

## The Council shapes global energy agenda at 2017 UNSEforALL Forum



As global energy leaders reflect back on 2016, the World Energy Council participated in the United Nations Sustainable Energy For All Forum (UNSEforALL), held 3 to 4 April in New York. Held under the theme of Going Further, Faster – Together”, the event was built as a marketplace to help broker new partnerships and ideas, spur investment and drive action towards sustainable energy and realising Sustainable Development Goal 7 on energy. Welcoming over a 1000 participants contributing to shaping the energy agenda with a focus on energy efficiency, access and renewables, the Forum was the occasion for the Council to strengthen its thought leadership role as an official UN consultative energy body since 1953. [Read more](#)

## World Energy Council launches 2017 Issues Monitor in Washington

The World Energy Council's new 2017 Issues Monitor reveals that uncertainty over commodity prices is one of the top issues among global energy leaders in all regions, especially in developing countries and emerging economies. At a briefing in Washington at the US Energy Association (USEA), the US member committee of the Council, Secretary General, Dr Christoph Frei, unveiled the survey results and commented: “Our survey shows that energy leaders face and acknowledge disruptive change. The Issues Monitor illustrates that innovation issues such as digitalisation, decentralisation, innovative market design, and things like electric storage are gaining traction and attention of executives.

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## Leveraging the Trilemma: The promise of integrated electrification planning



As part of this year's United Nations Sustainable Energy For All (UNSEforAll) Forum, the World Energy Council hosted a Partner Session on 'leveraging the trilemma | the promise of integrated electrification planning.' The event on 2 April was one of a series of Energy Trilemma events that the World Energy Council is organising this year to stimulate a global dialogue on the sustainable integration of distributed energy resources into existing power systems. The session, moderated by Christoph Frei, the Council's Secretary General, focused on the fundamental shift in thinking that is required from governments, regulators, producers, consumers and the finance sector to ensure a sustainable transition. [Read more](#)

## Future Energy Leaders roll out national development programme

Continuous involvement of young professionals is key to the sustainability of the World Energy Council and its national member committees, and the development and growth of the international Future Energy Leaders (FEL) community. Developing strong national FEL teams in each country will help achieve this goal and strengthen links and continuity with the global FEL-100 programme. To support the member committees, the Council's FEL Development Taskforce has created a guideline document to share best practices and advice on how to implement and develop individual National FEL Programmes. To access the full Guidance document [read more](#)





## New Zealand launches Scenarios deep dive into transports emissions

Following a successful launch of the World Energy Council's global [2016 World Energy Scenarios](#), the [New Zealand](#) member committee of the World Energy Council, (BEC) recently released the second in its series of reports on energy scenarios to 2050. In 2015, the BusinessNZ Energy Council launched [BEC2050: two New Zealand-specific energy scenarios](#) – *Kayak and Waka*. Based on the work of the World Energy Council, these scenarios provided two cohesive narratives about New Zealand's energy future to 2050 and quantified the outcomes expected under each scenario. '[BEC 2050: A deep dive into the New Zealand energy and transport sector emissions](#)' explores the contribution the energy and transport sectors can make to emission reductions. [Read more](#)

## Young energy professionals holds bilateral talk on EU Winter Package

In December 2016, the European Commission put forward its vision for achieving a "clean energy transition." Referred to as the EU's Winter Package, the new rules will partly determine how successfully the EU meets its [2030 climate objectives](#), as well as setting out a common energy system for the EU's 28 member states, known as the [Energy Union](#). The [collection of documents](#) will determine the future of energy in the EU up to 2030. It touches upon subjects including coal subsidies, bioenergy, grid access and rights for individual energy producers. On 11 March, the Hungarian Young Professionals in Energy (Hype) together with Future Energy Leaders (FEL) Romania of the World Energy Council, organised a joint workshop about the Winter Package, held in Budapest. [Read more](#)



## Riohacha repositions itself as the energy capital of Colombia



On the 29/30 of March, the capital of La Guajira was the engine of unconventional energy sources, at the first International Meeting of Renewable Energies, organised by the Association of Renewable Energies of Colombia (SER), the World Energy Council and the National Federation of Departments (FND). The renewables event was the first big congress in that region which led to Riohacha repositioning itself as the energy capital of Colombia. According to Alejandro Lucio, executive director of SER Colombia, the event was the first congress in La Guajira that gathered global leaders in Colombia to explore issues regarding energy, environmental and regulatory policy. [Read more](#)

## Chile's Law of Distribution and Territory

Chile's energy sector is currently experiencing a period of growth, characterised by an increase in productivity, new projects and the introduction of new investments and players in the sector, with major legislative and regulatory changes that came into force during 2016. To date, the implementation of the [Government Energy Agenda](#) has had a positive impact, leading to the introduction of new rules and regulations in both the electric and gas sectors. In the presence of its Board of Directors, the [Chilean Committee of the World Energy Council](#) ran a breakfast briefing on the "Law of Distribution and Territory". [Read more](#)



## The Council contributes to G20 policy briefing



The ongoing transformation of the world's energy systems requires an international monitoring to evaluate the transformation processes and to identify transferable leading practice policies. Together with over 100 other International Organisations and Think Tanks, the Council has contributed to a policy brief

paper in favour of "Establishing an Expert Advisory Commission to assist the G20's Energy Transformation Processes". The paper argues that an independent scientific expert commission should be established for the G20 and proposes a vision of how the existing energy policy expertise can be implemented and institutionalised in a framework that takes both technological progress and aspects of economic development into account. [Read more](#)

## Latin America to launch Scenarios deep dive

Following a successful launch of the 2016 World Energy Scenarios at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress, the World Energy Council will be launching its first Latin American deep dive in Peru on 31 May. At the event, Ged Davis, Chair of the World Energy Scenarios will provide the key findings of the **Latin American and Caribbean Energy Scenarios to 2060** in front of a selected audience of Latin American energy leaders as well as through a webinar platform to a more global audience.

The report shows that after a period of prosperity due to a commodity price boom, the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region is facing critical uncertainties in the context of the Grand Transition: productivity and structural reform, climate challenge and resilience, regional energy integration and dominant tools for action. The LAC deep dive proposes three potential energy futures: **Samba**, a world in which high economic growth is based on successful structural reform to diversify, invest and innovate; **Tango**, where a forward looking and sustainable economic growth model emerges; and **Rock**, which represents low economic growth and fractured, weak regional integration.

A briefing package with all the necessary information will be shared with member committees before the launch.

## May vivid with World Energy Council global community energy events

Starting with Canada, the Energy Council's will examine three exciting developments in greening of the generation mix, climate policies, and grid interconnections. In [Ecuador](#) energy leaders will gather to discuss the country's energy future. In Italy, the [Conferenza GNL](#) is the key event in the Mediterranean area on direct uses of LNG. Spain will present the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Energy and Geostrategy" report, and Romania will hold discussions based on the Council's key reports on Financing Resilient Energy and Renewables Integration. May will also see the French member committee host its [6<sup>th</sup> European Energy Forum](#) looking to explore possible future business models for Europe. Follow the links below; visit our events webpage for more information and links to register to make the most of your network!

### Upcoming events

**WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS**  
**24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress**  
 Abu Dhabi, UAE

7 - 14 September 2019

**2017 Executive Assembly**  
**Portuguese member committee**  
 16 - 19 October 2017  
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**Multiple pathways to clean energy**  
**Canadian member committee**  
 8 May 2017  
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**Financing Resilient Infrastructure**  
**Romanian member committee**  
 11 May  
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**Presentation of the publication: Energy & Geostrategy 2017**  
**Spanish member committee**  
 11 May 2017  
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**World Energy Leaders' Summit**  
**Mexico**  
 12 September 2017

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