

## 100 Years in the Global Energy Agenda



Nearly 100 years ago, the World Energy Council was founded to imagine, inspire and implement a global energy agenda. The ambition was to enable flows of modern energy for all. Experts began this mission by first attempting to map the world's energy resources, and by the 1930s, leadership attention had shifted to the promise of new technological innovations in the form of nuclear power. Our network of energy communities was expanding rapidly. [Read more](#)

*From Dr Angela Wilkinson, Secretary General & CEO, World Energy Council.*

## New Insights Brief on Energy Storage

On 23 January 2020, the World Energy Council launched the Innovation Insights Brief: "Five Steps to Energy Storage". The brief contains exclusive insights covering 17 countries based on a series of 39 interviews with key leaders from across the energy sector, and was developed in collaboration with our partner, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). This Insights Brief is the latest in a series of deep dives into the technological innovations that have become a crucial part of the global energy transition. [Read more](#)



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## #SET2020 Success: Applications facts and figures



A record-breaking 568 applications from start-ups in 90 countries around the globe were received for the SET Award 2020! This start marks yet another edition of SET that has seen a substantial increase in the number of applications and the number of countries represented by applicants. This is a testament not only to the need for response to the imminent threat of climate change, but also to the rise of start-ups focusing on innovation in energy transition. [Read more](#)

## OSCE and World Energy Council Austria join efforts to promote energy security dialogue

The impact of big data and digitalization on energy, security and society was the focus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vienna Energy Strategy Dialogue, held recently in Vienna. Aimed at fostering a cross-cutting approach to energy security, the event was hosted by the Federation of Austrian Industries and co-organized by the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Affairs, in partnership with the Austrian Member Committee of the World Energy Council. [Read more](#)



## H2 Energy joins the Hydrogen Global Community



The World Energy Council is pleased to announce that H2 Energy has joined the Hydrogen Global community, the first addition of 2020 to the fast-growing international expert community. H2 Energy is engaged in several joint ventures to advance the deployment of clean hydrogen vehicles and related support infrastructure in Europe. The commitment of H2 Energy to Hydrogen Global is to give updates on the progress of its projects, at no extra costs, to help bring the development of clean hydrogen into focus. [Read more](#)

## New generation of the Future Energy Leaders: call for nominations

The 2020 call for the FELs nominations is now open! The World Energy Council is looking for the brightest minds among this generation of young professionals to join the Future Energy Leaders (FEL-100) program. The FELs community builds on creative ideas and the innovative potential of the next generation to challenge conventional thinking and explore new strategies for the future of our energy systems. It offers young professionals a unique opportunity for learning and development. [Read more](#)



## Renewable energy system integration in Asia: Japanese Member Committee



The World Energy Council's Japanese member committee has released a report taking a new look at the challenges and measures for renewable energy (RE) system integration in Asia. The report finds that most Asian countries are now putting renewable energy at the centre of future energy development plans, and have also started R&D in electricity storage technologies, mainly focusing on batteries, which will be an essential tool in order to mitigate RE's output intermittency and maintain grid stability and power quality for customers. [Read more](#)

## Romanian Energy Resilience through the challenges of the World Energy Trilemma

World Energy Council Romania convened energy experts in Bucharest for the *Romanian Energy Resilience through the challenges of the Energy Trilemma* conference. The Council's 2019 World Energy Trilemma and Dynamic Resilience studies were discussed highlighting the connection between Romania's strategy, existing infrastructure and energy markets. Also discussed was Romania's energy policies in relationship to the Council's latest reports. [Read more](#)



## Update

### Organise a national event to promote innovation in your country

Member Committees are warmly encouraged to organise national events or awards before or after the Tech Festival inviting their national start-ups to promote innovation in their country. For more information or support, contact **Barry Kermisch, Senior Director, Digital & Platforms**, at [Kermisch@worldenergy.org](mailto:Kermisch@worldenergy.org)

**Africa Energy Indaba**  
Cape Town, South Africa  
3 – 4 March, 2020  
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**World Energy Council Netherlands Conference 2020**  
5 March, 2020  
Beeld en Geluid, The Hague  
The Netherlands  
For registration go to:  
[bit.ly/WECNL2020](http://bit.ly/WECNL2020)

**Start Up Energy Transition Award and Tech Festival**  
Berlin, Germany  
24 March, 2020  
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**World Energy Week**  
Beirut, Lebanon  
7-9 October, 2020

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