

## Portugal's President to address 2017 Executive Assembly



President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, will address the closing plenary of the World Energy Council's 2017 Executive Assembly, Lisbon taking place in less than a month's time. The Executive Assembly, hosted this year by the Council's Portuguese member committee and supported by the Ministry of Economy, will offer several high-level discussions from 16 – 19 October. More than 400 energy leaders and top level public and private sector participants including Ministers, CEOs and the Council's international community, will convene to share best practice. [Read more](#)

## Global energy leaders drive critical debate at DEMEX 2017

Key energy players convened at the World Energy Leaders' Summit as the Dialogues for the Future of Energy Mexico 2017 (DEMEX), commenced, organised by Mexico's Ministry of Energy (SENER). High-level speakers drawing from nearly 100 Ministers and CEOs from across the world including Rainer Baake, Germany's State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs, Li Yong, Director General, UNIDO, and Enrique Hidalgo, President of ExxonMobil Exploration, Mexico, gathered to discuss critical issues facing the energy system.

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## Dominican Republic joins the Council as it seeks to diversify its energy mix



The Council welcomed the Dominican Republic as its 96<sup>th</sup> member committee, while promoting diversification in the country's energy mix, at a launch event held at the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (Intec), last month. During the ceremony, World Energy Council, Secretary General, Dr Christoph Frei, highlighted the challenges and opportunities facing the energy sector and stressed diversification of the energy matrix as a way to work towards what the Council calls the energy trilemma: energy security, affordability and environmental sustainability.

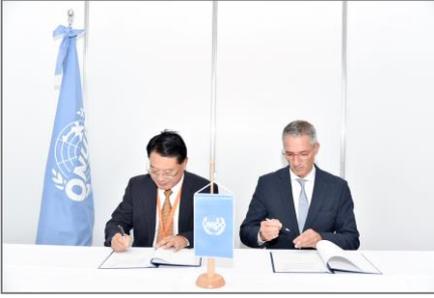
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## Latin America plays central role in the energy transition

In addition to launches of two of the World Energy Council's newest member committees - Panama and the Dominican Republic in August, Latin America and the Caribbean has been playing a central role in the energy sector as the region undergoes a major transformation. The Council's Secretary General, Dr Christoph Frei, Vice Chair of Latin America, Claudia Cronenbold as well as Jose Antonio Vargas Lleras, Chairman of the Colombian member committee of the Council, participated in various events which took place in the region over the last two months. [Read more](#)



## UNIDO and World Energy Council to promote sustainable energy policies



The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the World Energy Council signed a Joint Declaration to support the global dissemination of sustainable energy solutions. Under the new partnership, UNIDO and the World Energy Council committed to develop the leadership skills and the overall capacity of energy leaders and policy makers from developing countries; as well as to explore options to promote energy access through global platforms – such as the electrification accelerator within the Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) initiative. [Read more](#)

## New partnership set to build bridges between tech and energy worlds

The World Energy Council and the German Energy Agency (dena) are joining forces to create the premier global platform to celebrate and promote innovation. The project, agreed in Mexico City at the World Energy Leaders' Summit, 12 September, will connect innovators with opportunities for development, investment, and research. Starting today the two organisations will work together to build a strong collaboration leading to the 24th World Energy Congress to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2019. [Read more](#)



## Future Energy Leaders contribute to Astana EXPO 2017 Manifesto



The Council's young energy professionals had an amazing opportunity to drive dialogue at the Future Energy Forum, a series of 12 thematic conferences, organised in the framework of EXPO 2017. The theme of this year's exhibition, held in Astana, Kazakhstan, earlier this month, was 'Future Energy'. The focus of the Future Energy Forum was the future of renewable energy sources, the sustainable use of natural resources, methods of energy efficiency, and new business models for a post-fossil fuel society. [Read more](#)

## Ghana inspires young energy experts to become leaders of tomorrow

Ghana officially launched its national chapter of the World Energy Council's Future Energy Leaders' programme and welcomed ambitious young professionals interested in energy from Corporate institutions, government and Universities in an effort to join the scheme. The launch of the programme under the theme, 'Building the capacity of young energy experts to think out of the box for a sustainable energy future', held at Ghana's Energy Commission on 30 August, is the first of its kind within Africa. [Read more](#)



## The Council officially welcomes Panama as its new member committee



The World Energy Council welcomed Panama as its first Central American member committee, while exploring the main challenges facing the country and the region, at a launch event on 22 August, Panama City. With the creation of this committee, Panama will provide a vital link between North and Latin America. The objective of the member committee in Panama, with the assistance of the World Energy Council, is to develop actions that allow studies and projects to be carried out, aimed at the good use of all energy resources. [Read more](#)

## Less than two weeks to go until the 2017 Executive Assembly in Lisbon!

As the Council's Executive Assembly in Lisbon draws nearer it is not too late to register! The much anticipated 2017 World Energy Council Executive Assembly is taking place in Lisbon from 16-19 October 2017, hosted by the Council's Portuguese member committee and co-hosted by the Government of Portugal.

Registration is still possible at <http://worldenergyassembly2017.org/>.

## Upcoming events

### 2019 WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS

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

### Climate change and droughts resilience in Africa

**Kenya member committee**  
16 – 18 October  
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### 2017 Executive Assembly

**Portuguese member committee**  
16 - 19 October 2017  
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### What can energy scenarios tell us about future Global and domestic energy futures?

**Canada member committee**  
31 October  
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### Utility of the future

**South Africa member committee**  
12th October  
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### Nordic Energy Forum

**Norway member committee**  
14 – 15 November  
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