


Our participation in trade associations: climate review

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About this report

This is our second detailed trade associations review. For this review, we have made changes to our approach in several key areas:





- We have increased the number of associations included from 30 to 51, based on updated materiality criteria.
- In terms of the policy positions, we have changed our criteria for 'reducing emissions' and 'carbon credits' – which is an evolution of the position related to 'natural climate solutions and carbon offsets' in our previous review. [See page 4.](#)
- We have increased the level of external support for our assessment. [See page 7.](#)

Consistent with our aim to enhance the transparency of our reporting, this review includes a list of our most significant memberships, defined as those where our annual fees paid were \$50,000 USD or more. We first published this list in 2021, and it has been updated for 2022, [see pages 14-16.](#)

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Advancing towards net zero

So much has happened since we announced our net zero ambition in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine have only increased uncertainty in the world. But we remain committed to getting bp to net zero, and helping the world get there too. Transparency around our relationships with trade associations is an important part of this ambition.

Today, more than 130 countries have legislated for net zero or are considering targets for reducing emissions to net zero by mid-century. Thousands of cities, companies and other organizations have also set net zero targets. And trade associations – the focus of this report – have also progressed, with many publishing new or revised climate positions.

Alignment and transparency

We are supporting this progress through our trade association memberships, where we have been setting new expectations for our relationships around the globe. We have now reviewed relationships with 51 associations in total. And this work has only strengthened our belief in advocating for change through engagement and dialogue.

This approach, we believe, has helped drive change in associations where our views on climate have not always aligned. This includes the American Petroleum Institute (API), where given the broad views held by their members, we will not always reach alignment. But we do now align on federal regulations for methane and on support for carbon pricing. Where we do not align, we are transparent about our differences – some of which we highlight in this review. We believe that if things are moving in the right direction, it can be more beneficial to our aims to stay and continue making our case.

If we find that this approach isn't being successful enough, we are prepared to act. In 2020, it became clear that alignment could not be reached with three associations, so we ended our memberships.

Evolving memberships

As bp diversifies and transforms to an integrated energy company, we continue to look for new relationships. We are already benefiting from a number of new memberships and anticipate many more will follow.


We believe that everyone needs to work together to achieve net zero. And we know that trade associations play a key role in fostering collaboration and bringing stakeholders together to work towards a common goal. We don't have all the answers, so we will only make progress through constructive dialogue. By working together, we can reduce emissions and be part of the solution.

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 Read more about our approach to trade associations on bp.com/tradeassociations



Overview of our 2022 review

bp is a member of many trade associations around the world. We believe these memberships provide significant benefits – from contributing to the development of equipment, operating and safety standards, through to working with regulators, knowledge sharing and professional development.

Some trade associations engage in lobbying and advocacy on matters they consider to be important to their members. Positions taken by a trade association on any topic are often a compromise or majority view, arrived at through their decision-making processes. Members may have widely differing views. As a result, our position, and that of a specific trade association, are unlikely to align all the time.

We assess and encourage alignment when we join, and on an ongoing basis. Our priority is to influence within trade associations, but we may publicly dissent or resign our membership if there is material misalignment on high-priority issues.

This review is our second detailed review of trade associations' climate change related positions.

We included associations where: we paid fees of \$50,000 USD or more (in 2021); the organization is likely to take a position on climate change policy; and bp holds a seat on the board or provides funding beyond membership fees.

Many associations were assessed for the first time as part of this review and, for continuity, we also included associations that do not meet the above criteria but were included in our 2020 review.

We engaged third-party consultants, Environmental Resources Management (ERM) to do the initial review, using a process that ERM consider to be rigorous, consistent, objective and fair. Their reviewer statement is on [page 7](#). Using publicly available information, they were assessed to be aligned, partially aligned or not aligned with seven high-level policy positions. We then checked this assessment with relationship owners for each organization within bp, before putting an action plan in place and communicating our findings.

Overall, we were encouraged by the alignment we found. Of 51 key trade associations reviewed, we found 41 aligned with our positions and 10 partially aligned. With these 10 groups, we will stay as members and continue to make a strong case for action in support of good climate policy.

Of all the trade associations of which we are members, the American Petroleum Institute (API) is the most significant in terms of contribution of our people, annual fees and stakeholder interest. We have worked hard to encourage progress within API and while we are encouraged by the progress made, ideally we would like to see more active support for good climate policy. For example, advocacy for carbon pricing. Consequently, the organization is partially aligned overall.

We intend to provide a progress update on trade associations in 2023, followed by a fuller review in 2024.

We found 41 associations to be aligned and 10 partially aligned.

We didn't find any associations to be 'not aligned' in our 2022 review.

41

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Our seven high-level climate change positions

We believe that the world is not on a sustainable path and requires a rapid transition to a lower carbon energy system. The following statements represent bp's high-level positions on climate change and the energy transition. We used these as the basis for our review of trade associations' positions.

High-level positions used to inform our review of eligible trade associations:

Paris Agreement

Supporting the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. By this we mean:

- Article 2.1 of the Paris Agreement: 'Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change'.
- Article 4.1 of the Paris Agreement: In order to achieve the long-term temperature goal set out in Article 2, parties aim to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, recognizing that peaking will take longer for developing country parties, and to undertake rapid reductions thereafter in accordance with best available science, so as to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century, on the basis of equity, and in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty.

Climate science

Recognising the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as the primary source of information on climate science.

To meet the Paris goals, we also believe the world must take strong action on a range of fronts:

Reducing emissions^a

Supporting policies that reduce emissions and support net zero. In this position, we assess support for policy areas including methane regulation and electric vehicles. Note that we have evolved this position since our last report.

Carbon pricing

Putting an economy-wide price on carbon to help drive action in an efficient and cost-effective way.

Energy efficiency

Improving energy efficiency, wherever the greatest reductions in emissions can be achieved.

Technology

Using and deploying new technologies, such as carbon capture, use and storage.

Carbon credits^b

We believe that both natural and technological emission reductions and removals are critical for the world to reach the Paris goals. We believe that effective compliance and voluntary markets for high integrity carbon credits are important to finance emission reduction and removals at scale. Carbon credits should sit at the bottom of the 'mitigation hierarchy'.

^a On Reducing emissions: Note that in our 2020 review, this position was worded 'reducing emissions – rather than promoting one fuel as the answer'.

^b On Carbon Credits: Note that in our 2020 review, this position was worded 'carbon offsets - utilizing natural climate solutions through land-use projects and the role of offsets'. This change does not affect the way this position is assessed.

Summary findings

We found the majority of our association memberships to be aligned or partially aligned. This year we did not identify any as 'not aligned'.

Not aligned

An association was assessed as **not aligned** overall if we found it to have stated opposition to one or more of bp's climate positions with limited support on the others.

In our 2022 review, we have not assessed any organizations as being in this category.

Partially aligned

An association was assessed as **partially aligned** overall if we found that it did not meet the criteria for either aligned or not aligned.

For further details on our partially aligned associations, see pages 9-13.

Associations in this category are:

Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA)

American Petroleum Institute (API)

Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA)

Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)

Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA)

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)

Texas Oil and Gas Association (TXOGA)

US Chamber of Commerce

Aligned

An association was assessed as **aligned**, if overall, if we found it to have aligned positions on the Paris Agreement, climate science and reducing emissions; with limited positions where we found misalignment or no position. Ideally an association has demonstrated active support for specific policy proposals.

Associations in this category are:

American Chemistry Council

American Clean Power Association

Associação Brasileira de Exploração de Produção (ABEP) (Brazilian Association of Exploration Companies and Production Companies Abep)

Associacao Portuguesa de Empresas Petrolíferas (APETRO)

Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN)

Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP)

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)

Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI)

Business Council of Australia (BCA)

Business Roundtable

BusinessEurope

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

Confederation of British Industry (CBI)

European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)

European Round Table for Industry (ERT)

Fuels Europe/Concawe

Global Maritime Forum

Greater Houston Partnership

International Air Transport Association (IATA)

International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP)

International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)

International Gas Union (IGU)

IPIECA (global oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social performance)

Kwinana Industries Council

Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping

Mineralölwirtschaftsverband (MWV)

Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA)

Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI)

Offshore Energies UK (Previously known as Oil & Gas UK)

Polish Organisation of Oil Industry and Trade (POPIHN)

Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)

South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA) – South Africa

Spanish Association of Petroleum Products Operators (AOP)

UK Chamber of Shipping

UK Petroleum Industry Association (UKPIA)

Verband Der Chemischen Industrie (VCI)

Vereniging Nederlandse Petroleum Industrie (VNPI)

VNO-NCW (Netherlands employers association)

World Bank Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership (GGFR)

World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

World Economic Forum (WEF)

Our review methodology

During late 2021 and early 2022, we conducted a bp-wide review of how our key trade associations' climate-related positions align with our own.

We used a review process that we believe was rigorous, consistent, objective and fair for 51 associations, that we identified as likely to take a position on climate policy.

How we decided which organizations to include

We included 51 trade associations, using updated criteria compared to our previous review (which included 30 trade associations), conducted in 2020.

Associations were selected on the basis that:

- bp was a direct member on 1 January 2022; and
- bp paid a fee of \$50,000 USD or more for the year 2021 and
- the organization is likely to take a position on climate change policy; and
- bp held a seat on the board or provided funding beyond membership fees during 2021 such as funding a campaign or research programme. This does not include paying to attend an event or training session, or accessing a report or standard.

A full list of associations, which were paid a fee of \$50,000 USD or more in 2021, is in the appendices. We have indicated which groups are in scope and out of scope.

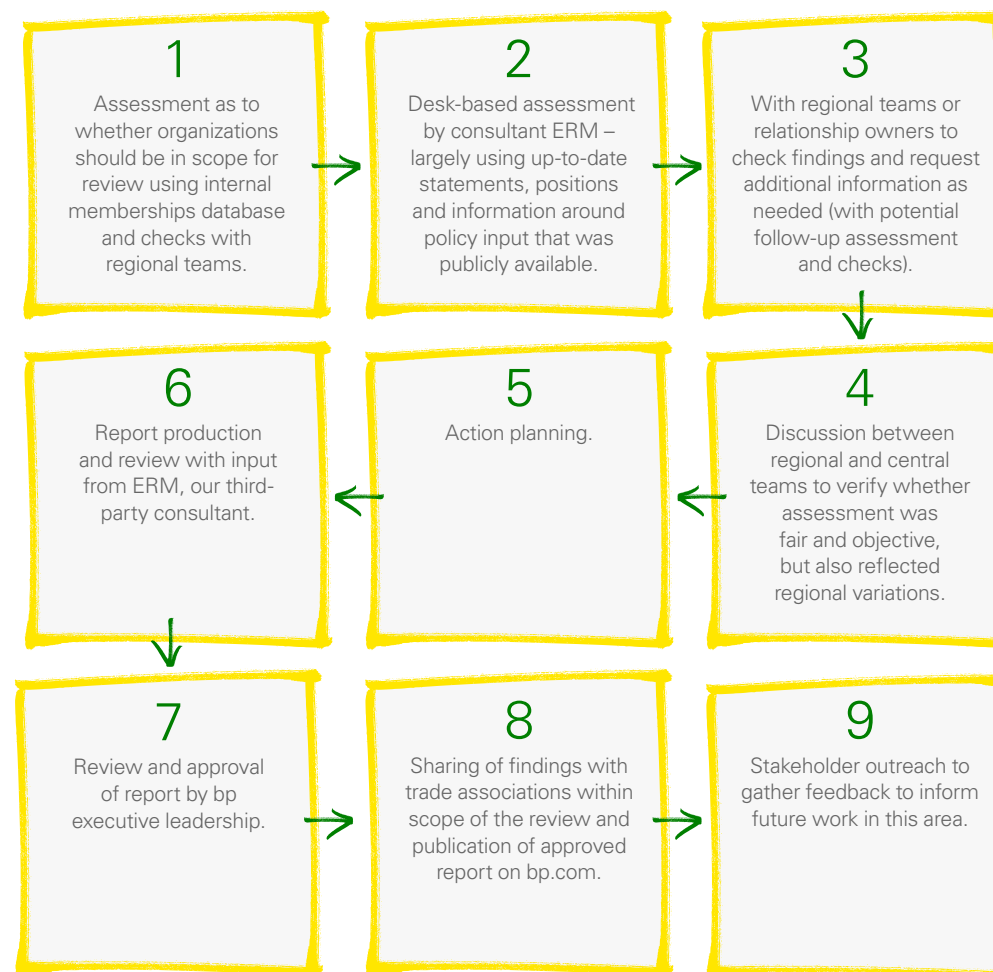
For continuity, we also included groups that do not meet the criteria but were included in our 2020 review:

- Australian Industry Greenhouse Network (AIGN)
- BusinessEurope
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- International Gas Union (IGU)

We will reconsider inclusion of these groups in our future reviews.

Review process

Our review comprised nine stages:



Our review methodology

Assessment of alignment

An association was assessed as **aligned** overall if we found it to have aligned positions on the Paris Agreement, climate science and reducing emissions; with limited positions where we found misalignment or no position. Ideally an association has demonstrated active support for specific policy proposals.

An association was assessed as **not aligned** overall if we found it to have stated opposition to one or more of bp's climate positions with limited support on the others.

An association was assessed as **partially aligned** overall if we found that it did not meet the criteria for either aligned or not aligned.

Action planning

Although a case by case approach is necessary, since we face different circumstances for each association, generally we believe that associations of greatest value to bp will typically warrant the greatest effort.

We used a matrix to support these discussions:

Not aligned	Consider position	Active engagement (with specific expectations set)
Partially aligned	Monitor and assess	Active engagement
Aligned	Maintain	Maintain engagement

Lower value ← → Higher value

Value is driven by several sources: from development of equipment, operating and safety standards, through to working with regulators and policymakers, knowledge sharing and professional development.

Possible actions

Not aligned

- Consider our continuing membership or potentially leaving the association
- Set specific expectations for change supported by active engagement with bp participants

Partially aligned

- Formal communication of identified misalignments to association leadership and bp participants
- Public statement of differences of opinion
- For higher-value associations active engagement to promote and influence closer alignment with bp
- For lower value associations, ongoing monitoring and assessment

Aligned

- Share copy of review and bp's expectations with association leadership and bp participants

Limitations of this review

The views and conclusions expressed in this review are those of bp. We have endeavoured to provide a consistent and fair summary of the positions of each association included in the scope of this review, but recognize that the nature of a review of policy positions and activity necessarily involves interpretation, judgement and opinion.

In designing the methodology for this review, we set out specific, high-level bp positions and compared trade association positions to those. We took this approach for reasons of rigour, consistency and objectivity.

However, this approach has its limitations. Not every climate-related issue is necessarily covered by the positions we have set out; and some areas of potential alignment or misalignment may arise at a level of detail or nuance not readily captured by this approach

Limitations of review

The review is largely based on publicly available information such as reports, websites, policy submissions and quotes by organization spokespeople in media sources.

Third-party reviewer statement

We engaged ERM to do a desk-based audit, using primarily publicly available information, to assess whether the positions of the associations are aligned with bp's seven high-level positions on climate change and just transition (listed on [page 4](#)).

The associations, were scoped by bp using a materiality assessment ([page 6](#)). ERM performed an independent technical

evaluation of the scope and methodology deployed. ERM consider this process to be rigorous, consistent, objective and fair.

About ERM

ERM is recognised as a global leader in sustainability and stakeholder engagement, and have industry leading expertise in both climate change and just transition policy and practice.

Detailed findings

We found 41 associations to be aligned, 10 partially aligned and none that were not aligned.

We assessed the climate positions of 51 key associations in comparison with our seven high-level climate policy positions (listed on [page 4](#)).

We found 41 associations to be aligned, 10 partially aligned and none not aligned. This compares to 22 aligned, five partially aligned and three not aligned in our 2020 review.

➔ Details of these positions are on [page 5](#)

Locations of assessed associations



At a glance: alignment of associations to policy positions

	Aligned	Partially aligned	Not aligned	No position
Paris Agreement	46	1	0	4
Climate science	46	4	0	1
Reducing emissions	45	6	0	0
Carbon pricing	37	8	0	6
Energy efficiency	41	6	0	4
Technology	46	4	0	1
Carbon credits	18	9	0	24

Alignment and differences were assessed against high-level principles for example, the absence of a policy in support of the Paris Agreement) and specific policy practice (for example, methane policy).

We identified different levels of alignment for different policy areas, with the greatest level of alignment being support for the goals of the Paris Agreement and climate science. The least aligned related to carbon credits, primarily because most associations did not hold a position on this topic. This is similar to our 2020 review.

We did not assess any organizations as not aligned overall in 2022. We assessed three as not aligned in our 2020 review.

As in 2020, we found that many organizations have published new or revised existing climate positions. We are encouraged by this but will continue to pursue further and actively engage with these organizations to encourage them to evidence their positions and actions.

Just transition

We support the goals of the Paris Agreement, which recognizes the importance of a just transition – one that delivers decent work, quality jobs; and supports the livelihoods of local communities. [One of our sustainability aims is to support a just energy transition](#) – we have set initial objectives in this important area and will publish further detail on our 2025 and 2030 metrics and targets in 2023.

As part of our review, we have made an initial assessment of the presence of policy statements and/or advocacy in support of a just transition. We will continue to engage on the just transition as per our sustainability aims.

Broadly, we found that most groups (43) made some reference to a just transition or some of the areas of a just transition, often without using the specific term. Only eight groups made no reference.

➔ Read more about [bp and a just transition](#)

Partially aligned associations findings

We provide detail on associations assessed as not or partially aligned – noting that in this review we have not assessed any organizations as not aligned. We have also included case studies to provide more detail about work we did in 2021.

Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA)

ABFA is a national trade association in the US, whose members produce, blend, and distribute advanced biofuels – low carbon fuels, derived from renewable, non-food biomass. Our emphasis on bioenergy has increased following our February 2022 strategy update, where we outline bioenergy as one of our five transition growth engines.

bp does not have representation on the board of directors. bp paid fees over and above our annual membership in 2021.

This is the first time we have included ABFA in our review. The association is focused on the increased role of biofuels in the US and consequently does not have a full range of policy statements or advocacy activity. However, we are encouraged by the role they play in support of technology-neutral policies that seek to reduce emissions, such as via low carbon fuel standards.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Climate science, reducing emissions, carbon pricing, technology, energy efficiency
Partially aligned	Paris agreement
Not aligned	None
No position	Carbon credits

Action

We will encourage ABFA to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

-  [ABFA Priorities](#)
-  [ABFA's role in Combating Climate Change](#)

American Petroleum Institute (API)

API is the only national trade association that represents members from all parts of the oil and natural gas industry in the US – upstream, midstream and downstream. It is a major standard-setting organization for the industry and helps keep people safe by publishing standards for engineering, equipment reliability, fuel quality, emissions and more. bp derives a great deal of value from API membership in a broad range of topics.

bp participates in API policy and technical committees, and we are represented on its board of directors and executive committee.

Since API announced its first Climate Action Framework in March 2021, we have been encouraged by its progress. We have worked to influence the organization on key policy positions, and we are generally more closely aligned than in our 2020 assessment. In some areas, this has been supported by advocacy – for example, API has actively supported the direct federal regulation of methane through engagement with the Environmental Protection Agency as it develops new rules for methane management. Regulating methane will help prevent leaks throughout the industry and protect the environment.

However, we had hoped to see more evidence of support for good climate policy. For example, while API supports carbon pricing generally, it did not put this position into action by demonstrating support for specific carbon pricing proposals.

At the state level, we have seen a lack of support for carbon pricing initiatives we have supported, such as the expansion of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Consequently, we have assessed API as partially aligned for 'carbon pricing'.

In addition, we have disagreed with API's opposition to certain policies designed to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs). We see EVs as one important way to decarbonize road transport; in 2019 road transport was responsible for 24% of greenhouse gas emissions in the US.

EV charging is a key part of our strategy, helping to accelerate the global revolution in mobility, and we have made this clear through our public statements and advocacy. Consequently, taking into account API's support for federal methane regulation, we assessed API as partially aligned on 'reducing emissions.'

Alignment of climate positions




Aligned	Paris Agreement, climate science, technology, energy efficiency
Partially aligned	Reducing emissions, carbon pricing
Not aligned	None
No position	Carbon credits

Action

API has been heading, in what we consider to be the right direction, but we would ideally like to see the association look for opportunities to demonstrate support for specific policy positions rather than opposing or remaining neutral.

If we see API taking policy positions not in line with our own, we will continue to speak up strongly within API and may point out our differences publicly and through our advocacy.

Read more

-  [API Climate Action Framework](#)
-  [The Environmental Partnership](#)
-  [Environmental Partnership Launches New Programme to Reduce Flaring](#)

Findings for partially aligned associations



Influencing associations on Environmental Protection Agency methane rule

At the end of 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the United States, published its draft methane emissions rule. bp identified passage of this rule as a priority for climate advocacy. We spoke out publicly in support of the rule and submitted positive comments to the draft.

At the same time, we directly advocated with our major trade associations asking them to support the rule. This included submitting a formal letter to each, holding meetings with association leaders to urge their support and working with peer companies to influence the position of each trade association.

These efforts could be seen when associations such as the [Business Roundtable](#) and the [US Chamber of Commerce](#) came forward with supportive public statements and submitted positive comments.

Other associations, such as [National Association of Manufacturers](#), [American Petroleum Institute](#) and [Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association](#) expressed support for the direct regulation of methane and committed themselves to working with EPA as it crafted a final version of the rule.

Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA)

BLSA is an independent association whose members include the leaders of some of South Africa's biggest and most well-known businesses. bp derives value from BLSA membership on topics including climate change and advocacy on our net zero agenda, just transition and changes linked to South African competition law.

The majority of BLSA's policy work on climate change takes place through Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), of which BLSA is a major member (and funder) and serves in a leading capacity in various BUSA structures including its board. bp participates in BLSA's council.

This is the first time we have included BLSA in our review. We are encouraged by what we have learned, particularly in the areas of access to energy and affordability. We would like to see a more complete set of policies, which is reflected in our overall assessment as partially aligned.




Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Paris Agreement, reducing emissions, technology
Partially aligned	Climate science, carbon pricing, energy efficiency, carbon credits
Not aligned	None
No position	None

Action

We will encourage BLSA to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

-  [Positive signs of our switch to a renewable future](#)
-  [Energy policy reform is key to our economic recovery](#)
-  [BLSA Website](#)

Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)

EPSA is the US trade association which advocates for well-functioning and competitive wholesale electricity markets. Their aim is to power the nation's homes and businesses at the lowest cost – as well as to foster innovation and sustainable environmental progress.

We actively engage in wholesale electricity markets across the US, and EPSA is the leading trade association representing market participants. The organization is a strong voice for the value of competitive markets.

bp participates in EPSA's board of directors and executive committee and participates in several policy and technical working groups.

This is the first time we have included EPSA in our review. The organization is beginning to develop climate change policies and expanding the areas it covers. Consequently, its policy positions on climate science are currently somewhat limited, given its focus on competitive markets. We have seen support for renewables, and EPSA has spoken out in support of a national carbon price in the US.


Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Reducing emissions, carbon pricing, energy efficiency, technology
Partially aligned	Climate science
Not aligned	None
No position	Paris agreement, carbon credits

Action

We will encourage EPSA to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

-  [The Electric Power Supply Association Competitive Policy Positions](#)
-  [EPSA Website](#)

Findings for partially aligned associations

Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA)

LMOGA is a trade association representing oil and gas interests in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. LMOGA serves exploration and production, refining, transportation, marketing and mid-stream companies as well as others in engineering, environment, law, financing and government relations.

LMOGA is the main trade association for bp in Louisiana. The Gulf of Mexico and the Haynesville basin onshore in Louisiana are both part of bp’s focus on resilient hydrocarbons. LMOGA is a key partner supporting our business strategy in the state.

bp is represented on LMOGA’s board of directors and executive committee and participates in several policy and technical working groups.

This is the first time we have included LMOGA in our review. We were encouraged by its support for the Environmental Partnership’s work on methane and flaring and have seen particularly strong backing for carbon capture use and storage (CCUS) in the state (assessed within technology). However, in many areas we found partially aligned positions or none.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Climate science, technology
Partially aligned	Reducing emissions, energy efficiency, carbon credits
Not aligned	None
No position	Paris agreement, carbon pricing

Action

We will encourage LMOGA to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

-  [LMOGA Supports Governor’s Climate Initiative Task Force](#)
-  [LMOGA Website](#)

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

The NAM represents small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector in the US, across all 50 states. It addresses several topics important to bp – from workforce development to tax, trade and broader regulatory reform. The NAM is a respected trade association with subject matter expertise and a broad, bipartisan reach.

bp participates in a variety of NAM committees, and we are represented on the board of directors.

Since our 2020 review, NAM’s position on carbon pricing has evolved with the organization having stated its support for ‘market-based options’. We are encouraged by this but would ideally like to see further evidence of support of this position.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Paris agreement, climate science, energy efficiency, technology, carbon credits
Partially aligned	Reducing emissions, carbon pricing
Not aligned	None
No position	None

Action

Regarding reducing emissions, we would like to see more evidence of constructive engagement by NAM and advocacy in support of policies that help the US reach net zero, although in methane we have seen good progress.

NAM has been heading in what we consider to be the right direction in recent years. But we are encouraging the organization to look for opportunities to support, what we see as good climate policy. We will continue to advocate for our views within NAM, both on climate policy and in the many other important areas relevant to our business in the US.

Read more

-  [NAM Reinforces Climate Priorities](#)
-  [The Promise Ahead: Manufacturers Taking Action on Climate](#)
-  [NAM Website](#)

National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)

NOIA represents the offshore oil, gas, wind and ocean minerals industries in the US and works towards growing the offshore energy industry, providing solutions that support communities and protect workers, the public and the environment. The organization is of high value to us, both for our Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations and our growing offshore wind partnerships in the US.

bp is represented on the organization’s board and we participate in a range of committees.

This is the first time we have included NOIA in our review. We are encouraged by what we found in most areas, and broadly we feel the association is aligned with us concerning climate. However, we found no support for the role of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and consequently NOIA is assessed as partially aligned.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Paris agreement, reducing emissions, carbon pricing, energy efficiency, technology
Partially aligned	Climate science
Not aligned	None
No position	Carbon credits

Action

We will encourage NOIA to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

-  [NOIA Climate Change Position](#)
-  [NOIA Website](#)

Findings for partially aligned associations

Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)

OCIMF is an international, voluntary association of oil companies with an interest in shipment and terminal operations relating to crude oil, oil products, petrochemicals and gas. We derive value through our membership across a broad range of technical, safety and environmental committees, most notably the Ship Inspection Report Programme (SIRE). We participate in this and strongly believe it improves standards across the industry. bp is represented on the organization’s executive board and we participate in a broad range of technical committees.

This is the first time we have included OCIMF in our review. As subject matter authorities on the safe and responsible operation of tankers, the group does not present a full spread of climate-related policies, meaning that we did not find a position in many areas.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	None
Partially aligned	Reducing emissions, energy efficiency
Not aligned	None
No position	Paris agreement, climate science, carbon pricing, technology, carbon credits

Action

We will encourage OCIMF to broaden its range of climate policy positions and will continue collaborating in areas relevant to our business.

Read more

- OCIMF: Environment
- OCIMF Website

Texas Oil and Gas Association (TXOGA)

The Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA) is a statewide trade association representing the oil and gas industry, including small independents and major producers. Collectively, its members produce more than 80% of Texas’s crude oil and natural gas, operate over 80% of the state’s refining capacity and are responsible for the vast majority of the state’s pipelines. TXOGA is an important group to bp given our significant operations in the state, and we derive high value from our participation.

We were particularly impressed by its work on produced water in 2021, where TXOGA supported state legislation to create the Texas Produced Water Consortium which will work to identify solutions to managing this important aspect of oil and gas production in the state.

bp participates in a variety of TXOGA policy committees, and we are represented on the organization’s board of directors. In 2021, bp paid fees over and above our annual membership.

This is the first time we have included TXOGA in our review. We found that on all of our positions, it was either partially aligned or had no position. We found references to climate science to be particularly weak.

We encouraged the organization to develop a set of climate policy principles in 2021. TXOGA has begun internal discussions on the issue, and we will actively participate.

TXOGA established a Carbon Management Workgroup to address substantive issues related to scaling CCUS and leads a coalition of trade associations via the Texas Methane and Flaring Coalition to reduce flaring.

Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	None
Partially aligned	Climate science, reducing emissions, carbon pricing, Technology
Not aligned	None
No position	Paris agreement, energy efficiency, carbon credits

Action

bp will continue to actively advocate within TXOGA to facilitate the climate policy dialogue among its members and will engage on issues where we are aligned such as managing produced water, reducing methane emissions and advancing CCUS and hydrogen.

Read more

- Texas Methane and Flaring Coalition
- Cleaner Energy
- Annual Energy & Economic Impact Report
- TXOGA Applauds Law Creating Texas Produced Water Consortium

Findings for partially aligned associations

US Chamber of Commerce

The US Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) is a broad-based business organization representing employers across all sectors in the US. It is also active internationally.

bp derives value from the Chamber's focus on a broad range of topics, including environment, agriculture and its significant expertise on international business and trade issues.

bp participates in a variety of the Chamber's policy committees and programmes including the Global Energy Institute and also in some affiliated state and local chambers. We are not represented on the board of directors. In 2021, bp paid fees over and above our annual membership.

Since our 2020 review, the Chamber's position has evolved on carbon pricing and what we consider to be good climate policy. Regarding the regulation of methane emissions, we have seen good progress. We are encouraged by this but would ideally like to see further evidence of support of these positions.




Alignment of climate positions

Aligned	Paris agreement, climate science, carbon pricing, energy efficiency, technology, carbon credits
Partially aligned	Reducing emissions
Not aligned	None
No position	None

Action

We will encourage the Chamber to take a leading role in advocating for good climate policy.

Read more

-  [US Chamber – Our Approach to Climate Change](#)
-  [An Update to The Chamber's Climate Position](#)
-  [Global Energy Institute](#)

Next steps

We have communicated our findings to all of the 51 organizations in scope.

For the 10 organizations we assessed as partially aligned, we will continue to engage and work hard to make the case for our views in the area of climate, and more broadly. Our priority is to influence as members rather than walk away.

In line with our aim of aligning associations, if we find we no longer hold influence and are unable to reconcile our views, we are prepared to leave.

We continue to listen to a wide range of stakeholder views to understand expectations of both action and transparency in this area, and as before we welcome input as we evolve our approach. We have incorporated some of what we have heard in response to our previous reports.

We intend to provide a progress update on our trade associations in 2023, followed by a fuller review in 2024.

New memberships supporting our transition

As we transition to become an integrated energy company, our trade association memberships will evolve too. These new memberships align with two of our strategic pillars: **convenience and mobility**; and **low carbon energy**:

- [Chargeup Europe](#) advocates for policies that support and facilitate the smooth uptake of electric vehicles in Europe.
- [Clean Fuel Ammonia Association](#) aims to develop a commercial CO₂-free ammonia value chain in Japan.
- [Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping](#) advocates for policies to decarbonize the global maritime industry. bp formed a strategic partnership in 2021. And we are collaborating on the development of new alternative fuels and low carbon solutions for the shipping industry, which currently accounts for around 3% of global carbon emissions.
- [NACS](#) advocates for convenience and fuel retailers, particularly on regulations affecting businesses across the globe but focused on the US.



Our memberships

We define a trade association as an organization we have joined as a corporate member and to which we pay a subscription fee or dues. This includes general or multi-sector business associations, sector-specific trade associations and issue-specific organizations. They can be global, regional, national or local in scope.

The list includes memberships held by bp on 1 January 2022 with annual fees in 2021 of \$50,000 USD or more. We believe these are the most significant memberships and most likely to be of interest to stakeholders. See [page 6](#) for the criteria to be included in 2022 review.

The list does not include memberships held by non-operated joint ventures such as bp Bunge or Lightsource bp. We do not include professional bodies; think tanks; non-membership relationships such as those with NGOs or investor groups; government initiatives and committees.

For our US memberships, we have listed those classified as business leagues under Section 501(c)(6) of the federal tax code.

We have included several associations from our 2020 review in this document – see also [page 6](#).



[Our participation in trade associations](#)

Name	Jurisdiction	Website	Included in 2022 review
Advanced Biofuels Association (ABFA)	US	advancedbiofuelsassociation.com	✓
American Chemistry Council (ACC)	US	americanchemistry.com	✓
American Clean Power Association	US	cleanpower.org	✓
American Petroleum Institute (API)	US	api.org	✓
Asphalt Institute Inc	US	asphaltinstitute.org	✗
Associação Brasileira de Exploração de Produção (ABEP)	Brazil	abep.org	✓
Associação Portuguesa de Empresas Petrolíferas (APETRO)	Portugal	apetro.pt	✓
Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL)	US	aopl.org	✗
Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP)	Australia	aip.com.au	✓
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)	Australia	appea.com.au	✓
Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie linked to Förderkreis der Deutschen Industrie (BDI/FDI)	Germany	english.bdi.eu	✓
Business Council of Australia (BCA)	Australia	bca.com.au	✓
Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA)	South Africa	blsa.org.za	✓
Business Roundtable	US	businessroundtable.org	✓
Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)	Canada	capp.ca	✓
Civil Justice Reform Group	US		✗
Commercial Energy Working Group	Americas		✗
Confederation of British Industry (CBI)	UK	cbi.org.uk	✓
Deltalinqs (business association for the port of Rotterdam)	Netherlands	deltalinqs.nl	✗
Electric Power Supply Association (EPSA)	US	epsa.org	✓

Our memberships

Name	Jurisdiction	Website	Included in 2022 review
European Chemical Industry Council (Cefic)	Europe	cefic.org	✓
European Round Table for Industry (ERT)	Europe	ert.eu	✓
Executive Networks	Global	executivenetworks.com	✗
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)	Global	eiti.org	✗
FuelsEurope/Concawe	Europe	fuelseurope.eu	✓
Global Maritime Forum	Global	globalmaritimeforum.org	✓
Greater Houston Partnership	US	houston.org	✓
International Association of Geophysical Contractors (IAGC)	Global	iagc.org	✗
International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP)	Global	iogp.org	✓
International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)	Global	ieta.org	✓
International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA)	US	isda.org	✗
IPIECA (global oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social performance)	Global	ipieca.org	✓
Kwinana Industries Council	Australia	kic.org.au	✓
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI)	US	labi.org	✗
Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association (LMOGA)	US	lmoga.com	✓
Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping	Global	zerocarbonshipping.com	✓
Marine Preservation Association	US	mpaz.org	✗
Materials Technology Institute	US	mti-global.org	✗
Mineralölwirtschaftsverband (MWV)	Germany	mwv.de	✓
NACS – Advancing Convenience & Fuel Retailing	Global	convenience.org	✗
National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)	US	nam.org	✓
National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)	US	noia.org	✓
National Petroleum Council (NPC)	US	npc.org	✗
Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA)	US	ngsa.org	✓
Offshore Energies UK (Previously OGUK)	UK	oeuk.org.uk	✓

Our memberships

Name	Jurisdiction	Website	Included in 2022 review
Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI)	Global	oilandgasclimateinitiative.com	✓
Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)	Global	ocimf.org	✓
Permian Strategic Partnership Inc.	US	permianpartnership.org	✗
Polish Organisation of Oil Industry and Trade (POPIHN)	Poland	popihn.pl	✓
Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)	US	seia.org	✓
South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA)	South Africa	sapia.org.za	✓
Spanish Association of Petroleum Products Operators (AOP)	Spain	aop.es	✓
Texans for Lawsuit Reform	US	tortreform.com	✗
Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO)	US	tipro.org	✗
Texas Oil and Gas Association (TXOGA)	US	txoga.org	✓
The Sulphur Institute	US	sulphurinstitute.org	✗
UK Chamber of Shipping	UK	ukchamberofshipping.com	✓
UK Petroleum Industry Association (UKPIA)	UK	ukpia.com	✓
US Chamber of Commerce	US	uschamber.com	✓
Verband Der Chemischen Industrie (VCI)	Germany	vci.de	✓
Vereniging Nederlandse Petroleum Industrie (VNPI)	Netherlands	vnpi.nl	✓
VNO-NCW (Netherlands employers association)	Netherlands	vno-ncw.nl	✓
World Bank Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership (GGFR)	Global	worldbank.org/en/programs/gasflaringreduction	✓
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)	Global	wbcd.org	✓
World Economic Forum (WEF)	Global	weforum.org	✓
World Federation Of Advertisers (WFA)	Global	wfanet.org	✗

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