



Association of International  
Energy Negotiators

## **Evolution of Model Contracts for New Energies Workshop**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Program Description**

As the energy sector transitions toward lower-carbon, more sustainable technologies, the need for effective and innovative contractual frameworks has never been greater. This workshop will focus on model contracts tailored for new energy projects, including nuclear energy, renewable fuels, carbon capture and storage (CCS), and hydrogen. Participants will explore the unique challenges and opportunities in structuring contracts for these rapidly evolving industries, with an emphasis on risk allocation, financing, regulatory compliance, and long-term sustainability. This workshop is designed for legal, financial, and energy professionals seeking to navigate the complexities of contracting in the new energy landscape. Attendees will gain practical insights into building robust, flexible contracts that support innovation and drive the lower carbon energy transition.

### **Workshop Faculty**

#### **Gabrielle Finger, CCUS Commercial Manager, Storegga**

Gabrielle Finger is the Commercial Manager for Storegga (Houston, TX) working on Carbon Capture and Sequestration projects globally.

Previously, Gabrielle was Senior Commercial Advisor for Chevron New Energies (Houston, TX) working on Carbon Capture and Sequestration projects along the US Gulf Coast, focused on the Bayou Bend Project in the Golden Triangle region. Prior to the Chevron-Noble merger, Gabrielle worked as an international commercial advisor at Noble Energy for 10 years, working on various West Africa assets in Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon, focused on monetizing the Alen gas field through the EG Gas Mega Hub and the Yoyo-Yolanda cross border development. Commercially, Gabrielle has negotiated a wide range of agreements, including farmout agreements, unitization contracts/bilateral treaty, joint operating agreements, condensate/LPG/LNG sales agreements, joint venture agreements, capture and sequestration agreements, and various government granting instruments.

Gabrielle is a graduate of the Emerging Leaders Program at Chevron(2023), has an MBA from the University of Houston, and a BA from Washington University in St Louis. She is fluent in Spanish and knows enough French to be dangerous.

Gabrielle is the current Vice President of New Energies for AIEN.

#### **Chris Strong, Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP**

Chris Strong is an accomplished member of V&E London's Corporate practice group who represents clients around the world on transaction in the energy and natural resources space.

Recognized by Chambers in 2019, Chris brings more than 20 years of experience, as well as a deep understanding of his clients' businesses, to his practice. One source interviewed by Chambers called Chris "terrific," while another said he is "a very hard worker" who "has very strong technical capabilities."

Chris advises oil companies, banks, private equity funds, and government entities on the acquisition and disposition of assets, and on project development transactions related to upstream oil and gas, power plants, petrochemical facilities, refineries, pipelines, liquefied natural gas, and mining and metals.

In addition, Chris counsels on highly technical commercial agreements that are unique to the energy sector such as gas sale agreements and power purchase agreements.

Chris is active in the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. He is the co-lead of a drafting committee that is developing model agreements for use in the oil and gas space.