

Press Release

Rising demand for oil & gas reinforces need for investment

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(London, 29th November 2018) In most regions of the world, oil & gas demand has risen or reached all-time highs in 2017, highlighting the significant need for investments to keep up production levels, IOGP's new *Global Production Report* shows.

Records for oil & gas demand were set in Africa, Asia Pacific and the Middle East, and demand came close to historic highs in North America, Europe and Central & South America. The current depletion rate of 6% in most existing fields implies that significant investments will be needed to meet this demand in the foreseeable future. Regional and local policies can encourage the responsible development of resources needed to do so.

The *IOGP Production Indicator*® (PI) indicates the level at which a region is able to meet its own oil or gas demand – for seven regions across the world. A PI higher than 100% means the region produces more than it needs to meet its own requirements and can therefore export.

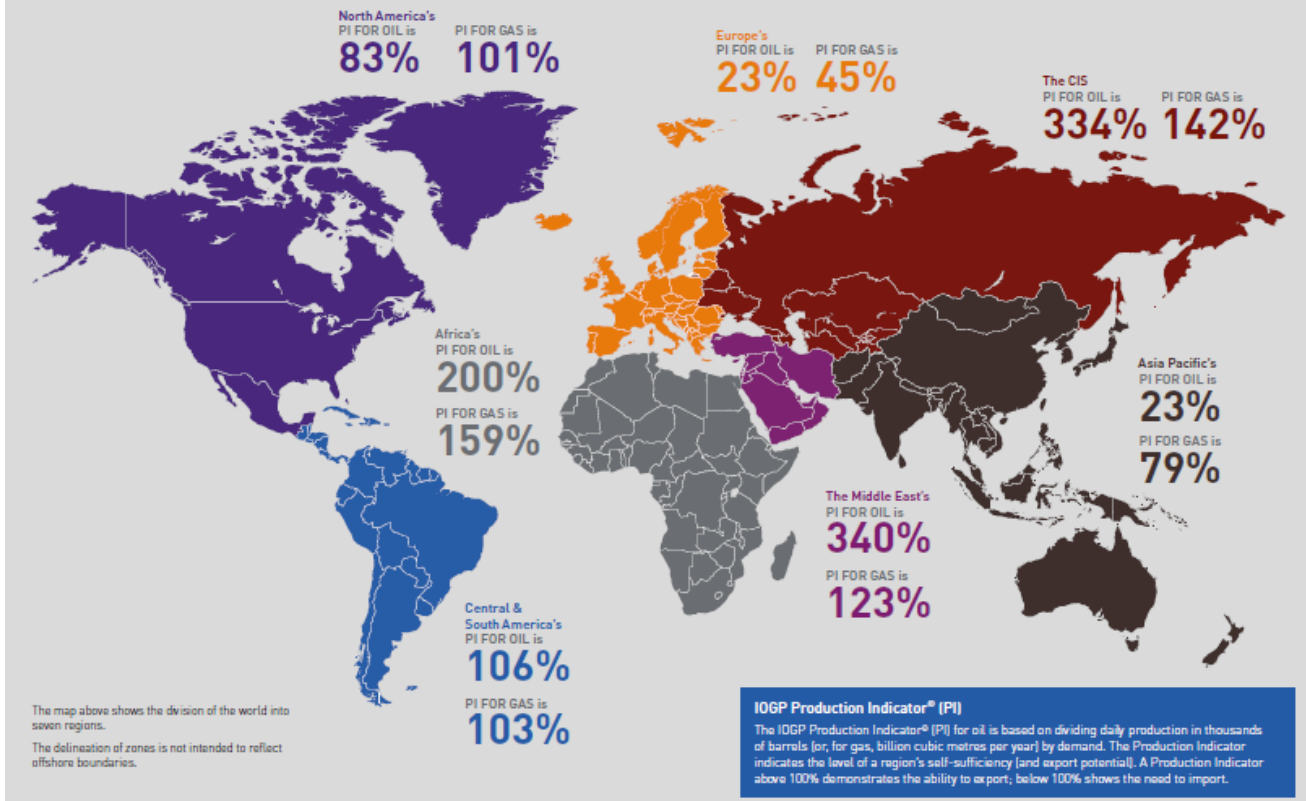
Production Indicator	Africa	CIS	Middle-East	Central & South America	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific
Oil	200%	334%	340%	106%	83%	23%	23%
Gas	159%	142%	123%	103%	101%	45%	79%

The Report's data shows **three distinct groups of regions** when it comes to supply/demand balance: **net importers** (Europe, Asia Pacific) **self-sufficient** ones (Central & South America and North America), and those that are **net exporters** of oil & gas (Africa, CIS and the Middle-East).

Natural gas production and demand have grown significantly since the 2008-2009 financial crisis. The rising demand trend could well turn a number of exporting regions into net importers in the coming years, including large ones such as Africa and Central & South America.

"We are facing a dual challenge: a strong demand for oil & gas, and a 6% depletion rate of existing fields. We need to work with policymakers to mobilize the resources needed to meet this demand on the long term." says IOGP Executive Director, Gordon Ballard.

Access the IOGP Global Production Report here: <https://www.iogp.org/production-report-2018/>



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