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Ten years of JODI

Great achievements but what next?

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# Why is JODI important?

- **Oil is a significant fuel in its own right but it is also a price driver for other fuels e.g. gas and electricity**
- **Political sensitivity around prices will remain (gasoline prices in the US, tanker drivers in the UK), prices still relatively high and likely to go higher at some future point**
- **Extreme price volatility has been bad for consumers and producers, affecting everybody adversely**
- **The physical market has become linked to, and interacts with, financial markets. Probably not a priority for JODI**
- **This is not a transparent, well-functioning market. It is a market with huge uncertainties and increasingly driven by expectations which need to be better informed**
- **JODI is central to helping us understand this market**

# Achievements - data

- **More data availability (OPEC production rather than quotas, more information on stocks, greater understanding of refinery activity)**
- **Improved quality and wider coverage (now global)**
- **Speedier availability**
- **Easier access through user friendly website**

# **Achievements -profile**

- **A tool for providing regular information on oil markets and handling supply disruptions**
- **Production and stocks are key market indicators**
- **Collaboration (unprecedented co-operation between international organisations, Governments and industry)**
- **Political support (officials and politicians recognise the importance of JODI and it has prominence at high level meetings such as the G20, IEA and IEF Ministerials)**

# Market features

- **What matters for oil – current production, stocks and demand play a role. But the market is worried about the future – will supply meet demand. Huge uncertainties on both sides**
- **So also need to focus on future investment (for both oil and gas), not easy but crucial**
- **But as well as supply, need to consider future demand – cannot be ignored, linked to investment**
- **As JODI expands to gas, need to reflect its different structure, and features. The regional (but increasingly global) nature of gas markets, and their reliance on key pipeline routes, make gas different**

# **Celebrate success but look to the future**

- **Continue to maintain, and improve, quality, timeliness and coverage**
- **Build capacity through training/tutorials; enhance user interaction; seek continued high-profile political support**
- **Oil and gas data are needed to understand past, current and future trends. Annual data on oil and gas investment and demand are important next steps**
- **Statisticians can play a prominent role in improving our understanding of future supply and demand**
- **Set out a vision and action plan (with goals and target dates) for Ministerial endorsement next year**