

CIEP Energy Training 2011

The geopolitics of energy transition.

Thursday, 3 November 2011
9h30 – 17h00
Huys Clingendael, The Hague

General Description

In the past years, we have witnessed rapid changes in the global geopolitical and geo-economical landscape. Bilateral and multilateral relations have altered and become more pronounced. China's economic growth and ensuing economic policy, Russia's foreign policy and the US financial crisis are some of the most telling catalysts of these changes with an impact on all other regions of the world. Against this background, the EU is struggling to form a united front on the transition towards a low carbon economy.

Meanwhile, both the Copenhagen and Cancun climate summit left much to be desired regarding such a global transition. Across the globe in the private sector, new innovative technologies and business ideas are abound, but many lack the investment certainty and the underpinnings of resolute policy-making in order to come to fruition in the foreseeable future. Sooner or later, both developing, emerging and developed countries must achieve at least some gains on this front. As they do so, they must take in their stride future developments in the oil and gas markets impacted by geopolitics. In the face of rising energy demand of new players such as China and India, geopolitics becomes even a more precarious issue.

The purpose of this course is to address the most important geopolitical and economic developments and their relation to and impact on the development of international energy transition with a focus on the EU. In contrast to the training held in May in which particularly market integration and sustainable policies within the EU are looked into, in this module light is shed on the world of energy outside the EU.

Participants in this module will

- Be offered a framework to analyse energy policy
- Gain insight in how countries within and outside the EU deal with the tension between the policy objectives of secure energy supplies, a clean environment and affordable energy prices
- Learn about today's geopolitics of and between consuming and producing states
- Develop a greater awareness of how several institutions influence low-carbon policies
- Examine the possible impacts of technological developments on geopolitics

Subjects covered include

- The long-term geopolitical and geo-economic aspects of energy transition
- Different scenarios on the future global energy mix including the role of renewables
- Trends and developments in the oil and gas market
- Technological and institutional changes affecting energy transition
- The challenges facing policy-makers in consuming and producing countries in transition

Date and Venue

Thursday, 3 November 2011 at Huys Clingendael, Clingendael 7, The Hague, The Netherlands. The venue is the home of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael.

Costs

The costs per module are EUR 495. A discount will be given to participants registering for more than one module and to participants from CIEP partners.

To apply

If you wish to register for the module "*The geopolitics of global energy transition*" please download the enrolment form at www.clingendael.nl/ciep/training and send it by email to lmeulman@clingendael.nl. For any further information, please call Ms. Leonie Meulman at +31 70 374 6615.

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Programme

09h00	Reception: Welcome coffee & tea	
09h30	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is who• About CIEP and CIEP's Energy Training	Coby van der Linde Head CIEP
09h45	Drivers of international energy policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global energy demand and supply• Geopolitics and geo-economics• Energy security	Coby van der Linde Head CIEP
11h00	Refreshments	
11h15	Energy and governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geopolitics and institutions• Role of main international organisations in energy transition• EU external energy policy	Christof van Agt Senior researcher CIEP
12h15	Lunch	
13h15	Game changers: unconventional oil and gas? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developments in the United States, China and the EU• Technological developments• Environmental constraints	Lucia van Geuns Deputy Head CIEP
14h15	China: transition away from fossil fuels? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• China: competition or cooperation?• Forerunners in developing low carbon technologies?• The role of Chinese energy companies (Sinopec, CNPC)	Bram Buijs Researcher CIEP
15h15	Refreshments	
15h15	EU energy diplomacy: producer-consumer dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oil and gas import dependencies• International Energy Forum	Coby van der Linde Head CIEP
16h00	Guest Speaker on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signals & Signposts, An Era of Volatile Transitions	Ewald Breunese Manager Energy Transitions Shell
17h00	Drinks	