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

Energy Transitions

Climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies
Energy integration
Support to the energy transitions process throughout the region
The role of natural gas in the energy mix
Promotion of technological innovation and development

Operational Excellence

Best practices for operation and maintenance of units
Process safety
Energy efficiency
Digital transformation
Cybersecurity
Asset integrity management
Oil spill preparedness and response

Sustainable Management

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Governance, transparency and compliance
Responsible leadership
Human rights
Relations with communities
Gender equality

Communication

Facilitator of dialogue in emerging issues
Relations with governments and stakeholders
Drive toward sustainability reporting
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.

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.

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

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

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Spaces for dialogue

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

**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.

ARPEL Conference

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

Some of the main achievements are:

- Regional leader of government/industry cooperation for oil spill planning and response fostering agreements among companies and countries and developing the first and only tool (RETOSTM) to evaluate spills management capabilities through internationally accepted criteria.
- 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.

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.