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## Interview with Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)



*Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella is Director-General of UNIDO, a specialised agency of the United Nations, which promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalisation and environmental sustainability.*

**We asked Dr. Yumkella why energy poverty has to be at the forefront of global policy efforts and what the World Energy Council can do to raise awareness of this issue in the short-term.**

'As I stressed in the run-up to your World Energy Congress 2010, large parts of humanity - billions of people - live without access to modern energy services. These are services that most of us take for granted, like light, fuel for heating and cooking, and mechanical power. The issue is a stark illustration of the deep inequity that exists between the rich and the poor. The rich countries aim for a secure, environmentally acceptable, and affordable energy supply – but what about the billions without access?'

'A few success stories do exist - countries such as China have improved access for their citizens substantially in the last decades – but across sub-Saharan Africa, and in parts of Asia, people are living without basic energy services. The demand for energy in these regions is expected to grow dramatically, and these increases in population and improvements in

living standards add to the scale of the challenges. If 'business as usual' conditions persist, over the next decade the total number of people without access to modern energy services will not decrease (International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2010) – a stark and unacceptable result.

'Current efforts are insufficient in scale and pace. This is why in April 2010 the UN-Secretary-General's Advisory Group on Energy and Climate Change (AGECC) called for the adoption of a global target to achieve universal access to modern energy services by 2030. What is now required, is a sustained political focus. Energy access must move up the political and development agendas to become a central priority. To ensure this happens, AGECC recommended launching a major Global Campaign for Energy Access and ensuring delivery of several focused public-private partnerships.

'As an initial cornerstone of this Campaign, we have worked with United Nations' Member States to declare 2012, *The International Year of Sustainable Energy for All*. This is a hugely exciting endeavour for us in the UN. It will serve to highlight the clear link between energy and development and utilise the strengths of the UN to show leadership in moving forward on this new pathway. Preparations for the activities, projects, information dissemination, and policy support that will form the basis of the *Year* are now underway - but we need help. We need the full support and innovation of WEC members, and especially the private sector, to build this foundation for change.'

To find out more about UNIDO, please visit their website: <http://www.unido.org/>

## WEC Debrief

### Japan Energy Association (JEA) host symposium on World Energy and Climate Policy Assessment

Following the launch of WEC's *Energy & Climate Policy: 2010 Assessment* at the 2010 Montreal Congress, the Japan Energy Agency (WEC's Japanese Member Committee) held a symposium entitled 'World Energy and Climate Policy Assessment' on November 30, 2010, in Tokyo. Mr. Hideaki Tanaka, Secretary of the JEA, opened the symposium and Mr. Younghoon David Kim, WEC Vice Chair of Asia Pacific and South Asia, made an opening address to circa 70 delegates. The speakers present were Mr. C. P. Jain of India, Mr. Hajime Murata of the JEA, Dr. Robert Schock of USA, Dr. Sukyung Lee of Korea and Dr. Hans Larsen of Denmark. Professor Ryuji Matsushashi of the University of Tokyo chaired the Roundtable.

The speakers each gave an overview of their own country's unique energy policies. Dr. Larsen said that 17 % of the power in Denmark comes from renewables and the cost of the wind power is about 6 euro cents per kWh. The major reason for this achievement is the inter-connection of the transmission lines with neighboring countries. Dr. Schock said that a new regime might agree to accept the policy, which was strongly opposed by the former regime. The speakers responded to questions from the floor and a good discussion ensued.



L-R: Younghoon David Kim; C. P. Jain; Robert Schock; Hans Larsen

## WEC Agenda

We invite our members to attend the following events:

### January 17; Bucharest, Romania

-WEC Romania Press and Communication Conference  
-'Developing the Entrepreneurial Abilities in the Energy Field in Romania: Balance at two years'  
-Contact: [gmbalan@cnr-cme.ro](mailto:gmbalan@cnr-cme.ro)

### January 20; London, UK

-UKWEC Workshop: 'UK Electricity Market Reform – Imperative! Will we get it right? How long will it take?'  
-Contact: [UKWEC@energyinst.org](mailto:UKWEC@energyinst.org)

### January 24; Madrid, Spain

-Meeting of the WEC PGP Committee and Knowledge Network, hosted by Spanish MC  
-Contact: [nurse@worldenergy.org](mailto:nurse@worldenergy.org)

### February 3; Paris, France

-WEC Africa Francophone Mentor Workshop  
-Presentation and interactive discussion of WEC's new Mentor Scheme  
-Contact: [fall@worldenergy.org](mailto:fall@worldenergy.org)

### February 27; Johannesburg, South Africa

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### February 28 – March 2; Johannesburg, South Africa

-Energy Indaba Conference and WEC Africa Regional Meeting  
-Energy Indaba will host the WEC Africa Regional Meeting for the second time, prior to their two day conference. Together, these events aim to find solutions to Africa's energy challenges and create a platform for real progress towards realising Africa's vast potential.  
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**For further events and more details, please check the Events page on the WEC website...**

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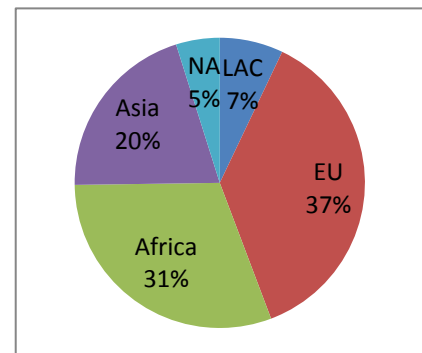
## Inside Insight

### More than 200 nominations received

Towards the end of 2010, each WEC Member Committee received draft Terms of Reference for the new WEC Focus Areas (mobility, energy efficiency, financing mechanisms, village inventory, and rules of trade) and was asked to nominate experts. We have since received nominations for more than 200 individuals from almost 40 different countries.

WEC has decided to accept all nominations, but will limit participation to one Knowledge Network and one intersection of a Knowledge Network and Activity Area only. WEC will contact all nominees over the course of the coming weeks and inform them about (i) which Knowledge Network they have been accepted to, (ii) main contact person, (iii) other network members, (iv) next steps.\*

At the same time, WEC London, together with the Programme and Studies Committee, will choose Leaders for the Knowledge Networks from the submitted nominations; these will be announced shortly. At this point, we would like to thank all Member Committees who have submitted their nominations so far.



\*The nominees for the Knowledge Network on Performance of Generating Plants have already been invited to the first 2011 meeting, taking place on January 24 in Madrid.

### We are delighted to announce four new WEC partnerships!

IBM has signed a commitment as Project Partner for Scenarios whilst *Eesti Energia*, *Kazenergy* and *Repsol* have all joined as Global Partners. We welcome these Partners and thank all involved for their support.

If you would like more information on WEC Patrons and Global Partners, please contact John Bourne at the London Office: [bourne@worldenergy.org](mailto:bourne@worldenergy.org)

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