

## Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference delayed to H2 on COVID-19: organizer

The Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference, or MPGC, the biggest oil and gas conference in the Middle East, is being postponed to second half of 2020 because of the coronavirus outbreak, the conference organizer said Tuesday.

MPGC Week 2020 was expected to attract speakers and delegates from more than 35 countries over March 29-April 2 in Bahrain. The 28th annual MPGC conference, originally scheduled for March 30-31, will also be rescheduled "on dates to be decided," organizer Conference Connection said on its website.

"The decision to re-schedule MPGC 2020 and MPGC Week 2020 events was taken with due consideration, following the global outbreak of COVID-19, weighing heavily on travel restrictions as well as health and safety concerns for speakers and participants," it said.

Bahrain Petroleum Co. was set to host the MPGC this year.

The MPGC conference delay follows the cancellation of the annual IHS CERAWeek energy conference in Houston that was set for March 9-13.

