WE ARE OPEN FOR BIDS

Bids to host the 27th World Energy Congress 2026 are due by close of business 17.00 (UTC+1) on the 8 September 2023 to CongressBids@worldenergy.org

Further information about the process here
“The World Energy Congress has shaped the energy landscape for 100 years.

This truly inclusive and geographically rich gathering enables visionary leadership dialogue, shares new ideas on closing energy transition implementation gaps, and celebrates collaborations that are driving real action and impact.

Hosts of the World Energy Congress are committed to visibly demonstrating their abilities to forge new ways forward in making energy transitions happen, especially amongst diverse stakeholders.

Join the World Energy Council in writing the next century of energy.”

Dr Angela Wilkinson
Secretary General and CEO
World Energy Council
The World Energy Council is the world’s oldest independent and impartial community of energy leaders and practitioners. Through our Humanising Energy vision, we involve more people and communities in accelerating clean and inclusive energy transitions in all world regions.

Formed in 1923, the Council convenes diverse interests from across the full energy ecosystem with over 3,000 member organisations and a presence in nearly 100 countries. Our global network draws from governments, private and state corporations, academia and civil society, as well as current and future energy leaders.

We effectively collaborate on breakthrough impact programmes and inform local, regional and global energy agendas in support of our enduring mission: to promote the sustainable use and supply of energy for the benefit of all people.
For **100 years**, the World Energy Congress has convened the cooperative power of the world energy community to turn inspiration into action.

Drawing on our unique positioning as the impartial and pragmatic voice of the global energy agenda, this prestigious and high impact global event welcomes leaders from all corners of the world as they come together to shape the future of energy.

Bringing together around **5,000 delegates, 18,000 total attendees**, including up to **70 Ministers** and **250 C-suite speakers across four days**, the Congress features a compelling content programme packed full of impact-focused sessions alongside a world-class exhibition, side events and opportunities to connect with peers in meetings, social and networking events.

Taking place every two years, the Congress is held around the world and the host is selected by the Council’s Member Committees.
THE EXPERIENCE

Compelling content programme

Industry-defining content that speaks to the whole energy ecosystem, from producers and suppliers to consumers and users of energy

Speakers are drawn from a deeply experienced global community of leaders and visionaries – uniting policymakers, C-suite executives, industry experts, entrepreneurs and young energy leaders

Features addresses by Heads of State and Ministers

An interactive mix of formats designed to generate new thinking, facilitate conversations and connections, and drive practical solutions and actions

From Mon-Thu
THE EXPERIENCE

Executive Assembly
Takes place two days prior to Congress and includes the Executive Assembly, standing committee meetings, regional meetings and other governance meetings of the Council, bringing together Member Committees from across the globe.

From Sat-Sun

World Energy Leaders’ Dialogues
Exclusive roundtables designed for international CEOs, Ministers, city leaders and other special guests

By invitation-only

Future Energy Leaders’ and Start Up Energy Transition communities
Dedicated spaces for the next generation of exceptional energy leaders and entrepreneurs
THE EXPERIENCE

World-class exhibition
30,000 sqm of exhibition space showcasing cutting-edge solutions from around the world

Opening and closing ceremonies, social events and off-site activities
Showcases the host destination, connects, engages and celebrates our community

Side events
Hosted by sponsors and partners

Bilateral meetings
Connect with peers and forge new collaborations

AN IMMERSIVE AND IMPACTFUL EVENT EXPERIENCE
AUDIENCE PROFILE

**Business** - decision-makers and practitioners representing all energy interests, from traditional energy to buyers, consumers and users of energy

**Government, community leaders and policy-makers** - Ministers and senior government, IGOs, local government, city leaders and regulators

**Civil society, academia and experts** - the brightest minds from all levels of society

**Start-ups and entrepreneurs** - the new creative thinkers, disruptors and transformers

**Future Energy Leaders** - the next generation of exceptional energy leaders

**Foundations and advocates** - those dedicated to championing humanity and a healthy planet
AUDIENCE PROFILE
ENERGY PLUS COMMUNITY

Academia and experts
Advisory and professional services
Aerospace and defence
Chemicals
Consumer industries
Civil society
Finance and investment
Food technology and agriculture
Government and cities
Hospitality
Innovation and technology
Information and communications technology

IGOs
Manufacturing, materials and infrastructure
Media
Mining
Nuclear
Oil and gas
Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology
Power and utilities
Renewables
Transport

WHOLE ENERGY ECOSYSTEM
CONGRESS LOCATIONS
1924 TO 2024

LONDON, 1924
BERLIN, 1930
WASHINGTON, 1938
LONDON, 1950
VIENNA, 1956
MELBOURNE, 1962
MOSCOW, 1968
BUCHAREST, 1971
DETROIT, 1974
ISTANBUL, 1977
MUNICH, 1980
NEW DELHI, 1983
CANNES, 1986
MONTREAL, 1989
MADRID, 1992
TOKYO, 1995
HOUSTON, 1998
BUENOS AIRES, 2001
SYDNEY, 2004
ROME, 2007
MONTREAL, 2010
DAEGU, 2013
ISTANBUL, 2016
ABU DHABI, 2019
ROTTERDAM, 2024
## 24th World Energy Congress, Abu Dhabi 2019

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“It has been an excellent World Energy Congress and the overall result of the discussions between ministers of the governments have led to an excellent outcome. We have agreed that all of us are committed to reduce the emissions that we produce and make sure that we can all work together to help serve the whole industry well. It is also important to understand that any type of energy is going to help us going forward. We have to make an impact so that in the future, we have cleaner air and water that will benefit the world.”

HE Suhail Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry, UAE
24th World Energy Congress
24th WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS, ABU DHABI 2019

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

HE Kersti Kaljulaid, President, Estonia
HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Salman Al Saud, Minister of Energy, Saudi Arabia
HE Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry, UAE
HE Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo, Secretary General, OPEC
Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
Dan Brouillette, Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Energy
Wei Kou, Executive Chairman, State Grid Corporation of China
Lisa Davis, CEO Gas & Power, Siemens
Jean-Bernard Levy, Chairman & CEO, EDF
Patrick Pouyanne, Chairman & CEO, Total
HE Diego Mesa Puyo, Viceminister of Energy, Colombia
HE Kornelia Shilunga, Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, Namibia
26th WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS, ROTTERDAM 2024
SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

Amina Mohammed
UN Deputy Secretary-General

Kim Yin Wong
Sembcorp

Patricia Vincent-Collawn
PNM Resources

Patrick Pouyanne
Total

Ahmed Aboutaleb
City of Rotterdam

Phyllis Omido
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ITAIPU

Guangzhe Chen
World Bank

Christian Bruch
Siemens
The host of the World Energy Congress shares the Council’s vision to **humanise energy and forge new ways forward on global energy transitions**.

Hosting this globally-recognised event is an opportunity to **showcase the host city and country** together with its energy leadership, know-how, actions and impact.

The scale and scope of a World Energy Congress brings significant **economic and cultural potential** to the host city and its communities. This in turn creates exciting **growth opportunities** for local and international stakeholders, as well as building new business and economic collaborations.

Hosting a World Energy Congress is to align with a truly **unique 100-year-old worldwide network**. Hosts forge an unparalleled legacy that will continue to drive the energy conversation for the next 100 years.
WHY HOST THE WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS?

The World Energy Congress is a global brand. Hosting the Congress puts the host Government and city at the forefront of the energy debate on an international stage, offering a truly unique opportunity to be the voice of the energy transition and a part of the rich history of the World Energy Council.

- Showcase energy leadership in your city and country and your active role in driving forward the global energy agenda
- Demonstrate your commitment to our Humanising Energy vision and enable faster, fairer, and more far-reaching energy transitions
- Convene leaders and shapers from across the whole energy ecosystem to enable solutions and deliver impact
- Generate value and growth opportunities for your local and international stakeholders
- Deliver economic benefits to your region, industry and city
- Forge an unparalleled legacy that will continue to drive the energy conversation for years to come
WHAT MAKES THE WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS DIFFERENT?

- The most visionary and truly inclusive world energy leadership convening, bringing together all sectors, industries, technologies and geographies

- The only global energy event that connects the entire energy ecosystem and puts people and communities at the heart of making energy transitions happen in an era of energy for people and planet

- An immersive and interactive experience that inspires progressive and pragmatic leadership thinking and collaborative and constructive leadership action

- Impact-focused content programme built on the collective insights and experience of our unique 100-year-old global network of over 3,000 member organisations in around 90 countries

- The world’s longest established energy event, informed by the World Energy Council’s unique position as the impartial and pragmatic voice of the global energy agenda and our remarkable 100-year-old heritage

- Only the Council has the deeply local and globally networked convening power to deliver a world-class, independent, impactful energy event with a positive impact and legacy at the destination
The winning bidder is announced in the week of 11 December 2023 and is invited to address the world energy community at the Closing Ceremony of the 26th World Energy Congress in Rotterdam 2024.
CONTACT US

For any questions about bids, please contact the Global Agenda team at congressbids@worldenergy.org

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WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS THROUGHOUT HISTORY

The origins of the World Energy Congress go back to shortly after the First World War, when visionary Scotsman Daniel Dunlop decided to bring together leading energy experts to discuss current and emerging energy issues.

Founded in the aftermath of war, it has withstood many changes, from geopolitical and economic upheavals to a complete shift in the way people understand and use energy. It has had to adapt to a changing world without ever straying from the initial concept of an organisation that is impartial, objective and realistic in its analyses and in its agendas for action in order to promote sustainable energy for all.

The First World Power Conference (former World Energy Congress) was held in London in 1924 and attracted 1,700 delegates from 40 countries.

On July 11, 1924, the World Power Conference was formally established. Since then, and with editions all over the globe, the World Energy Congress became a stage for the global energy sector and its history.
WORLD ENERGY CONGRESS

DID YOU KNOW?

The Berlin 1930 Conference had a particularly notable set of speakers: Albert Einstein lectured there on “The Space, Field and Ether Problem in Physics” and Sir Arthur Eddington – a distinguished astrophysicist who first explained Einstein’s theory of relativity in English and led the first expedition to confirm it. In his address, Eddington said that, in the future, “subatomic energy would provide the plain diet for engines previously pampered with delicacies like coal and oil”.

‘Energy Olympics’, the nickname for the World Energy Congress, was first referred to at the 1980 Munich Congress by the Mayor of Munich. He was talking about the competition amongst nations for energy resources, and the fact that success or failure was, by many national regimes, seen in terms of national survival – similar to athletes at the Olympic Games.