

FABIANA TEIXEIRA - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



How long have you been working in the oil and gas industry?

Since 2005, so 14 years now.

Did you always want to work in the oil and gas industry? What interested you in it?

In Oct 2004, Schlumberger gave a test in my school to recruit new employees, as they used to do every year. One of my teachers convinced me to take it and although I had no idea how the Oil & Gas world worked, I did it and I was accepted. That was when my career in the industry began!

I didn't actively choose to pursue a career in the oil & gas industry before I was given this opportunity. When I joined my first job in the oil & Gas industry, I had no idea what to expect or where it was going to take me.... I was a bit scared the first time I went offshore, but after a few days I had adapted, and I really enjoyed life offshore, I believe it came at exactly the right time.

I started working at Schlumberger when I was 19 years old, as a Well Testing Field

specialist, and it was a very important period of my life!

I learned a lot professionally and it's brought me a lot of personal growth as well. I was working offshore with people from all over the world, knowing and respecting different cultures as well as learning a new language (English) that I had never imagined that I could speak.

I have worked in places such as Africa, Northeastern Brazil and others, it is really an experience that money cannot pay for! That's what always kept me interested and motivated!

What has driven you to continue pushing yourself and get to the position you are in now?

Challenge and Motivation!

I really love my job and for me the value of being part of a team is immeasurable, and it's very good to feel that your actions and decisions can really make a difference to the organization. That is what motivates me to do my best, for the development of the region within the organization.

Do you believe diversity in the workplace is important? If so why?

Most definitely! Each of us have qualities and defects and alone we cannot achieve the goals of the organization!

In my opinion, diversifying the work environment – by mixing men and women, different cultures and personalities - adds a lot of value to the organization and to the people, as we can learn from different experiences and points of view to continue innovating the way we work.

In an industry typically dominated by men what challenges have you faced throughout your career and how did you overcome them?

I would be lying if I said that I didn't face any difficulties.

I did face some barriers and prejudices for being a woman, such as hearing from one individual that "he did not accept a woman doing well testing under his leadership" as well as the resistance of some people to trusting my ability to do my job as chief operator.

Despite this, I was never disrespected by my teammates and thank God I had excellent leaders and co-workers who always motivated me to continue.

What advice do you have for young women looking to get into the industry?

Never give up! We can do much more than we ever imagine and we can definitely add value to this industry!