



"CLEANER PRODUCTION INITIATIVES AND CHALLENGES FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD"

## Participatory Governance and Decision-Making: Oil and Gas in the Santos (Brazil) Coastal Region

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## **Abstract**

The worldwide growth experienced by the industrial and services' business endeavors, in recent decades, is correlated to major events that drive whole nations to pursue strategies of local, integrated and sustainable development, built upon structural and conjunctural change, stemming from human factors or from natural causes beyond mankind's influence, and falls within the scope of innovative models of productive arrangements and supply-chain, as is the case of networked corporative governance strategies for oil and gas. The present study aims to identify and analyse the local and regional impacts on Santos City, Brazil, resulting from the introduction of oil and gas production (originating in the surrounding presalt stratum). The current state of a system for gauging the current-stage, and following the evolution, of the participatory governance decision process controlling the production of oil and gas in Santos is presented herein.

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