

World Energy Congress

The World Energy Congress is not just another energy event. It is the foremost global multi-energy event, drawing delegates from the leading energy producing and consuming countries and attracting the “movers and shakers” of the energy world.

Unlike the congresses and meetings of single sector energy groups, WEC's prestigious triennial World Energy Congress brings together key players from all levels, all sectors and all areas of the world, from the G8 countries to countries of the developing world. CEOs of major energy companies, energy ministers and leading policy-makers join investors, engineers, practitioners and researchers, representing coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear, hydro and new renewables.

WEC member countries bid to host the Congress, and the successful bidder reaps the benefits of increased visibility for its country and its energy industry; a high degree of media attention; the presence of thousands of important energy leaders and delegates; government involvement; and increased tourism.

The next triennial Congress will be held in Montreal, Canada, from September 12-16, 2010. For further information, visit the Congress website: www.wecmontreal2010.ca.

A typical example of the outstanding calibre of the Congresses is the 21st World Energy Congress. Held in Rome from November 11-15, 2007, the event attracted over 4,000 delegates from 120 countries and featured:

- **Keynote Addresses** by:
 - Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi
 - European Commission President José Manuel Barroso
 - World Trade Organisation Director General Pascal Lamy

- **Special Addresses** by:
 - Anne Lauvergeon, Chairman of the Executive Board of Areva (France)
 - Rex Tillerson, Chairman and CEO of ExxonMobil Corporation (USA)
 - Paolo Scaroni, CEO, Eni (Italy)
 - Abdallah Jum'ah, President & CEO, Saudi Aramco (Saudi Arabia)
 - Alexander Medvedev, Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee, OAO Gazprom (Russian Federation)
 - Jeffrey Immelt, Chairman & CEO, General Electric (USA)

- Nobuo Tanaka, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (France)
- Fulvio Conti, CEO & General Manager, Enel (Italy)
- Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

- **A Ministerial Forum** moderated by CNN reporter Fionnuala Sweeney and featuring:
 - Italian Minister of Economic Development Pier Luigi Bersani
 - Qatar Minister of Energy and Industry Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Attiyah
 - Algerian Minister of Energy and Mines Chakib Khelil
 - Russian Federation Minister of Industry and Energy Viktor Khristenko
 - European Union Commissioner for Energy Andris Piebalgs
 - US Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman
 - Indian Honourable Minister of Power Sushil Kumar Shinde

- Six **topical roundtable discussions** moderated by internationally renowned journalists and featuring key energy leaders, with discussions focusing on "Interdependence: The Scale of the Challenge"; "Who Is Going to Pay the Bill: Investments, Finance and Risk in the Energy Market"; "The Future of Transportation"; "The Asian Giants: Leaders, Followers or Leapfroggers"; "Energy for Development"; and "Climate Change: A Lower Carbon World".

- **Special WEC sessions and workshops**, where WEC's studies, technical reports and regional work were presented, debated and discussed

- **Discussion sessions with over 140 presented papers** by technical experts, researchers, engineers and academics

- A **major industry exhibition** of 40,000 square metres with 300+ exhibitors featuring the latest equipment, products and services from energy and energy-related suppliers and providers

- A **Youth Programme**, with 200 specially nominated young people from universities and energy companies participating in special sessions where they presented papers, debated the issues and developed a youth declaration to be presented at the Congress closing ceremony