

# GDF Suez confirmed to speak at Oil and Gas Cyber Security | 3-4 June, Oslo, Norway

*GDF Suez will join an already impressive speaker line-up that includes Total, Tullow Oil, Salah Methanol Company, Cairn India, and Saudi Aramco among others.*

OSLO, NORWAY, March 31, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The oil and gas sector is rapidly evolving to meet increased demand by expanding asset portfolios and updating infrastructure. To support these industry changes, technology is advancing and infrastructural processes are being transformed - improved interconnectivity between business systems and networks within the oil and gas infrastructure setting are enhancing operations, but also exposing new avenues for system threats and vulnerabilities. Cyber attacks in the oil and gas industry can have detrimental effects on process control networks and related systems which

could destabilise supply capabilities, endanger personnel and result in environmental damage. New vulnerabilities have been introduced with the migration to IT components such as general-purpose computing platforms, standard operating systems, in addition to the introduction of networking technology like TCP/IP & Ethernet in the SCADA environment and integration of business and process control networks.

Furthermore, cyber security incidents worldwide are increasing daily and one of the most vulnerable sectors is oil and gas where over 2 million threats of varying complexity are experienced weekly. Cyber criminals are becoming increasingly sophisticated, highly organised and constantly inventing ways to bypass traditional defences such as anti-virus and firewalls. With such attacks increasing in frequency and sophistication, oil and gas companies are faced with an urgent need to protect their highly valuable intellectual property and commercially sensitive information. Against this backdrop, oil and gas companies are now heavily investing in establishing the most comprehensive security systems for their assets and digital infrastructures, with spending set to reach \$1.87 billion by 2018. Managing security of networks and wireless communication systems, as well as defending IT infrastructure from external virus attacks and internal compatibility threats is a top priority.

SMi's 4th [Oil and Gas Cyber Security](#) conference will address the most pressing cyber security issues facing the oil and gas sector with keynote presentations delivered by senior industry decision makers



The poster features the title "Oil and Gas Cyber Security" in large blue font at the top. Below the title is a photograph of an offshore oil rig. Underneath the image, the text reads: "Network with Total, Tullow Oil, Cairn India, Salah Methanol Company and Saudi Aramco to discuss how to secure the future of the industry against the continued cyber threat". At the bottom, the dates "3rd & 4th June 2014" and location "Oslo, Norway" are displayed in orange. The SMi logo is in the top right corner.

from Total, GDF Suez, Salalah Methanol Company, Tullow Oil, Cairn India and Saudi Aramco. The two-day programme will build on the success of the 2013 event and discuss recent efforts to improve protection of highly valuable intellectual property and commercially sensitive information on production, exploration plans and assets through project updates, case studies, live demonstrations, technology sessions, panel debates and networking opportunities.

Event Highlights include:

- New Speaker Confirmed - SMI is pleased to announce that on Day Two at 15.40, Jacques Sibue, Group CISO, GDF Suez will lead a keynote presentation titled 'How cybersecurity is transforming security'
- Cyber Security case studies from Oil and Gas companies including Total, Tullow Oil, Salalah Methanol Company, Cairn India, Saudi Aramco, and now GDF Suez
- SMI's 4th Oil and Gas Cyber Security two-day conference programme will build on the success of the 2013 event, with more keynote presentations and case studies than ever from a truly global speaker line-up from Norway, France, UK, Saudi Arabia, India, Oman, USA and more
- Superb two-day conference networking opportunities – SMI's Oil and Gas Cyber Security conferences has a typical attendee breakdown consisting of: 27% Oil and Gas Operators, 23% Cyber Security Providers, 6% Consultancies, 2% Banks or Law Firms, 2% Academics, 1% Public Bodies or Associations
- Evening Drinks Reception at the end of Day One, 3rd June at the British Ambassador's Residence, Oslo. Delegates will be given further opportunity to network with industry professionals in a relaxing environment, having forged new relationships and renewed existing ones
- Two interactive post-conference workshops taking place on 5th June: Network monitoring and Situational Awareness for Oil and Gas OT infrastructure, plus Cyber Security Incident Handling for Oil and Gas. These are led by Dr Damiano Bolzoni, COO, SecurityMatters and Dr by Dr Siv Hilde Houmb, CEO, Secure-NOK AS respectively.

Key presentations at SMI's 4th Oil and Gas Cyber Security conference include:

- How cybersecurity is transforming security  
Jacques Sibue, Group CISO, GDF Suez
- Industrial Systems – Practical Security  
Ewen MacDonald, Lead Instrument and Systems Engineer, Total
- If you can spot it, you can stop it – defending against new norm  
Spencer Summons, Head of Information Assurance and IS Governance, Tullow Oil
- The cyber security indicator  
Ammar Qatan, Information Technology Manager, Salalah Methanol Company
- Securing the unsecured with eyes wide open  
Gomeet Pant, Information Security Manager, Cairn India

For more information on the conference programme, speaker line-up and associated events, please visit <http://www.smi-online.co.uk/oilandgas-cybersecurity11.asp>

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