ARPEL in perspective
What is ARPEL?

ARPEL is a non-profit association gathering oil, gas and biofuels sector companies and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean. Founded in 1965 as a vehicle of cooperation and reciprocal assistance among sector companies, its main purpose is to actively contribute to industry integration and competitive growth, and to sustainable energy development in the region.

Its membership currently represents a high percentage of the upstream and downstream activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and includes national and international operating companies, providers of technology, goods and services for the value chain, and national and international sector institutions.

Founding members

Who are actively involved?

Expert delegates and executives of the region work in cooperation in the Technical Committees and Working Groups, forming the engine of the Association to carry forward its strategic lines.

Strategic guidelines for sustainable energy development

Permanent search for excellence through reciprocal assistance, cooperation and exchange of best practices, experiences and knowledge among peers, with focus on innovation.

Promotion of proactive actions of companies toward the mitigation of climate change enhancing the role of the industry in a new energy scenario.

Promotion of regional energy integration in order to expand markets and strengthen energy security.

Technical advocacy actions and promotion of assertive dialogues with a view to generate enabling regulations and standards for the development of the sector in the region.
ARPEL process of continuous improvement

The participation of experts from several companies and countries is the differential wealth of our proposal for continuous improvement, which is in place since the foundation.

Guidelines, Manuals and Publications

We have a free-access web library for our members containing approximately 300 documents developed by our Committees and Working Groups. White papers, guidelines and manuals on best practices, statistical databases, executive reports on events and workshops, studies and management systems make up this valuable store of knowledge about the entire value chain of the industry.

Benchmarking

Annual regional studies comparing performance of companies in the sector to identify gaps and close them through cooperation and reciprocal assistance.

- Environmental Performance - since 2008.
- Database on Safety Incidents - since 2013.
- Process Safety - since 2016.

Communications

Dissemination of the achievements and progress of the industry to all stakeholders.

Exchange of best practices

We encourage the exchange of knowledge through workshops, symposia, seminars, cross checks of facilities, ARPEL Meetings of Experts (RANEs), etc.

Courses and Implementation

The implementation of best practices developed by the regional industry is facilitated by building capacities and through direct technical assistance.

A number of unique courses are offered with focus on specific and sensitive aspects of the hydrocarbons sector. They are given in person, in company or online.

- Indigenous Peoples and the Hydrocarbon Industry.
- Corporate Social Responsibility Management.
- Community Relations Management.
- Human Rights and Companies (on-line).
- Accreditation Program on Pipeline Integrity Management.
- Evaluation of Programs to Address Oil Spills.
- ARPEL Leadership Program.
- ISO 50001 Energy Management.

Representation of the regional industry

ARPEL represents the regional industry before other organizations related to the sector, such as chambers, agencies, institutes, professional associations, multilateral banks, international agencies and the academic world, with the aim of coordinating agendas, addressing emerging issues and providing the vision of the regional industry in energy issues.

The articulation of the extensive network of national and international institutional members allows companies to be enriched by this exchange and be more efficient.
Spaces for dialogue

ARPEL promotes the generation of spaces of high-level dialogue encouraging networking and facilitating opportunities for business development.

Spaces for dialogue

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• Development of the first Relations with Communities and Social Responsibility management systems for the industry.

• Representative of the regional industry in the tripartite dialogue (industry, governments, indigenous peoples).

• Manuals for Pipeline Integrity Management and for Terminals Operation Management.

• Unique Regional Training Program for the Accreditation of Pipelines Integrity Management Evaluators, started in 2012.

ARPEL Conference is a space for the analysis of challenges and opportunities of the industry and it is held every year in different countries of the region.

Our goal in ARPEL is to give a strong boost to innovation as we consider it an increasingly important aspect to improve operational and management efficiency, and the competitiveness of the sector, and thus contribute to the sustainable development of our societies.

To this end, the Association developed the virtual platform Innov@arpel that promotes interaction between technology solutions providers (R&D centers, universities, suppliers of goods and services) and operating companies in the energy sector, especially oil and gas companies.

Innov@arpel brings supply and demand for innovation and technology closer from anywhere in the world.

www.innovarpel.org

The ARPEL Leadership Program, started in 2018, aims to provide answers to the main questions that arise from the possible scenarios and skills needed to solve problems, to navigate successfully towards the future of the sector.

The main objective of the Program is to provide a general and higher-level overview of the energy business for those who are assuming positions of increasing responsibility in their organizations, preparing the future leaders with a general vision of the business in the region. Additionally, it represents a unique opportunity to expand and consolidate the business leaders networking in the region.

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