

Addressing the climate challenge at COP23



The World Energy Council, its partners and network took an active role at the UNFCCC 23rd Conference of the Parties in Bonn, where the 2017 World Energy Trilemma report & Index was launched followed by a panel discussion on 'New Policy Dilemmas in the Energy Transition'. The launch on 15 November, set the context for high-level dialogue on the interplay of decarbonisation, decentralisation and digitisation trends, in accelerating the supply and demand of low/zero carbon energy electricity, and addressing the climate challenge. [Read more](#)

Council Chair addresses 2017 international energy symposium

World Energy Council Chair, Younghoon David Kim, addressed delegates at the 2017 International energy Symposium, organised by the Korean member committee of the Council. In his speech, Chair Kim highlighted the 2017 World Energy Trilemma report and Index launched at COP23 in Bonn, as well as the importance of the "3Ds" which are driving the Grand Transition in energy: Decarbonisation, Decentralisation and Digitalisation. Energy markets are undergoing a fundamental change from producers being the most powerful players... to consumers holding all the cards, he elaborates. [Read more](#)



Christoph Frei explores decarbonising the energy sector ahead of COP23



The Council's Secretary General, Dr Christoph Frei, spoke to Climate Action's Adam Wentworth on why innovative policies are key to driving progress on decarbonising the energy sector. Focused, innovative, well designed energy policies are the key to tackling continued uncertainty and dynamic changes, if the goal of a sustainable energy future is to be achieved, Dr Frei stresses. The quest to finance the transition to a more sustainable energy system remains an issue that keeps energy leaders and policymakers busy at work. There is a growing acknowledgement that adaptation to new resilience challenges, new digital solutions and smart

innovation as well as regional interconnection, will be key parts of the solution, says Dr Frei. [Read more](#)

The Council talks to the Chair of the Dominican Republic member committee

As the Dominican Republic (DR) joined the Council as our 96th member committee in August, we talked to its Chair, Rudy Manuel Ramirez Perez, about the recent extreme weather events affecting the Latin America and Caribbean region, the transitioning electricity sector within the republic, as well as his immediate priorities for the committee. Rudy graduated in Economics from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD), in addition to obtaining two diploma degrees in formulating and evaluating projects. He was president of the Central American and Caribbean Chapter of CIER (CECACIER), and member of the Dominican College of Economists (CODECO). [Read more](#)



European energy and climate policy in a new global context



Post COP23, around 150 energy experts from industry, science and politics within Germany and abroad, convened to explore the “new realities” facing the energy sector globally at the 2017 World Energy Day. The event in Berlin was organised by the German member committee of the Council on 21 November. During four interactive keynotes, participants at the Energy Day embarked on a journey through various continents. In his welcoming address, Dr Uwe Franke, President of the World Energy Council, Germany, stressed that no country alone can create a sustainable, affordable, secure energy system. [Read more](#)

SET awards 2018: who are the top innovators in the energy transition?

SET, an initiative by the Deutsche Energie-Agentur – the German Energy Agency (dena) – in cooperation with the Council as a strategic partner, launched the second round of the international award ‘Start Up Energy Transition’ (SET) during the annual UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23) in Bonn, Germany. The goal is to identify the most promising start-ups working on the energy transition and climate protection. The award forms part of the SET initiative, which also comprises the annual SET Tech Festival and a rapidly growing network. [Read more](#)



Decentralisation the key to empowering energy consumers



Digitisation and distributed energy resources are helping to facilitate a new trend of empowered consumers. Provided governments and regulators allow for it, consumers can play a key role in the grand energy transition, according to a new report by the World Energy Council. This happening at a time when we are seeing a shift in final energy consumption with demand for electricity doubling globally by 2060. The electricity sector is undergoing change at an unprecedented pace with the growth in distributed generation enhancing trends in decentralisation and decarbonisation, opening new opportunities and challenges for countries to balance the energy trilemma. [Read more](#)

French member committee resumes La Revue de l'Énergie

One of France's most respected energy journals has been resumed, after ceasing publication in 2016, thanks to the commitment of the Conseil Français de l'Énergie, the French member committee of the Council. For nearly seventy years, it has been one of the forums for debate on energy issues in France and globally, connecting the academic, political and industry sectors. The ambition of the bi-monthly magazine, *La Revue de l'Énergie*, is to contribute to a better understanding of the issues and opportunities in the field of energy and to share the best strategies and policies to promote the energy transition towards more sustainable energy systems. [Read more](#)



Africa Energy Indaba 2018 open for registration and participation!



Only 3 months to go until the 2018 Africa Energy Indaba, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in February! Why not become part of Africa Energy Indaba? Sign up to participate in this important process that is shaping the future of Africa. In its quest to strive for an innovative approach to finding solutions to Africa's energy challenges, the Indaba Energy Leaders' Dialogue co-hosted by the Council on the side-lines of the Indaba, will convene global and regional energy leaders to exchange views on critical issues facing the energy industry, in informal, off the record discussions. The Council will also be running a Scenarios workshop as well as an African regional meeting. [Read more](#)

Identify the best innovators within your country

Having worked in close collaboration with the German agency dena, and launched together the second round of the SET international awards process at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23), the Council will now count on our Member Committees to engage in identifying the most promising energy innovators from around the world and building the connections with this new network! Make sure that the best innovators from your country apply to the Start Up Energy Transition Awards 2018 edition. Offer them a chance to be recognised as the leading entrepreneurs in their category, provide them with access to global visibility and a network of peers, potential partners or investors.

WHAT IS IT? The annual SET Award is an international competition for start-ups and young companies worldwide who are working on ideas affecting the global energy transition and climate change. <http://www.startup-energy-transition.com/award/>. All participants win by joining a global community of likeminded innovators. Winners gain to pitch in Berlin, get featured as a top global start-up with the World Energy Council, win prize money, and more.

HOW DO THEY APPLY? The Awards are open for young companies and innovation projects around the world to apply across six different categories that reflect the critical issues facing innovation needed for the energy transition globally, as identified by the World Energy Issues Monitor (<http://www.startup-energy-transition.com/award/categories/>).

To enter the competition, applicants need to apply by 31 January 2018, here: <https://deutscheenergieagentur.submittable.com/submit>

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR THE MC? These awards provide the perfect opportunity/hook for Member Committees to start identifying and building a relationship with the innovators in their national energy reality. For more information contact Florence Mazzone mazzone@worldenergy.org

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2019 WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS

24th World Energy Congress
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
7 - 14 September 2019

2018 North Sea Conference

Netherlands member committee
18 January 2018
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Le sfide per la transizione energetica del future

Italian member committee
1st December 2017
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India Energy Congress

India member committee
1st February 2018
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Balanced energy policy in an era of innovation

New Zealand member committee
14th December 2017
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2018 Africa Energy Indaba

South Africa member committee
20 – 21 February 2018
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