

## FCO-BP High Level Dinners 2012-15

The FCO promotes the United Kingdom's interests overseas, supporting our citizens and businesses around the globe. As set out on the HMG public website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office/about>, FCO responsibilities include building the UK's prosperity by increasing exports and investment, opening markets, ensuring access to resources, and promoting sustainable global growth.

FCO staff in London and around the world work closely with a wide range of governments, businesses and other organisations to take forward these objectives. Departmental reports, public business plans and other documents published on the gov.uk website include information on FCO objectives on energy and climate change over this period, including promoting the conditions for a stable, transparent international energy market that supports the reliable and affordable supply of energy to the UK; supporting UK energy companies to achieve major new contracts; and working internationally for a new UN agreement to tackle climate change.

Three BP-FCO dinners have been held since 2012, hosted by BP plc, 1 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4PD. There is no formal agenda set. "Chatham House rules" apply.

### **2013 Dinner**

The 2013 dinner took place on 10 January, from 1815 to 2130. Topics included:

- Global energy markets
- Developments in countries where BP is operating, including US and Russia
- Climate Change
- FCO/BP relationship

The most senior representation from BP was Iain Conn (host), Chief Executive Refining & Marketing & Group Managing Director, and Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK. They were accompanied by BP's Head of Government and Political Affairs, Group Chief Economist, and Head of UK Government Affairs.

The FCO was represented by Simon Fraser, FCO Permanent Under Secretary (PUS), accompanied by Colin Roberts, Director Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Andrew Mitchell, Director Prosperity, Simon Manley, Director Europe, Gregor Irwin, Chief Economist, and Hamish Cowell, Head of North Africa Department.

### **2014 Dinner**

The 2014 dinner took place on 7 July 2014, from 1815 to 2130. Topics included:

- FCO-BP relationship
- Developments in countries/regions where BP is operating including US, Russia, EU, Middle East, Azerbaijan, China, Mexico
- BP's participation in the FCO Chevening and Marshall Scholarship programmes

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Europe & Head of Country, UK. They were accompanied by BP's Head of Government and Political Affairs, and Head of UK Government Affairs

The FCO was represented by Simon Fraser, PUS, accompanied by Andrew Mitchell, Director Prosperity, Neil Crompton, Director Eastern Europe & Central Asia Directorate, and Edward Oaken, Director MENA.

Following the dinner, Simon Fraser wrote to Iain Conn thanking him for the dinner, which he described as an "enjoyable and extremely useful .... open exchange on some important issues"

### **2015 Dinner**

The 2015 dinner took place on 16 July 2015, from 1815 to 2130. Topics included:

- EU Energy Union and pipelines
- New UK government priorities on prosperity
- Developments in countries/regions where BP is operating including US, Russia, EU, Middle East, Azerbaijan, China, India, Angola
- UK-EU and British projection in the world

The most senior representation from BP was Dev Sanyal (host), Executive Vice President, Strategy & Regions, and Peter Mather, Group Regional Vice President, Europe & Head of Country, UK. They were accompanied by BP's Head of Government and Political Affairs, and Head of UK Government Affairs.

The FCO was represented by Simon Fraser, PUS, accompanied by Anna Clunes, Director Prosperity, Sarah Swinford, Director Eastern Europe & Central Asia, Peter Hill, Director Strategy, and Michael Howells, Head of Near East Department.