

## Panama Energy Secretary to host launch of new council member committee



As Panama announces plans to build its own LNG terminal, the World Energy Council formally voted in the country on 14 July, as its latest national member committee. The member committee will be officially launched on 22 August in Panama City and will bring together Panama's Energy Secretary, Victor Urrutia, who is hosting the event with [Dr Christoph Frei, Secretary General](#) of the World Energy Council, and energy leaders from within the region. With the creation of this committee, Panama will provide a vital link between North and Latin America. [Read more](#)

## Innovation policies key to driving progress on the energy trilemma goals

To coincide with G20 Hamburg, [Dr Christoph Frei, Secretary General](#), explains why innovation policies are key to driving progress on the Energy Trilemma goals. The energy sector is at a transition point and faces a number of growing challenges in a context defined by unprecedented speed of change. Continued innovation on the policy and technology side is critical to addressing these challenges. At the same time energy services must expand to meet rising global energy demand, particularly in many emerging economies, says Dr Frei. [Read more](#)



## Strategic foresight experts joins the World Energy Council



Angela Wilkinson is joining the World Energy Council to further strengthen the Council's Scenarios capability, working with Ged Davis, Executive Chair of the Council's Scenarios flagship study. The OECD's former Head of Strategic Foresight, Angela Wilkinson, joins the World Energy Council as Senior Director for the Council's World Energy Scenarios portfolio. As the former Head of Strategic Foresight at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Angela led the upgrade of the OECD's strategic foresight capabilities. Angela is also an Associate Fellow at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. [Read more](#)

## The Countdown is on to our 2017 Executive Assembly!

The much anticipated [2017 World Energy Council Executive Assembly](#) is taking place in Lisbon from the 16-19 October 2017 hosted by the Council's Portuguese member committee and co-hosted by the Government of Portugal. The website for the event including information about the programme, registration, accommodation and travel to the beautiful city of Lisbon is now LIVE for members to plan their attendance, register and take advantage of the travel and accommodation discounts: The week's long programme will offer a wide range of events including high-level, exclusive sessions that bring together Ministers, CEOs and energy leaders as well as more open discussions for a wider audience of energy experts from our host country and around the world. [Register Now!](#)

## Mighty microbes for the energy revolution



At the World Energy Council's Asia Regional meeting event hosted the Korean member committee, Shigeru Muraki, Vice Chair for Asia Pacific and South Asia, noted that natural gas will continue to increase its share in the energy mix, increasing its role in distributed energy systems, as energy systems witnesses a shift from centralised to decentralised. He cited other game changers as being renewables, hydrogen, ammonia, with coal and oil possibly peaking by around 2030. [Read more](#)

## Unlocking the potential on the North Sea

A study published by the [Netherlands member committee](#) of the World Energy Council shows that the North Sea has a key role to play in unlocking value across all dimensions of the energy trilemma – reliability, affordability and sustainability. An initial high-level assessment shows an untapped value of €103 billion across four value pools combined in the period of 2017 – 2050. optimal decommissioning; smart re-use of old oil and gas assets; the efficient deployment of wind energy at sea; as well as considering other maritime synergies such as shipping, fisheries or aqua farming. [Read more](#)



## Multiple Pathways to clean energy: Canada's Western Provinces



To advance the dialogue on the emerging energy-related opportunities and issues related to the transformation to clean energy, the [Energy Council of Canada](#), the World Energy Council's Canadian member committee, together with its member organisations from the public and private sectors across the region, held a conference on the theme Multiple Pathways to Clean Energy in Saskatchewan, Regina, Western Canada. Clean energy has become a central policy goal of Canada's western provinces. [Read more](#)

## Training for South Asia initiative for energy integration

Despite the tremendous benefits of regional cooperation, the region lags significantly behind most, if not all, regions of the world in energy trade and regional integration. Limited cross-border transmission interconnections and cross-border trading transactions are taking place only between India and Bhutan, India and Bangladesh and to a lesser extent between India and Nepal. The [United States member committee](#) of the Council, worked with India's largest power trader to organise three week-long workshops to help build capacity for designing a power trading entity. [Read more](#)



## Connecting Future Energy Leaders in Berlin



The 2nd conference of the [European Energy Students Network \(ESSN\)](#) held in Berlin, supported by the [German Member committee](#) of the World Energy Council, convened more than 100 young energy professionals and students from 12 countries in Europe, to explore future developments within the energy sector. In a panel discussion on nurturing young talent, Future Energy Leader, Javier Jiménez Pérez, presented the German Young Energy Professional's mentoring programme to establish a link between the ESSN and the programme. [Read more](#)

## August abundant with World Energy Council global community energy events

Starting with New Zealand, the country's Minister of Energy and Resources will announce prospective policies she wishes to implement following the General Election in September. In Panama energy leaders will gather to launch the Council's new national member committee. In [Bolivia](#), energy leaders and high ranking government officials, will convene at the Gas and Energy Congress in Santa Cruz. [Romania](#) will hold discussions based on the Council's study on the availability of power plants versus their efficiency. Looking to early September, [Sweden](#) will hold a roundtable to welcome the Council's member committees around the Baltic Sea to explore energy policy in the region.

Follow the links below; visit our events webpage for more information and links to register to make the most of your network!

## Upcoming events

### 2019 WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS

**24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress**  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
7 - 14 September 2019

### Energy Panel 2017

**New Zealand member committee**  
2 August  
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### 2017 Executive Assembly

**Portuguese member committee**  
16 - 19 October 2017  
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### Gas and Energy Congress

**Bolivian member committee**  
23 August  
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### Panama member committee launch

**Panama City**  
22 August 2017

### World Energy Leaders' Summit

**Mexico**  
12 & 13 September 2017  
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