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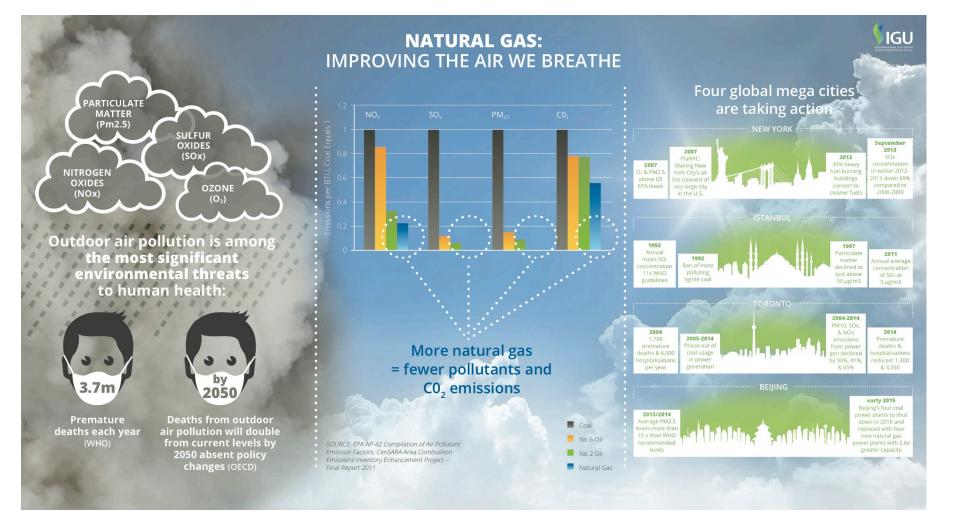
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The natural gas industry is seeking to separate itself off from other fossil fuels, promoting the dramatic improvements in air quality achieved by cities including New York, Toronto and Istanbul through shifting away from coal and oil. At the international climate talks in Paris, gas producers are arguing that they should receive more favourable treatment from governments because of the environmental benefits of gas. Large oil and gas groups including Royal Dutch Shell, BP, Total and Reliance have signed a statement backing efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions, and see an opportunity in shifting power generation from coal to gas. Coal-fired power stations release

roughly twice as much carbon dioxide as gas-fired plants for an equivalent output of electricity.

The International Gas Union, whose members are industry associations and leading gas companies including Gazprom of Russia, Saudi Aramco and Qatargas, is also highlighting the benefits in terms of reduced local pollution from switching from coal and oil to gas.

An estimated 3.7m people worldwide The skyline die each year as a result of ambient air of New York pollution, and many of those deaths are believed to be caused by energy use. in smog, 1973 In emerging economies including

India and China, many cities suffer from choking smog that is in part caused by burning coal, fuel oil and petrol. Cities that have used more gas and

less coal and oil have achieved large cuts in pollutants that cause respiratory illnesses, including the particulates small airborne particles of solids and liquids - that are responsible for lung cancer, heart attacks, strokes and asthma attacks.

Mel Ydreos, of the IGU, which launched a report in Paris yesterday setting out the industry's case, said: "We believe that gas stands apart, and should not be dumped into the same bucket as other fossil fuels."

The IGU argued that cities such as New York showed how urban air pollu-

tion could be tackled. In New York City, the utility Consolidated Edison has, partly shrouded since 2011, switched almost 5,000 large buildings over from using heavy oil for heating to gas, encouraged by an initiative launched by the mayor and backed by the environmental defence fund. Its gas sales across the company's ter-

ritory have risen from 1.09tn British thermal units on its peak day in 2005 to 1.68tn on its neak day this year.

Janice Nolen, of the American Lung Association, a group that campaigns to cut respiratory illnesses, said that, along with other changes including tighter curbs on pollution from coal-fired power stations, the reduced use of heating oil in New York had contributed to a significant improvement in air quality. The weight of particulate matter in New York's air has dropped from an annual average of 17 microgrammes per cubic metre in 2003-05 to 10.6 microgrammes per cubic metre in 2012-14.

Other cities including Toronto and Istanbul have reported similar improvements. Beijing, which suffers from notorious air quality problems, has been working to cut pollution through a series of measures including relocation of heavy industry, increased use of public transport and the conversion of all power plants downtown to gas. By 2020, Beijing expects to derive 32

per cent of its energy from gas, and just 6 per cent from coal, said Yalan Li, general manager of Beijing Gas Group.

The proportion of Fatih Birol, executive director of the energy Beijing International Energy Agency, the expects to derive watchdog backed by rich countries' from gas by 2020 governments, said in New York this week that the agency's vision from 2011 6% of a possible "golden age of gas" had not

The proportion of energy the Chinese come to pass. As a fuel for power generation in Asia, capital anticipates he said, gas was being squeezed between will come from renewables such as solar power that coal in the same were backed by government mandates. timeframe

32%

security and the cost of liquefied natural gas are a brake on demand.

chief component of natural gas, is also a greenhouse gas, so leaks from pipelines and other equipment contribute to global warming. Gas facilities can also emit volatile organic compounds that contribute to the formation of ozone.

ble energy division at the UN Economic Commission for Europe, a policy promotion body, agreed there was a vital role for gas. "There is no plausible scenario that doesn't include a significant proportion of the energy mix being fossil fuels for the near to medium term. "Governments need to put in place

policies that recognise the benefits that natural gas can bring."

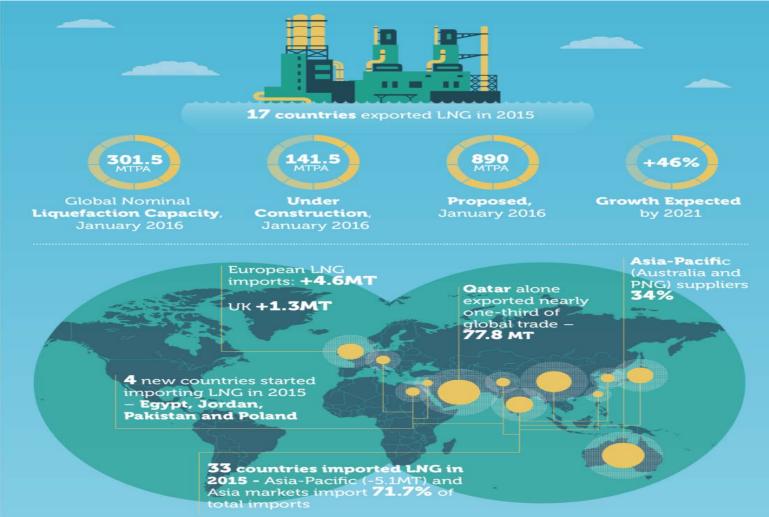
and cheap coal. In both China and India, domestic gas production has been disappointing, and concerns about energy

There are also environmental problems associated with gas. Methane, the

Scott Foster, director of the sustaina-



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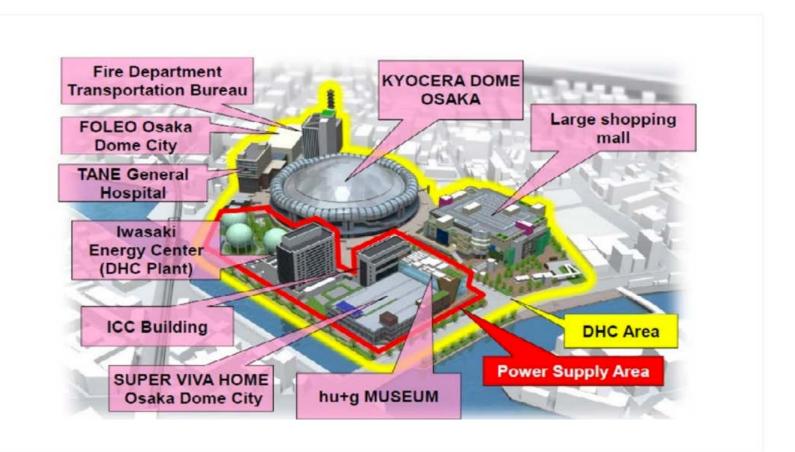


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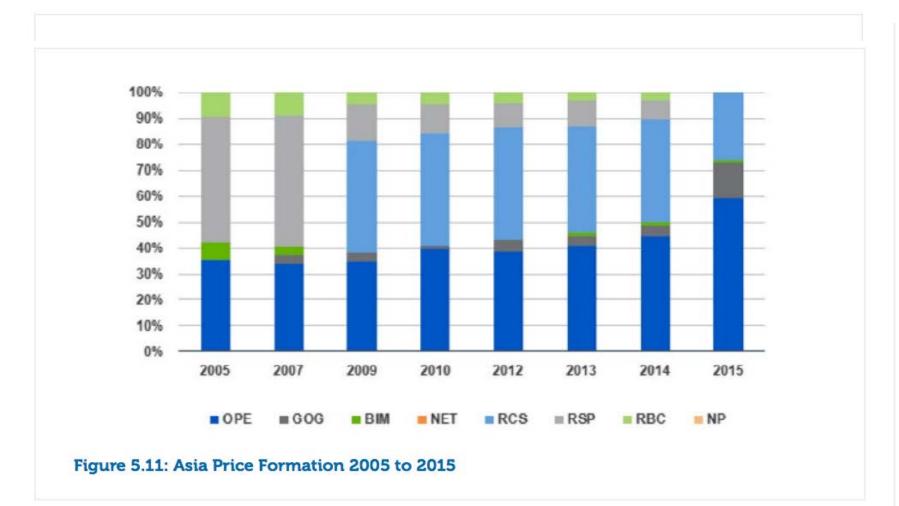
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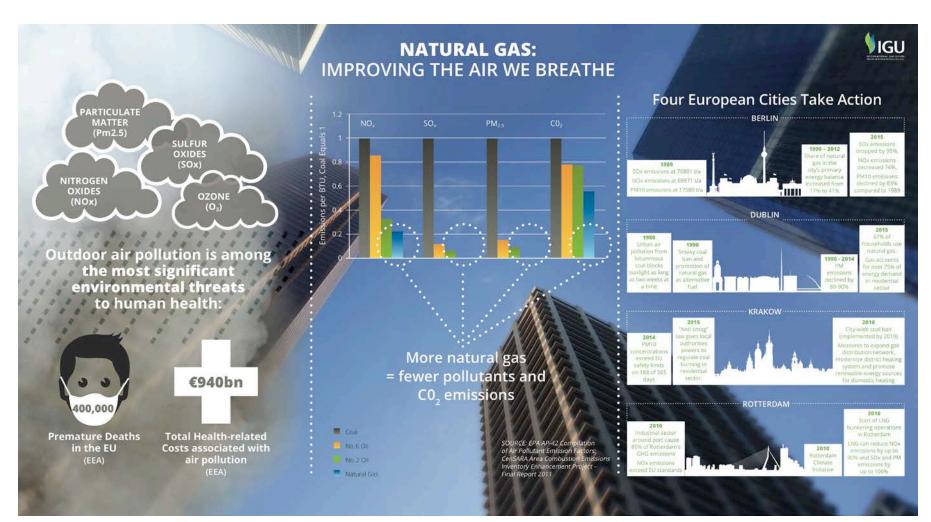


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