in international maritime law.'

With over 30 years in global gas markets, Dr Chandra brings experience across the US, Middle East, Asia, and Australia-including leadership roles in both Texas LNG and Gulfstream LNG. He is also the author of *Fundamentals of Natural Gas: An International Perspective*, widely regarded as essential reading for professionals in the sector. This session builds on the momentum of Conference Connection's May 2025 Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) Course, also held in Trinidad, which brought together senior players from across the region. The NGD course is one of several expert-led formats in the company's global rollout, with upcoming editions scheduled in Cyprus, Singapore, Phuket, Rio de Janeiro, and Houston.

Trinidad remains a key node in this global network. The organisers have signalled that regional engagement will continue beyond 2025, with plans to develop deeper training formats aligned with local market needs and strategic direction.

Registration is now open at www.cconnection.org/natural-gas-lng-dynamics/.