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VIP Cocktail Reception

(During OTC Brasil)

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Exploration



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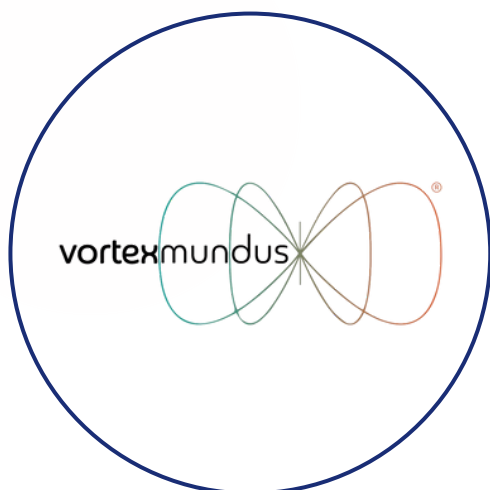
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Agenda- Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM Registration

6:45 PM Opening Remarks and Sponsors Recognition

Carla Lacerda, President, BRATECC

Helder Waiandt, Vice-President, BRATECC

6:55 PM Invest Rio

7:00 PM Awards Ceremony

- Company of the Year - CoY
The Energy Company bp

- Emerging Leader of the Year - ELoY
Natalia Klafke, Radix

- U.S. - Person of the Year – PoY
Jane Stricker, Greater Houston Partnership – GHP/HETI

- Brazil - Person of the Year - PoY
Patricia Pradal, Chevron

7:50 PM Guide Release Announcement "How to Do Business in Texas"

Marcelo Carullo, Managing Partner – Drummond Advisors

7:55 PM International Connection Award OTC Houston (SEBRAE)

VortexMundus

8:00 PM Closing Remarks & Networking

Carla Lacerda, President, BRATECC

10:00 PM End of the Reception



Who we are:

- Since 2001, we have been the premier organization for developing lasting commercial relationships between Brazil and Texas.
- At BRATECC, we provide a dynamic environment where individuals, organizations, and government officials converge. Here, knowledge, information, and best practices come together, propelling investment, trade, and commerce.

Empowering connections:

- Major Events in Texas and Brazil.
- Conferences, Seminars, and Special Events focused on community topics.
- Tailor-made On-Demand Events.
- Engaging Trade Missions and Network Mixers.
- Comprehensive Webinars Series.



The BRATECC Awards Night is one of our most prestigious and anticipated annual events. This celebration brings together influential leaders, entrepreneurs, and institutions to honor outstanding achievements in strengthening Brazil–Texas relations.

Over the years, the event has recognized remarkable contributions across key sectors such as energy, innovation, sustainability, and international collaboration. With its elegant setting and high-level networking opportunities, the Awards Night has become a symbol of excellence and a milestone on BRATECC’s annual calendar.

This year’s edition features four special recognitions:

- Person of the Year – United States
- Person of the Year – Brazil
- Company of the Year
- Emerging Young Leader of the Year

This is a unique opportunity to connect, build meaningful relationships, and celebrate excellence within the Brazil–Texas business community.



Carla Lacerda

PRESIDENT

**BRAZIL-TEXAS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Carla Lacerda has been an effective leader of the energy sector through her work with the business community, government, and regulatory agencies. She retired as President of ExxonMobil Brazil, managing a robust upstream portfolio. Carla was also chairperson of ABEP/IBP Brazilian Petroleum Institute, overseeing various aspects of advocacy and regulatory frameworks for industry. In 2023, she was honored in receiving the ANP Award for Industry Person of the Year, in recognition of the 20+ years of work to encourage investments, research, development, and innovation efforts. Currently, Carla is President of the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce (BRATECC) in Houston, Texas, and a Non-Resident Fellow with the Institute of the Americas at University of California San Diego (UCSD), in the Energy and Sustainability Program. In these positions, she is dedicated to fostering Brazil-US investment opportunity relationships, plus sharing of knowledge of new technologies, energy transition, and innovation. Carla is also active in Women's Leadership Mentorship Programs and development of young leaders.



Helder Waiandt

VICE PRESIDENT

**BRAZIL-TEXAS CHAMBER OF
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Helder Waiandt is a Brazilian who Have started his professional career in the early 90's working for a Steel Company (Eletrometal Metais Especiais) and after that moved to the Oil&Gas Industry in Brazil working for DSNB Consob (today SubSea 7).

Helder Waiandt was responsible for the first "Small and Medium Business Qualification for the Oil&Gas Industry", supporting SEBRAE (SBA equivalent in Brazil) to develop management, technical and HSE&Q skills and capability according the Oil&Gas standards.

Early 2000's, Helder Waiandt moved for a new challenge, restarting the Ship Building construction marketing in Brazil working for Mauá Jurong Shipyard, building the two first FPSO (P-43 and P-48) as a HSEQ and PMO Manager and headed technically the agreement with the Government Environment Agency (TAC – Adjustment of Conduct Terms) to reopen shipyards across the country.

After that, Helder Waiandt joined a Capital Venture company focused on buying, improving, merging and selling companies, called Grupo Synthesis, developing multiple functions, including being responsible for the International subsidiaries and branches in South America. At Grupo Synthesis, Helder have worked for the following companies: Haztec, Embraos, Oceansat, PEG, OceansatPEG and Fulgro OceansatPEG.

In 2008, from Argentina to Brazil, was responsible for creating and running the operations and strategies of TARGET Brasil, going from green field to the second largest Transportation Risk Management company in Brazil, landed the largest "Transport Management Risk" contract in Latin America two years after started-up.

Since 2012, living in Houston, Helder Waiandt is the SWOT Action's CEO, Consulting Company dedicated to promoting and fostering small and medium business in US, and the UPTEC Solution's Partner, a new Brazilian company dedicated to providing new technologies applied to industrial maintenance.

Having been Board of Director of BRATECC – Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce - since 2018, including had been the Chairperson of the Events Committee, Helder Waiandt has had the opportunity to lead and to participate in important discussions about the transformation of the production and supply chains industries in the face of oil price crises, the COVID pandemic and the energy transition era.

Helder Waiandt also served as Executive Secretary of BRATECC and currently holds the position of Vice President of the Chamber.



Artur Watt Neto

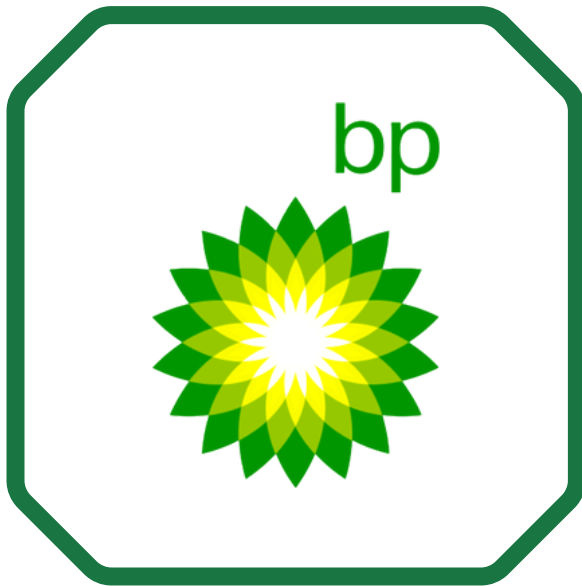
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
ANP

Artur Watt holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from UERJ, a specialization in Public Law from UNIDERP, and a Master's degree in International Law from UERJ. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb, London, UK) and, in 2014, was an Energy Law Scholar at the University of Houston, USA.

He is a career Federal Attorney at the Office of the Attorney General of Brazil (AGU), having joined through a public examination in 2006. For 12 years, he worked at the Federal Attorney's Office for the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP) (2010–2022), where he served as Technical Advisor to the Attorney General, General Coordinator for Strategic Affairs, Deputy Attorney General, and Sub-Attorney General.

He was also a member of the National Arbitration Team (ENARB/PGF), participating in more than 20 arbitration proceedings in the areas of oil and gas, energy, transportation, and telecommunications. At ANTAQ, he served as Attorney General (2022–2023), and at the Ministry of Mines and Energy, he held the position of Director of Natural Gas (2023). His most recent role was as Legal Advisor at Pré-Sal Petróleo S.A. (PPSA).

He is the author of the book *Economic Law – Oil, Natural Gas, and Biofuels* (Saraiva Publishing).



bp

bp has been in Brazil for more than 50 years, with a diverse portfolio. The company's ambition is to explore the potential of establishing a material and advantaged oil production hub in Brazil – and bp is actively exploring for new oil and gas resources.

The company holds interest in 6 offshore blocks - 2 as operator - across 3 basins and recently announced an oil and gas discovery at the Bumerangue prospect in the Santos Basin pre-salt. In addition, bp is planning the exploratory campaign of Tupinambá – in which it also holds 100% participation – for 2026.

bp also continues investing and scaling its leading bioenergy platform – bp bioenergy – investing with discipline in its renewable energy portfolio and enhancing its gas / LNG supply business. The company's strong presence in Brazil also includes downstream positions in aviation and marine fuel supply, power and fuels trading and Castrol, backed by strategic assets, key partnerships, and world class trading capabilities. As a result, bp sees great potential in Brazil as a resilient supply hub for domestic and global markets.



Shira Paulson

COUNTRY MANAGER, BRAZIL
bp

Shira Paulson is the bp Subsurface Country Manager for Brazil, since January 2021, where she leads multidisciplinary teams focused on advancing exploration and appraisal projects in the region. With a proven track record in geoscience leadership, Shira brings deep technical expertise and a collaborative approach to driving innovation and operational excellence.

Prior to this role, Shira held a variety of positions including, Global Advisor and Head of Discipline – petroleum systems, Western Hemisphere basin analysis manager, and various technical contributor roles in Cairo, Sunbury, and Houston as an applied geoscientist.

Shira holds a Master of Science degree in geology from the Colorado School of Mines and a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Nelson Narciso

CHAIR OF THE ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE OF ROG.E 2026
NNF ENERGY CONSULTANCY

Nelson Narciso is the founding partner of NNF Energy Consultancy. An executive with more than 40 years of experience in the oil and natural gas industry in Brazil and abroad, he has accumulated deep knowledge in the energy sector, especially in the areas of engineering, manufacturing and installation of equipment and services in the Exploration and Production segment.

Throughout his career, he has held prominent positions at oil companies and service operators. As president of HRT, he expanded the company's portfolio of exploratory assets in Namibia. Prior to that, he held the positions of general director of ABB Vetco Gray in Brazil and Angola, and global director of Halliburton for the Sonangol account.

In the public sphere, he served as a director of the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP), where he headed the creation of the Local Content Coordination, the redefinition of the format of Bidding Rounds and programs to reduce gas flaring and improve the fiscal measurement of production.

Nelson has experience as a counselor at several institutions, including FGV Energia, one of the largest think tanks in Latin America, and the Council for Economic and Social Development (CDES), a collegiate composed of civil society representatives to debate public policies and directly advise the President of the Republic of Brazil. He also works as a senior fellow at the Institute of the Americas, based in the United States.



Natalia Klafke

EVP OF ENERGY &
SUSTAINABILITY
RADIX

Natalia Klafke is a Chemical Engineer with a Master's degree in Chemical and Biochemical Processes, bringing nearly 20 years of experience in the energy and oil & gas sectors, spanning petrochemicals, refineries, FPSOs, and onshore/offshore production. She led Radix's global expansion in the sector, establishing operations in the United States, Brazil, the Netherlands, and Singapore. Recognized as one of the Top Women in Technology by Connected World Magazine, she was named Emerging Leader of the Year (ELoY) in 2025 by the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce (BRATECC).



Roberto Furian Ardenghy

CEO OF THE BRAZILIAN
PETROLEUM AND GAS INSTITUTE
(IBP)

Currently the CEO of the Brazilian Petroleum and Gas Institute (IBP), the leading association of the sector in Brazil, Roberto Ardenghy is a former Brazilian diplomat with more than 30 years of experience in government affairs, infrastructure, energy, sustainability, and oil & gas, having worked in both the public and private sectors.

He held several leadership positions at the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP) and worked at BG Group in Brazil as Director of Government Relations. In 2019, he joined PETROBRAS as a member of the Executive Board, responsible for Institutional and Sustainability areas, overseeing matters related to climate change, communications, social performance, and government relations.

As a diplomat, he served in various Brazilian embassies and consulates abroad (Washington DC, Buenos Aires, Houston, and New York) and also held several senior positions within the federal government in Brasília.



Jane Stricker

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
ENERGY TRANSITION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
HOUSTON ENERGY TRANSITION
INITIATIVE THE GREATER
HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP

As Senior VP, Energy Transition and Executive Director of the Houston Energy Transition Initiative, Jane leads the Greater Houston Partnership's efforts to leverage the region's energy leadership to accelerate global solutions for an energy-abundant, low-carbon future. She leads a coalition of industry, academic, and community partners to ensure the long-term economic competitiveness and advancement of the Houston region towards a more sustainable energy future. Prior to joining the Partnership, Jane spent over two decades at bp, where she held roles in marketing, corporate finance, governance, and compliance. Among her many accomplishments, she developed and delivered the 2019 National Petroleum Council study on carbon capture, use and storage in coordination with the U.S. Department of Energy. Jane serves on the Boards of Greentown Labs, North America's largest cleantech/climatetech incubator, and BCarbon, a non-profit carbon registry that catalyzes widespread ecological regeneration. She also serves on the advisory boards of the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Energy Center and Special Olympics Texas, an organization committed to providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Jane holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore and an MBA from Loyola University in Chicago.



Patricia Pradal

PRESIDENT
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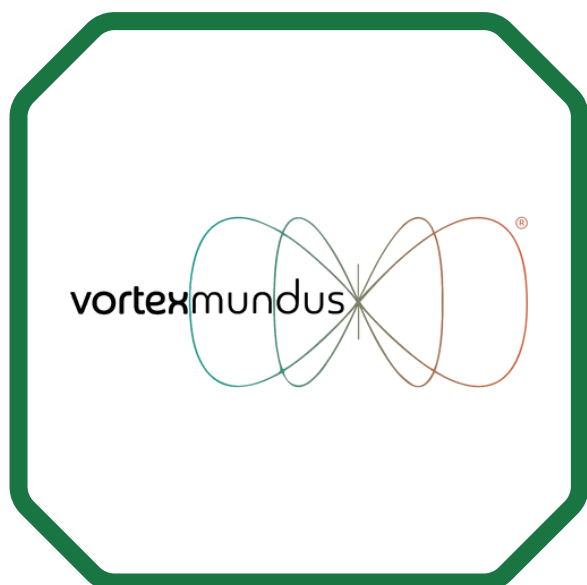
Patrícia Maria Bacchin Pradal is Chevron South America Exploration President since July 1st, 2025, responsible for E&P activities in Brazil, Suriname, Uruguay and Peru. Previously she held different leadership positions in Brazil and abroad, having worked in business development, commercial, operations, finance, new ventures and corporate affairs at Chevron and Unocal (acquired by Chevron in 2005). With 26 years of experience in the industry, Patrícia leads Chevron's exploration activities offshore South America, managing the exploration portfolio in partnership with IOCs and NOCs, government officials and other interlocutors, advocating for better industry regulatory environment. Patricia contributes to various energy industry associations in Brazil and abroad, with a long standing participation in the Oil and Gas Sectorial Committee at the Brazilian Institute of Petroleum and Gas – IBP and FIRJAN/RJ and its previous versions since 1999. She is also a founding member of the IBP Diversity Committee; counseling member of AIEN, Head of the AMCHAM Brasil Energy Committee, and board member at AMCHAM Brasil/RJ, LIDE Rio de Janeiro, and BRATECC – Brazil Texas Chamber in Houston. Patrícia has full bachelor's degrees in business administration and economics from Universidade Candido Mendes-RJ, with an MBA in Oil & Gas Business from MBP-COPPE/UFRJ, in Rio de Janeiro, and post-grad certificates in Corporate Finance.



Marcelo Carrullo

MANAGING PARTNER –
DRUMMOND ADVISORS

Marcelo leads Drummond's Venture Investment area, focusing on the Brazil-US connection. He also serves as Drummond's Chief Growth Officer (CGO), overseeing organic growth, M&A, strategy, sales, and marketing initiatives.. He has international experience, working in countries such as France, Canada, USA, Brazil, and Morocco. With experience in all aspects of the investment cycle (prospection, modelling, valuation, legal structuring, operational management and exit), Marcelo's career has been focused in Private Equity and Venture Capital, M&A, Capital raising, Business and Strategy and management areas being exposed to several types and levels of transactions in the Oil & Gas, Retail and Media, Entertainment and Financial industries. Marcelo is an Industrial Engineer, with several specialization courses, including 2 Masters – in Logistics and Finance – and pos-grad senior courses in Technology and Corporate Finance, attending outstanding education institution as UCSB in California/US, IMD in Lausanne/Switzerland, and Hult Internation Business School in Boston/US..



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Vortexmundus

Founded in 2016, Rio de Janeiro's VortexMundus is leading the field in optimisation of weather windows for offshore operations. Through a combination of best available data sources and proprietary machine learning algorithms, time lost due to weather forecast uncertainty is being reduced for customers by up to 20%. Over the timeframe of a project, these savings can run into the millions, with the added bonus of reducing environmental impact.

The benefits of this big data weather analysis apply to the full lifecycle of offshore operations - seismic survey, drilling, subsea construction, vessel routing, towing, FPSO and shuttle tanker operations and windfarm projects.

All solutions available globally.

With a solid client based in Brazil and the North Sea, VortexMundus launched its solutions in the US during OTC in May, and is looking forward to bringing its unique Brazilian technology to bear in Houston's world energy capital.



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Kieran Nash

Managing Partner
VortexMundus

Kieran has been involved in the maritime sector for over 40 years. Serving initially as a naval officer during the closing years of the Cold War, he worked in Search & Rescue (SAR) and navigational safety for several years before leading the expansion and internationalization in Brazil and LATAM of a large Norwegian weather forecasting company.

Now Chief Commercial Officer of VortexMundus, he is leading its expansion beyond Brazil into new geographical markets and segments.



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