

“IF” Blockchain?



Although blockchain is viewed as a feasible technology to enable business process optimisation, its true transformative and disruptive nature has yet to be fully proven and understood. This was widely agreed by the majority of participants that attended the Council’s first **Innovation Forum (IF)** this month. The forum, hosted by **Shell** on 27 November, was a continuance of the Council’s Blockchain Insights Brief and Anthology of interviews, recently published in collaboration with PwC. It explores the viability and challenges of blockchain through the lens of creators, regulators and those in between. [Read more](#)

World Energy Council to play a central role at COP24

As a UN accredited body since 1953, the World Energy Council is recognised as a reliable source of thought leadership and information to the UNFCCC process, negotiating teams and stakeholders. Ahead of the **24th World Energy Congress** in 2019, the World Energy Council will play an active role at **COP24** in Katowice, Poland. Join the World Energy Council during live streaming of the sessions being held including: the Council’s official side event organised in partnership with MIT ‘*Pathways to Paris – Policy, environmental & technological innovations to balance the energy Trilemma*’ and participation in two sustainability Innovation Forum panel sessions. [Read more](#)



The Eleventh Africa Energy Indaba



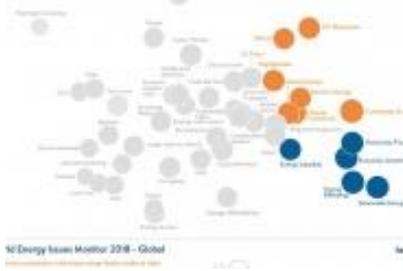
Only three months to go before the 11th annual Africa Energy Indaba (AEI) takes place at the Sandton Convention Center, Johannesburg, South Africa. The theme of the 2019 event is: **Africa’s Energy Future**. The Africa Energy Indaba Conference & Exhibition (19 - 20 February 2019) will discuss, debate and seek solutions to enable adequate energy generation across the African continent. The annual Africa Energy Indaba Week, the Council’s regional event for Africa, provides thought provoking content, a gathering of energy leaders, experts and the opportunity to meet African utilities, product and service providers to do energy deals! [Read more](#)

French member committee launches its first FEL Programme

The French Committee of the World Energy Council, **Conseil Français de l’Énergie**, recently launched their first ever Future Energy Leaders’ programme, during an animated meeting in the heart of Paris. Approximately twenty young professionals from the entire spectrum of the energy sector, alongside business, universities, government, research institutions and other energy-related organisations were present. The Council’s FEL-100 programme convenes a hundred young people who will be tomorrow’s energy actors. This international network of young people is constantly growing. [Read more](#)



Driving energy policy in Nigeria with Issues Monitor toolkit



There has been much excitement from Nigerian energy leaders in exploring the World Energy Issues Monitor as an interactive tool. The Issues Monitor provides insights and helps identify potential issues that require the attention of the Nigerian government in reviewing policies that have high impact on the Nigerian energy agenda and enables a more sustainable sector. Current users of the Issues Monitor within Nigeria include: government (policymakers); regulators; private organisations; investors and academia. [Read more](#)

GCC stakeholders and FELS meet in Abu Dhabi ahead of 24th Congress

Leading opinion formers in the GCC region gathered in Abu Dhabi for strategic knowledge exchange on the energy transition. They also explored innovation opportunities, and laid the groundwork for the development of regional energy scenarios to be presented at the **24th World Energy Congress** next year.



The scenarios workshop was the first event of its kind held in the GCC region organised by the World Energy Council, with the support of its UAE Member Committee as part of its strategic foresight initiative. It was aimed at building regionally focused scenarios to 2040 with new insights around innovation game-changers to support energy leaders in defining and driving a successful energy transition. [Read more](#)



Spread the word in your country

The [Start Up Energy Transition](#) Award is an international contest for global start-ups and young companies which work on solutions enhancing the global energy transition. Member Committees will have the opportunity to share this with their members soon. The deadline for the start-up application is **31 January**.

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, do not hesitate to contact **Francisco Galtieri, Senior Manager, Platforms & Academy**, galtieri@worldenergy.org.

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