

## SET Awards 2018: Help us find the best energy start-ups in the world



As we enter the final countdown for applications to the Start-up Energy Transition Awards (SET) that will be closing on 31 January, we would like to invite the World Energy Council network to continue spreading the word about the SET Awards. Encourage innovators and start-ups to apply to ensure we identify the best and brightest driving the energy transition! We take this opportunity to also bring into the spotlight some of the exciting profiles and stories of the 2017 finalists. [Read more](#)

## Call for nominations: Could you be one of our next FEL-100?

The Council is now looking for the next set of bright young professionals to join its Future Energy Leaders' programme – the FEL-100, which is designed to help shape, inspire and grow our energy leaders of tomorrow. This is a prime opportunity for young professionals to become a part of one of the Council's key communities. Our Future Energy Leaders (FELS), form a community of exceptional young professionals who share a commitment to shaping the global energy agenda. [Read more](#)



## Innovation high on the agenda at the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa Energy Indaba



Leading figures within the African energy scene will convene at the 10th Annual Africa Energy Indaba, the World Energy Council's annual African regional meeting, 19-21 February 2018. They will discuss the importance of innovation and regional integration at a time when the energy sector is undergoing a major transition. Discussions will focus on energy sector innovations in Africa, exploring near and long-term prospects for technological advancements such as blockchain, where decentralisation and digitalisation plays a more prominent part in the continent. [Read more](#)

## The potential for blockchain technology within the energy sector

The Council has produced a new white paper on the developing role of blockchain, drawing from interviews with companies and organisations actively involved in blockchain projects in the energy industry from the US, Europe, China, Japan and New Zealand. The paper developed in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) looks at the potential of blockchain technology for the energy sector. [Read more](#)



## Energy futures: Cybersecurity and financing energy transitions



Cybersecurity within the energy sector and financing the energy transition in emerging countries, topped the agenda at the traditional annual conference of CECME, the World Energy Council's Spanish member committee. The event in Madrid held in collaboration with the Elcano Royal Institute (RIE) and the Spanish Energy Club (Enerclub), explored critical issues and emerging trends facing the international energy sector. [Read more](#)

## Dr Balan reflects on his time at the helm of the Romanian member committee

As Dr Gheorghe Balan's time as the General Executive of the Romanian member committee came to an end in 2017, he reflects on key highlights of his time in charge; the impact the Romanian member committee has had on the energy sector; in addition to key activities and new initiatives developed under his tenure. Dr Gheorghe Balan graduated from the Institute of Energy in Ivanovo, Russian Federation, in 1955, with a doctorate obtained at the Polytechnic Institute in Bucharest. He began his professional activity in 1955, at the Bucharest Electric Power Distribution Corporation (IDEB). [Read more](#)



## Hydrogen key to unlocking the full offshore wind potential of the North Sea



The North Sea will play a crucial role in the energy transition of North West Europe, once again, according to a new report by the Netherlands member committee of the World Energy Council. The call for clean energy in Europe is increasing, and the North Sea will be crucial in the search for efficient routes that enable the large-scale energy transition required to meet the Paris goals. The report 'Bringing North Sea Energy Ashore Efficiently' takes the rapidly increasing offshore wind capacity on the North Sea as a starting point. [Read more](#)

## Challenges and actions for the Japanese energy industry

Deregulation and depopulation are critical emerging issues facing the Japanese energy industry in addition to the impact of new trends such as decarbonisation, digitalisation and decentralisation. The Japan Energy Association, the Council's Japanese member committee, invited five key energy players to deliver presentations at their annual meeting under the theme 'Challenges and Actions for the Japanese Energy Industry'. [Read more](#)



## Small to medium reactors crucial to the future of nuclear



Dr Hans-Wilhelm Schiffer, World Energy Council, presented the Council's Nuclear power projections at a workshop organised by the US Information Administration's (EIA) office of Electricity, Coal, Nuclear and Renewable analysis (ECNR). In his presentation, which focused on the main findings of the Council's 2016 World Energy Resources report, Dr Schiffer stated that beyond the wider energy industry, the growth of the nuclear sector in China, India and Russia is an important aspect of technological and Industrial development. [Read more](#)

## Request for Proposals to host the 25<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress in 2022

We would like to remind you that the deadline for responses to the Request for Proposals to host the 25<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress is **9 February 2018**. The process is intended to support MCs and allow time for feedback and guidance from the London Secretariat. Final bid documentation will be shared with members at the beginning of April 2018 and bids will be reviewed in confidence. If you have any questions about the bidding process please contact [memberservices@worldenergy.org](mailto:memberservices@worldenergy.org)

## Final call to action for start-up applications and reading jury nominations!

**ACTION 1:** Now more than ever, we need your outreach support to ensure that we identify the brightest start-ups and innovators from your country! Applications for the SET awards close on **31 January 2018**. We strongly encourage you to continue communicating with your start-up and innovation communities about the opportunities available to those who apply to and join our innovators' network: a 10,000 Euro prize, the opportunity to pitch at the Tech Festival in Berlin, global exposure to corporates, partners and investors or even taking centre stage at the 2019 World Energy Congress in Abu Dhabi! For more information please contact Florence Mazzone [mazzone@worldenergy.org](mailto:mazzone@worldenergy.org)

**ACTION 2:** Nominations for experts from your committees to join the SET 2018 reading jury members are still open. The jury will play an active role in the energy revolution by selecting the brightest innovators of the future. Through this role, they will challenge their thinking, stay ahead of the game as well as gain the opportunity to network and meet with the community at the Tech Festival on **16-17 April 2018** in Berlin. Send nominees names to [mazzone@worldenergy.org](mailto:mazzone@worldenergy.org)

## Upcoming events

**2019 WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS**  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
7 – 14 September 2019  
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**10<sup>th</sup> Africa Energy Indaba**  
South African member committee  
19 – 21 February  
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**The US Renaissance:**  
**Implications for trade with Mexico**  
Mexico member Committee  
31 January  
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**2018 Canadian Energy Industry: Updates and Insights**  
Canadian member committee  
5 February  
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**India Energy Congress**  
Indian member Committee  
1 – 2 February  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Renewable Energy Meeting**  
Colombian member committee  
5 April  
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