

World Energy Congress - Montreal 2010

An Event not to be missed

Montreal will play host to the 21st Congress of the World Energy Council from September 12 to 16, 2010. At the event more than 3,500 delegates from over a hundred countries, representing all energy sectors, will meet to discuss the challenges the energy sector will face over the next 25 years. Some 200 exhibitors will gather at the Montreal Convention Centre to display their know-how and the results of recent technology research as well as educate the public about the challenges we must all face if we are to maintain our societies' standard of living and development.

The Montreal Congress also comes at a strategic moment for the energy industry. Nine months after the Copenhagen COP 15, two months after the G8 and G20 meetings where energy will be high on the agenda, and two months before COP XVI in Cancun, Mexico, the Montreal Congress is de facto THE key moment for all leaders and decision makers in the energy sector. WHY?

Although the Copenhagen Conference (COP 15) did not achieve the results many had expected, it must be admitted that the size of the event is in itself recognition that it is absolutely necessary to take action on the challenges of climate change. Copenhagen was the largest gathering of heads of state in the history of the United Nations.

Given the need for action, the dialogue must go on. It is a necessity. Energy is the issue of the day. It is becoming clear that as energy and climate related problems and challenges become more global, awareness of these problems and the sense of urgency surrounding them also assume international proportions. The challenge of climate change and reduction of greenhouse gases is only one of the issues.

The following facts must also be considered:

1. At this time, more than one third of the world population (2 billion persons) have no reliable energy supply;
2. Demand for energy will double by 2050;
3. Prices will invariably follow demand growth as the pressure mounts from economic recovery and growth of developing countries, notably China, India, Brazil and Russia;
4. The energy industry must rise to major challenges in terms of the environment and social and political acceptability;

5. Pressure to reduce carbon dioxide emissions is increasingly stronger, even though 86% of world supply still comes from combustion of fossil fuels;
6. If the demand is to be met, huge investments must be made in research and development of new technology to ensure a steady supply as well as more efficient consumption.

The economic slowdown and the global financial crisis only complicate matters further by making our ability to cope with these challenges more uncertain.

The Montreal World Energy Congress is currently seen by the global energy community as a pivotal event. No fewer than 14 international organizations will be associated with the Congress, including the annual FT Energy Leader Summit which will be held outside London for the first time, special meetings of Energy Ministers of the Francophonie and the Commonwealth, and extraordinary meetings of organizations with an interest in the energy sector, such as the World Bank and the e8.

No fewer than 300 technical papers will be presented at the Congress. More than 270 speakers from 56 countries will address the meeting, including:

Angel Gurría, Secretary General, OCDE
Henri Proglio, President and CEO, EDF, France
Khalid Al-Falih, President and CEO, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia
Peter Voser, CEO, Shell, Netherlands
Georgina Kessel, Minister of Energy, Mexico
José Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, President and CEO, Petrobras, Brazil
Davood Manzoor, Minister of Energy, Iran
Daniel Yergin, Chairman, CERA, United States
Zhou Jiping, Vice President, China National Petroleum Corporation, China
Rick George, President and CEO, Suncor, Canada
Sergey Novikov, Head of Federal Tariff Service, Russia
Anne Lauvergeon, President and Director, Groupe Areva, France
Pierre Gadonneix, President, World Energy Council
Jacynthe Côté, CEO, Rio Tinto Alcan, Canada

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The Congress in brief

4 days

4 Champions of the day

8 keynote speakers

8 ministerial and executive round tables

45 theme sessions

4 special lecturers

270 lecturers total

13 parallel conferences

200 exhibitors at the Montreal Convention Centre

40 exhibitors in Complex Desjardins

5 study tours across Canada

9 technical visits in Quebec

42 energy sectors represented

+100 countries represented