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Women in LPG Global Network 2023 Award Winners Announced

The Women in LPG Global Network (WINLPG) is an initiative that was launched in 2015 by the World LPG Association (WLPGA). Recognising the need to promote women, and young talent, in the LPG industry the WLPGA created WINLPG as a platform to meet, connect, exchange and learn. The network has over 3,300 members and has eleven active national chapters in the USA, Nigeria, South Africa, Myanmar, India, Brazil, Poland, Mexico, Morocco, Kenya, and Colombia.

In 2018, WINLPG launched the Woman of the Year Award to to acknolwedge women who have made an important contribution to the LPG industry or who demonstrate significant motivation or show support for the cause of diversity, and who has enjoyed unparalleled career success. In 2019, WINLPG also launched a Young Woman of the Year Award and in 2023, WINLPG launched a new award, the Field/Technical Groundbreaker Award.

Acknowledging our Award Winners

The winners were announced during LPG Week in Rome, in November 2023 and for the first time ever we awarded a joint Woman of the Year award, it was impossible to separate these two exceptional female leaders. Our joint Woman of the Year 2023 are **Glaura Kartalian**, SHV Energy, the Netherlands and **Julianna Kamaruddin**, NGC Energy, Malaysia.

Our Young Woman of the Year recognises achievements from rising young talent who have shown significant contribution and commitment within the business and epitomose the values of WINLPG. This year the Young Woman of the Year Award goes to **Luciana Gomez**, Research, Development and Innovation Manager, Consigaz, Brazil.

The Field/Technical Groundbreaker Award was inaugurated in 2023 to recognise women who work in the field, or in technical roles, where they have overcome the specific challenges of working in these particular sectors and who can demonstrate success working within an environment where women are significantly under-represented. The inaugural Field/Technical Groundbreaker Award goes to Isadora Dibo Rodrigues da Silva, Production Coordinator, Ultragaz, Brazil.

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Let's hear from our winners

As a proud champion of WINLPG, I am inspired by the growing momentum and passion for advancing gender balance in the liquid gas industry. At SHV Energy, we aim for 25% of our senior leadership positions to be held by women by 2030. Reflecting on my own experience, I believe that further progress will require everyone to play their part. Beyond joining WINLPG, I encourage women and men to work together to raise awareness, to lead by example, and to promote best practices that empower and enable women in the workplace. In this regard, I am delighted to be recognised for my own contributions and congratulate fellow award winner, Julianna Kamaruddin from NGC Energy in Malaysia, for her impressive accomplishments. I look forward to working with colleagues and peers as we continue building a more diverse, inviting and inclusive liquid gas community for all.

Glaura Kartalian

WINLPG Woman of the Year 2023 and Chief Operating Officer, SHV Energy

I am truly honoured to receive the Woman of the Year award from WLPGA. This recognition is a shared achievement, a testament to the collective dedication of the NGC Energy team. I take pride in their hard work and commitment, and I want to emphasise that this award is a reflection of their efforts as much as it is of mine. I am immensely proud of our journey from a pure LPG entity to a dynamic energy company, leveraging our internal engineering capabilities. Over a decade, I've devoted myself to policy reforms and safety initiatives. Moving forward, I believe in fostering collaboration and innovation for a sustainable future in the energy industry. Guided by the principles of integrity and inclusivity, I'm optimistic about the positive impact we can collectively make on the energy landscape. In the words of inspiration, it is not an easy task to build an organisation, especially in the energy industry. However, I see this industry as a broad and enriching career prospect for anyone willing to venture into it. My hope is to inspire the younger generations to explore and venture into the energy world, contributing to the dynamic and promising opportunities it holds.

Julianna Kamaruddin WINLPG Woman of the Year 2023 and CEO, NGC Energy

Receiving the 2023 Young Woman of the Year award is a great honour. This recognition not only highlights my trajectory, but also increases the visibility of home in Brazil and marks a significante advancement in my career. I thank the WINLPG network, which plays a crucial role, as in addition to strengthening ties between homem in the LPG industry, it also promotes gender equality and boosts female empowerment, offering support and professional development. Joining forces with Consigaz, which is also an active supporter and has stood out through programs that promote gender equality, I am committed to further strengthening this network, being a spokesperson and inspirational impulse so that more homem can find new opportunities and pursue successful careers in our industry.

Luciana Gomes

WINLPG Young Woman of the Year 2023 and RD&I Manager, Consigaz

I feel honored and flattered to win the first ever Field/Groundbreaker award, especially because of the great women who competed this year. I hope to keep contributing to a more innovative and inclusive environment in the LPG industry.

Isadora Dibo Rodrigues da Silva

WINLPG Field/Technical Groundbreaker 2023 and Production Coordinator, Ultragaz





Photographs below WINLPG Woman of the Year Glaura Kartalian (left) and WINLPG Woman of the Year Julianna Kamaruddin (right)





Photographs below WINLPG Young Woman of the Year Luciana Gomes **(left) and WINLPG** WINLPG Field/Technical Groundbreaker Isadora Dibo Rodrigues da Silva **(right)**





About WLPGA

The World LPG Association (WLPGA) is the authoritative voice for the global LPG industry representing the full LPG value chain. The primary goal of the association is to add value to the sector by driving premium demand for LPG, while also promoting compliance to good business and safety practice. With over 300 members in 125 countries, the association brings together private and public companies involved in one, several or all activities of the industry, develops long-term partnerships with international organisations and implements projects on local and global scales. The Association was established in 1987 and granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in 1989.

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