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Exploring and developing Tight Gas reservoirs in the Middle East: challenges and opportunities
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SUMMARY
Unconventional gas resources have major strategic implications for the future of the world’s natural gas supply. The Middle East could play a significant role in this domain, considering its prolific reservoir and source rocks potential. The presentation will focus on the potential role of unconventional gas resources in the gas market of the Middle East. The importance of multi discipline integration and innovation will be underlined as well as the economic challenges both in terms of cost reduction needs and gas price problematic. The presentation will also address the challenges of acceptability both in terms of environment and social responsibility. Tight Gas Reservoir exploration and development requires first the tried and tested know-how already possessed by Total through its activities in mature tight gas countries such as the US. Based on this knowhow, Total is reinforcing its positions in this promising segment through ambitious Research and Development programs.