Overview of WEO-2012

- A full update of energy projections
  - by country, fuel & sector, to 2035

- Objective & comprehensive analysis of topical issues
  - Fuel focus: energy efficiency – how to unlock the potential
  - climate impact on energy trends
  - energy-water nexus
  - indicators to track energy access

- In addition, 2 special reports
  - Early October: first-ever in-depth outlook for Iraq (also included in full WEO)
  - 29 May: the role of best practices (“Golden Rules”) for a Golden Age of Gas

- Full WEO-2012 launch on 12 November
Golden prospects for natural gas?

Unconventional natural gas supplies 40% of the 1.7 tcm increase in global supply, but best practices are essential to successfully address environmental challenges.
Aims of this workshop

- Seek views & information from government, industry & other stakeholders on:
  - The environmental risks associated with unconventional gas
  - Best practices and costs of mitigating these risks
  - The role of regulatory policies
  - The role of unconventional gas in the world’s future energy system, and the extent to which this depends on environmental policies

- Results of the workshop will help to shape the key findings & messages of the WEO-2012 special report

- WEO-2012 special report to be released on 29 May
  - First draft to peer reviewers on 11 April, for response by 20 April