

About the speakers



Russel Mills

Global Director of Energy & Climate Change Policy for Dow Chemical

Education: Physics Graduate, Oxford University

Experience

Mills is currently based at Dow's European headquarters close to Zurich in Switzerland. Most of his career has been in market development, technology exploitation and global business management. He has also worked in consolidating acquisitions, setting up new businesses and managing Joint Venture operations.

Mills has been working in the chemical and related industries for over 30 years. Regular job moves have taken him to the USA, UK, and the Netherlands and on several occasions to Belgium and Switzerland. Recent job assignments have included the Global Business Director role for the Cargill Dow bio-polymers joint venture, a secondment to the European chemical industry association, and leading the development of technology cooperation and government PPPs strategies for Dow in Europe.

Mills participated in the High Level Group on Competitiveness, Energy & Environment set up by the EU Commission in 2005. He is currently co-chair of the ICCA Energy Leadership Group, and chair of the BIAC Environment Committee. Mills has represented the company at numerous energy and climate fora and chairs a number of key initiatives in this area on behalf of the global chemical industry.





Brian Davis

Vice President Global Base Chemicals

Brian Davis was appointed Vice President Global Base Chemicals with effect from May 1, 2011.

Before this, Brian was Vice President Downstream Strategy where he had responsibility for developing strategies for Refining, Supply & Distribution, Fuels and Lubricants Marketing, Chemicals and Alternative Energies businesses. He also had accountability for global oil and chemical market analysis.

Brian joined Shell Australia in 1988 after graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Sydney. Between 1988 and 1994 he held roles at Clyde Refinery spanning process technology, refinery planning and operations. Brian moved to The Netherlands in 1994 covering refining strategy and oil market analysis. Brian was appointed to the management team of Shell Turkey in 1997 with accountability for the refining, supply and distribution business. He subsequently moved to London to run Shell's global crude oil chartering activities followed by his appointment in 2001 as General Manager of Shell West Supply and Trading in Barbados. Upon returning to London in 2005, Brian served as General Manager Supply Strategy Americas. A short spell as General Manager Lubricants Supply Chain for Europe and Africa followed before taking up the role of Vice President Downstream Strategy in 2009.