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## **Mexican Natural Gas Official To Speak At Pipeline Conference**

HOUSTON, TX, March 4 – With all eyes on Mexico’s continuing Energy Reform, David Madero Suárez, Director General of CENAGAS, the newly formed company that will direct future natural gas pipeline activities in Mexico, is confirmed as a speaker at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Pipeline Opportunities Conference on March 24 at the Royal Sonesta Houston Hotel.

CENAGAS was created in 2014 to take over the natural gas pipelines that were controlled by state energy company Pemex. While many new pipeline projects are in the process of being planned in Mexico, many of which will cross the border with the United States, challenges still need to be overcome for those opportunities to be successful. This will be the focus of Madero Suárez’s talk.

Madero Suárez will be on a panel with Pablo C. Ferrante, a partner with Mayer Brown LLP who is heavily involved in representing companies doing business in Mexico. Madero Suárez said the reform has led to “abundant enthusiasm” for building Mexico’s natural gas infrastructure. He said CENAGAS’ mission is to guarantee a reliable supply of natural gas, making it a very important player from the start, given the focus placed on energy efficiency.

One of its most important roles will be coordinating the improvement of natural gas infrastructure. CENAGAS will be responsible for operations and maintaining a nationwide supply of natural gas during periods of emergency. CENAGAS will operate over 9,000 km of existing pipelines, as well as ensuring the steady growth of the network due to private investment.

“We need to provide a social vision to investors so they know they will achieve their business goals,” Madero Suárez said, adding that CENAGAS would oversee a market in which private players will feel confident. “They feel it is difficult to win bids in Mexico so CENAGAS must dissipate this,” he stated. “In operating the pipelines, we seek to maintain the existing best practices in Mexico and improve them. Our role as a regulator will see us make proposals and enact changes demanded by the private sector.”

The conference is presented by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America ([INGAA](#)) and [Pipeline & Gas Journal](#) and will include energy experts from the American Gas Association, BENTEK Energy, the Pipeline Research Council International and the Maguire Energy Institute from SMU's Cox School of Business. The keynote speaker will be Adam Sieminski, administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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