



Westminster Energy Forum

Evaluating Climate Risks & Informing Energy Transitions

Strategic Insights in Support of Net Zero

Prospectus



WEF Mission & Objectives

The **Purpose** of the WEF is:

To develop and integrate actionable intelligence regarding climate risks and energy transition issues among decision-makers within the carbon value chain.

Its **Objectives** are to:

Convene expert practitioners in the fields of climate risk and energy transition.

Share strategic information on the challenges and opportunities of decarbonisation policy, investment and innovation.

Inform political and corporate decisions in support of Net Zero goals and ambitions.



WEF Operations

Operationally the WEF functions like a small think tank, delivering two complementary workstreams during the political year for a network of 150 organisations, each workstream comprising four or five sessions:

1. **Climate Risk Pathfinders & Assessments** - *via Cross-Sector Stakeholder Insights*
2. **Energy Transition Pathfinders & Assessments** - *via Industry Sector Reviews*

The WEF provides unique value for senior-level stakeholders in the energy, climate and net zero space by addressing the UK's strategic challenges in an integrated manner as part of a high level programme of invite-only events. Established in 2004, the WEF is politically and technology agnostic.

The overarching nature of the WEF programme cuts across typical sector 'silos' to inform a wide range of practitioners in the carbon value chain via insights that aim to be 'pathfinding' in nature. This helps to facilitate a wider understanding of the prevailing and emerging risks affecting the long term decarbonisation agenda.

Operational support comes from the industry value chain and annual subscriptions that enable the WEF to convene an equal number of experts from the public sector, diplomatic and NGO domains free of charge, ensuring that the WEF can convene the right balance and mix of personnel while remaining unbiased and free of lobbying.



WEF Strategic Themes

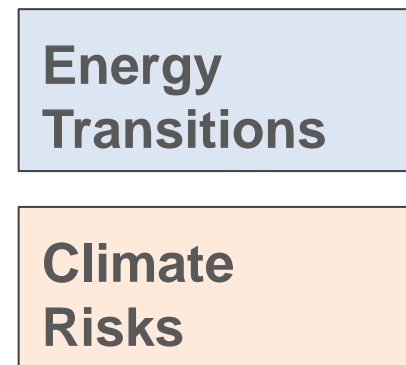
After nearly 20 years of operations in the UK the WEF has become a trusted and reliable partner for assessing emerging issues in climate risk and informing energy industry decision-making, delivering insightful briefings that cut across typical sector silos as part of a private Members programme by invitation.

We focus on five strategic themes, which in turn feed into our two workstreams and the eight or more WEF events that we showcase throughout the year. All discussions cross-reference thematically on multiple levels, providing strong value for organisations taking part.

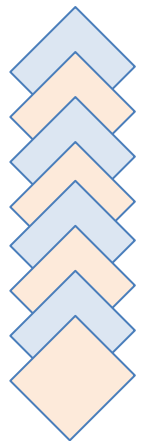
Strategic Themes:

- > **Uncertainties in Climate Science and Trends in Climate Change**
- > **Geopolitics of International Energy Transitions and Implications Net Zero**
- > **Delivering UK Energy Transition and Targets via Policy and Regulation**
- > **Energy System Transformation via Technology and Infrastructure**
- > **Challenges for Corporate Strategy, Capital Spend and Licence to Operate**

Workstreams:



Events:





WEF Coordination with Public Sector Leaders

The WEF's long-established programme provides strong continuity for the network of organisations who take part, many of whom have been involved for ten years or more. This network is deliberately maintained at no more than 1000 individuals, with the WEF leadership liaising on an ongoing basis with up to 50 Directors in several key public sector agencies (below) regarding the emerging issues that would benefit from broader discussion. In this way the WEF programme always remains collaborative and relevant.



Cabinet Office



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office



Ministry
of Defence



Department for
International Trade



North Sea Transition Authority



ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY



Office for
Nuclear Regulation



The Value of the WEF

- WEF maintains a deep understanding of emerging and strategic issues at policy level in order to define relevant agendas that effectively analyse climate risks and energy transitions for a wide expert network.
- Successfully pathfinding the risks and opportunities to a clean energy transition is achieved by actively integrating experts from across a wide range of different interest groups, and by maintaining multiple points of contact at senior level in all organisations within the WEF network.
- The WEF is trusted and valued by government, regulators and the wider sector which it serves, and ensures an appropriately diverse approach to representation on its panels.
- The WEF constituency is well-established, including 150 organisations and a 50:50 public-private sector split overall, forming a diverse and well-informed group of practitioners who form a knowledge transfer network that is material to the design and delivery of policy and infrastructure.
- WEF allows places to be used transferrably within participating organisations, and we seek to maintain the costs of WEF membership for corporates at well below commercial event rates so that we cover our operational costs while delivering optimal value for time and money for everyone involved.



WEF Events Diary 2023 - 2024

- 25 Jan 2023** Annual post-COP Review of International Climate Risk, Resilience & Response – Implications for Geopolitics
- 01 Mar 2023** UK Energy Security & Markets Winter Review – Assessing Key Challenges and Uncertainties Ahead
- 25 Apr 2023** Systemic Climate Risks & Disorderly Transitions: Implications for Financial Markets and their Resilience
- 17 May 2023** Global Issues in Nuclear New Build, Safety, Regulation & Insurance (NRI *open*) (*international webinar*)
- 25 May 2023** UK Energy Industry Innovation, Transformation & Delivery: Progress on Energy Security and Net Zero
- 13 Jul 2023** UK Climate Risk Assessment & Energy Transition Status - Reviewing the Deliverability of Net Zero
- 30 Sep 2023** The UK's Role in the Global Energy Transition - Assessing the Strategic Levers of Policy, Industry, Trade & Investment in the Context of International Trends
- 08 Nov 2023** UK Onshore Energy System Review – Security, Innovation & Net Zero Delivery
- 18 Nov 2023** Frontiers in Nuclear Risk, Regulation & Insurance - No.5 (NRI *closed*) (*international webinar*)
- 07 Dec 2023** UK Offshore Energy System Review - Integrating Oil & Gas with CCUS, Hydrogen & Renewables



WEF Forthcoming Seminar Agendas



25 Jan 2023 - Annual post-COP Review of International Climate Risks and Resilience with HMG & NATO

Reflections on COP27 and the key next steps to track during 2023

Alison Campbell, Director - International Climate, **BEIS, UK Government**

Implications for the UK Government: priorities now for the UK's carbon pathways

Chris Stark, CEO, **Climate Change Committee**

Sources of uncertainty in global warming projections, and the growing importance of rapid attribution

Dr. Friederike Otto, Senior Lecturer in Climate Science at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change, **Imperial College London**

Corporate leaders in the spotlight – approaching a tipping point of their own?

Beverley Cornaby, Programme Director, **Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership**

Environmental Risk Outlook 2023: a world 'unprepared' for the magnitude of cascading climate risks?

Will Nicholls, Head of Climate & Resilience, **Verisk Maplecroft**

The impact of climate change on global politics - how location is increasingly shaping national perspectives and responses

Louise Selisny, Senior Research Associate – Climate Change & (in)Security Programme, **Oxford University**

Rebecca Nadin, Director of Global Risks and Resilience, **Overseas Development Institute**

Managing deep uncertainty in the energy and climate space: the importance of collaboration for geopolitics

Michael Ruehle, Head, Climate and Energy Security Section, **NATO**

01 March 2023 - Annual UK Winter Energy Markets and Security Review with BEIS & Ofgem

Global energy markets - current indicators and trends, and implications for the energy transition

Matt Brown, Managing Director, **AFRY Management Consulting**

UK Energy indicators sitrep

Tom Griffiths, Head of Energy and Security Analysis, **BEIS**

The status of the European Energy Landscape and the status of Political Coordination

Mariko Higuchi, Deputy Head of Department for Economic & Global Affairs, **Embassy of Germany**

UK Net Zero appetite in a time of political and economic turbulence: the status of the social licence for the energy transition

Olivia Brajterman, Associate Director - Energy and Environment, **Ipsos Mori**

UK Energy System – Review of Resilience of Infrastructure & Supply

Rich Smith, Director of Energy Systems Management and Security of Supply, **Ofgem**

Industry Energy Security Review Panel

Rebecca Beresford, Director of Net Zero Strategy and Policy, **EDF Energy**

Steven De Ranter, Managing Director, **Interconnector UK**



The WEF Network

WEF's funding and operational support comes from 85+ diverse corporate subscriptions which enable the WEF to convene an equal number of organisations from the public sector and NGO domains at our invite-only session *gratis*. This latter group forms our Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN) of experts, and our integrated approach ensures that the broadest possible stakeholder network of UK energy security and climate risk specialists can be represented in the WEF.

Organisationally the WEF is set up as a microbusiness to administer the programme, via a small secretariat under the Directorship of Chris Lambert, with all seminars and webinars hosted by various WEF members.



Corporate Supporters





Knowledge Transfer Network

Key regular NGO,
Diplomatic & Academic
Participants in the WEF

AIRMIC	Grantham Institute - Climate Change and the Environment	Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
British Antarctic Survey	Green Finance Institute	Parliamentary Offices of Science and Technology
Buglass Energy Advisory	HM Treasury	RAND Europe
Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership	Hydrogen UK	RenewableUK
Carbon Capture and Storage Association	Innovate UK	Royal United Services Institute
Carbon Tracker Initiative	Ipsos	Space4Climate
CBI	King's College London	techUK
Chatham House	Lloyd's	The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology
Climate Change Committee	London Stock Exchange Group	The Climate Group
COP26	Loughborough University	The Elders Foundation
DEFRA	Low Carbon Contracts Company	Tony Blair Institute
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy	Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership	Transparency International UK
Department for International Trade	Ministry of Defence	Trove Research
E3G - Third Generation Environmentalism	National Centre for Atmospheric Science	Turing Institute
Energy Institute	National Infrastructure Commission	UK Export Finance
Energy Networks Association	National Nuclear Laboratory	UK Onshore Oil & Gas
Energy Systems Catapult	North Sea Transition Authority	UK Petroleum Industry Association
Energy UK	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	UKERC / Warwick Business School
Environment Agency	Nuclear Industry Association	UNFCCC Climate Champions
ESPRC	OEUK	World Energy Council
EU Delegation to UK	Office for Nuclear Regulation	World Nuclear Association
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult	WWF-UK
Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office	Ofgem	ZSL - Zoological Society of London



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