

Biography

Pascal LAFFONT

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Pascal Laffont took up his duties as Chief Legal Counsel of the International Energy Agency in June 2012. Mr. Laffont, who is a French national, brings to the IEA more than 15 years of legal practice in government, at the multilateral level and in the private sector.

His last post was in Doha, Qatar, where he served as a policy advisor on international energy issues to the Government of Qatar and the national oil company, Qatar Petroleum. In particular, he advised on issues arising during the negotiations of international agreements, and provided legal expertise on the impact of international treaties and agreements influencing the energy sector in Qatar. Before that, he was in the office of the Secretary General, Energy Charter, Brussels, advising particularly on issues relating to non-members of and accession to the Energy Charter. Prior to joining the office of the Secretary General, he worked on the legal aspects of international energy trade under the Energy Charter Treaty.

He started his professional life in private practice in the international projects department of a London City law firm. He qualified as a lawyer in France and England and is admitted to practise law in England and Hong Kong. He has a Masters in Public International Law from the London School of Oriental and African Studies. Born in 1969, Mr. Lafont is married and has three children.