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## Interview with WEC Secretary General, Christoph Frei



Dear WEC family,

Hereby we replace the Energy Fax with a new bi-weekly newsletter WEC Inside. This in response to your feedback on our last issue of the Energy Fax: we shall provide agenda items, add some content, remain brief, leverage the WEC network, to quote just a few reactions. As the title says, the

target audience remains a WEC internal one: you.

New elements include an interview with a WEC personality answering three standard questions and a blank space to share whatever is missing. In this first issue I am paving the way with my thoughts. We will also deliver an updated WEC Agenda, a Congress Update, WEC Debriefing and a new section Inside Insight; where we present a graph from a recent WEC study.

Please consider this a work in progress. Your input and contributions are most welcome and will bring the WEC Inside to life.

### Three issues that keep me up at night:

1) WEC's backbone is its 93 Member Committees (MC); 30% of the MCs are not as active as they would like to be

and struggle with their resources base; WEC needs to support and further strengthen its MCs.

2) Patrons deliver over 40% of the revenues for global studies; many Patrons indicate that they don't get much value for money; WEC needs to further develop the value proposition for its Patrons.

3) The "Assessment" study is a delicate piece of work with enormous potential impact; the study group is doing a great job and 30 MCs have provided input, another 7 committed their input; every contribution counts.

### I would appreciate feedback from WEC members on...:

There are many best practices and strategic ideas; a part of the strengthening of MCs can come from cross-learning; the Executive Assembly can provide an opportunity to do so; will MC Secretaries invest time and come half a day early to participate in a strategy and best practices workshop?

### WEC should think about...:

Expectations are that the COP15 in Copenhagen in December 2009 will conclude with high-level recommendations on the post-2012 carbon framework; how can WEC position itself best to ensure a relevant role in an issue that will fundamentally affect the energy sector?

## WEC Debriefing

### Energy Council of Canada Hosts Forums

Dr. Murray Stewart, formerly the Executive Director of the Energy Council of Canada (ECC), has just been re-appointed to this position and reports that there are lots of good things happening in Canada, especially leading up to MONTRÉAL 2010. The ECC has just selected their 2009 Canadian Energy Person of the Year, and the gala to announce this award will be held in Calgary on 20 October.

A series of Canadian Energy Forums is also being organised by the ECC. The first took place on 6 May at the University of Ontario in Oshawa and attracted more than 70 attendees. The Forums are designed to look from a regional and national perspective at the three dominant considerations driving change in the Canadian and North American energy sectors, including the need for **more energy production** to feed continuing economic growth and development around the world; the need to make any society **more energy efficient** to stay competitive on the world global economy; and the need to make real progress in **reducing impacts from greenhouse gases**, arising mainly from burning fossil fuels and associated release of gasses to the atmosphere. The next Canadian Energy Forum will be held on 14 May in Halifax.

## Congress Update

A new version of the **Congress brochure** is now available. The new version describes the main themes that will be addressed on each day of the Congress. As with the previous version, the new brochures are available in 12 languages. The brochures are available in PDF format on the website [www.wecmontreal2010.ca](http://www.wecmontreal2010.ca)

In addition, the brochures indicate the launch of the **call for technical papers**, with a reminder that the deadline for submissions is January 15, 2010.

Watch for WEC MONTREAL 2010 at "PowerGen Europe Cologne", Germany, May 26-28 and at the "Conference – Financing Investments in Energy" Bucharest, Romania May 28.



## WEC Agenda

We invite our members to attend the following upcoming WEC events:

### June 9-11; Ulanbataar, Mongolia

WEC Asia Regional Programme: Ceremony for the completion of the Sola/Win System & Seminar on the GEEP

Contact: [nurse@worldenergy.org](mailto:nurse@worldenergy.org)

### June 29-July 1; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

WEC/ADEME Workshop: 'Energy Efficiency in Africa'

Contact: [nurse@worldenergy.org](mailto:nurse@worldenergy.org)

### July 7; Paris, France

Assessment of Energy Policy & Practices Study Group Meeting

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### September 16-19; Reykjavik, Iceland

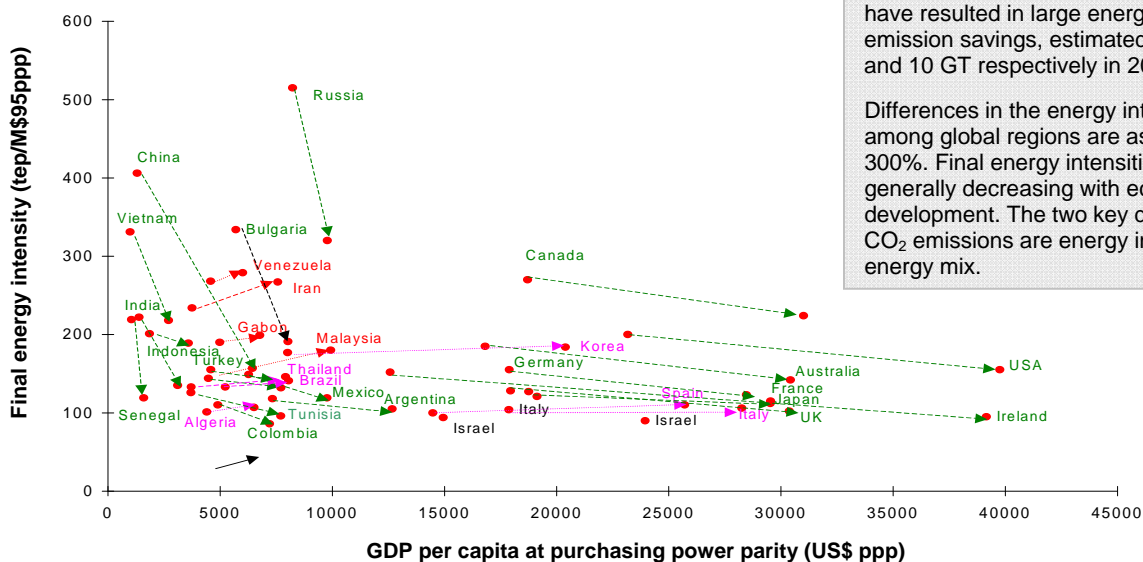
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For further events, including Member Committee and third-party events, please check the Events page on our WEC website.

## Inside Insight

### Trends in final energy intensity and GDP per capita (1990-2006)



Since 1990 energy productivity improvements in most world regions have resulted in large energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emission savings, estimated at 4.4 Gtoe and 10 GT respectively in 2006.

Differences in the energy intensity among global regions are as much as 300%. Final energy intensities are generally decreasing with economic development. The two key drivers for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are energy intensity and energy mix.

Graph used in: **WEC Energy Efficiency Policies around the world: Review and Evaluation**, published in 2007 - Figure 2.13 on page 23

Source: ENERDATA

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