

Roundup of Major Deepwater Discoveries Over the Past Year and A Look Forward to What is Being Targeted by Wells Drilling Now and Likely to Happen in 2016

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Abstract

This talk begins by examining several areas that have received focused deep water exploration attention in 2014-2015 such as Brazil and Angola Presalt, the Gulf of Mexico Lower Tertiary, Senegal and western Africa basin margin turbidites, and the southern-most Atlantic margin of South Africa and the Malvinas/Falklands. Exploration challenges of the Brazilian and Angolan presalt play is examined, and successes in the Gulf of Mexico, Newfoundland, Senegal and other areas are reviewed. Then then looks to the future by reviewing important deep water exploration wells that were drilled in 2015, and expected in 2016, and their potential impact. The talk then closes by looking at a few interesting areas around the globe that are very likely to receive exploration attention within the next five years.