

Chris Sladen

Chris is an advocate for better energy solutions than the ones we have used so far!

Chris is well known across the energy sector, particularly for laying a framework for co-investment between public and private sector energy companies, whilst explaining the different elements of project, contract and country risk. He has a track record of helping governments and regulators to optimise private and co-investment.

His current focus includes low carbon and zero carbon policies and energy technologies, particularly geothermal and hydrogen, being implemented across the globe, especially in Latin America, Europe/UK and Australasia. Chris is Board Chair at the Geothermal Energy Advancement Association which advocates increased investment in geothermal energy for a world using less petroleum.

Chris is author of the widely read ANZMEX 'Energy Matters' op-ed that tackles big energy issues using real-life personal experiences, extensive research and verification. Chris contributes to numerous media articles and research pieces, and is frequently quoted on energy and climate issues by both the energy press and mainstream media. His articles reflect his passion for the energy sector and how to achieve better outcomes.

Chris has worked in the energy sector for over 40 years in over 40 countries, and lived in Mexico 2001-2018. Chris was formerly the head of the Energy Group at the British Chamber and also head of the ANZMEX Energy Group. He is currently a non-resident Fellow at the Institute of the Americas. His contributions to energy and education have been recognised by the UK Government with both an MBE and CBE, and also the Aztec Eagle from the Mexican Government – the first foreigner in the energy sector to receive this.



Timothy Callahan

Director General for BHP Petroleum in Mexico (since Sept 2014)

Mr. Callahan has been with BHP since 2002 and has served in various senior management roles supporting BHP's conventional and unconventional petroleum businesses.

Previous to this position, Mr. Callahan served as Head of Human Resources for our US shale business. In this role, he held business partner responsibility for Shale operations along with Drilling, Engineering, and Health, Safety & Environment.

Mr. Callahan has had extensive experience throughout the energy and consulting industries. Prior to joining BHP, he served in various finance and human resources leadership roles at Enron Corporation and PwC. Mr. Callahan also previously worked for Deloitte in Mexico City where he led their US tax practice following the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Callahan has an MBA from the University of Houston and an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Grove City College in Pennsylvania. He is a Certified Public Accountant and has held various leadership roles with industry groups. He has been on the Board of the Mexican Association of Hydrocarbon Companies (AMEXHI) and is currently President of the Board of the Australian, New Zealand & Mexico Business Council (ANZMEX).

He is married, with three children and enjoys swimming, wave boarding and biking.

About BHP

BHP is a world-leading resources company. We extract and process minerals, oil and gas, with more than 62,000 employees and contractors, primarily in Australia and the Americas.

BHP Petroleum's exploration, development, production and marketing activities span more than a dozen countries. BHP has a high-quality resources base concentrated in the United States and Australia. Our core production operations consist of conventional assets located in the US Gulf of Mexico, Australia and Trinidad and Tobago.



Mónica Casar

Partner at Pùblika Consultores



Monica studied economics at the Universidad Iberoamericana and has a Master's degree in Economic Development from London School of Economics and Political Science.

Monica has more than 15 years of experience in the field of public affairs and lobbying. Since 2006 she has built a successful trajectory in the conceptualization and development of government affairs and communication strategies for numerous sectors, including energy, pharmaceutical, infrastructure, food and beverages, among others. She has experience with all stages of project design and implementation to translate business objectives into public policy discussions.

In 2016 Monica joined Pùblika, a public affairs firm that aims to help clients translate their business objectives into public discussion agenda, and to participate in a national and local debate with strategic contents. She became partner in 2019 and is currently the president of the Green Power Group of the British Chamber of Commerce, one of the leading voices in energy transition and sustainability.

Kate Brown de Vejar

Partner and global co-chair of DLA Piper's International Arbitration practice

Kate Brown de Vejar joined the DLA Piper's Litigation practice as a partner in Mexico City and New York. She also serves as global co-chair of DLA Piper's International Arbitration practice.

Kate represents private corporations, sovereign states and state-owned entities in connection with international arbitrations. She focuses her practice on handling complex, high-profile disputes across a wide range of sectors, including aeronautical, construction and engineering, financial services, mining and resources, oil and gas, tax, telecommunications and water treatment. These cases often involve complex issues of civil and mechanical engineering, allegations of delay and disruption, and defective design and construction works.

Kate Brown de Vejar, who joins from Curtis Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle S.C., received her LL.M. from Harvard Law School and her B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Queensland in Australia.

Kate is ANZMEX Vice President.



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Darren Sutherland

Director – Western Hemisphere, Borr Drilling

Darren Sutherland began his career in 1994 after graduating with a B.Eng. (Hons) in Offshore Mechanical Engineering. He joined the industry as a trainee drilling engineer with Santa Fe and has held various onshore and offshore operational and commercial roles from roustabout through to Managing Director. Darren also holds an MBA from London Business School and is an IMarEST Chartered Engineer.

Darren was recently CEO of Borr Drilling's joint venture business in Mexico – Perfomex, with 6 jack ups operating in the Bay of Campeche and now serves as a board member for the joint venture. He is a GlobalScot and a member of the Institute of Directors. During his career he has lived and worked in the USA, South America, Middle East and South Africa.



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