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Shape the Future of Energy: Exclusive Invitation

Dear Esteemed Colleague,

We are honoured to invite you to join our exclusive **World Energy Council Executive Dialogue for Senior Policymakers and Senior Government Officials**, co-hosted by Maria van der Hoeven, former Executive Director of the International Energy Agency and now Senior Advisor to the Secretary General for Energy Literacy at the World Energy Council.

As discussed at the recent [26th World Energy Congress](#), a new era of energy transitions requires innovative, transformative approaches in response to rapidly changing global dynamics. We face unprecedented interconnections between energy systems, technology, and geopolitics, which demand a reimagined approach to policy and leadership to navigate complex trade-offs and deliver energy resilience and justice. The reality: **What got us here won't get us to where we need to go.**

The Call to Reorganise for Transformation

Today's challenges call for rethinking the very structures and strategies that have traditionally guided energy policy. Moving beyond top-down, supply-side, and technology-centric approaches, true transformation requires the active involvement of people at every level.

To achieve deeper decarbonization with justice and resilience, as highlighted in the recently released World Energy Trilemma 2024 report, **all energy levers will be needed—financial, technological, and societal**. Scaling the push of technology and financial innovation depends on managing complex, interconnected coordination challenges, and our success hinges on aligning these with the pull of societal transformation.

A New Leadership Mindset for Radical Change

In this dialogue, titled **"Evolving with Resilience and Justice,"** Maria van der Hoeven will lead us in exploring how this multidimensional leadership mindset leverages collaboration, policy innovation, and bold decision-making to propel systemic transformation. This session will foster

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discussions on adopting radical approaches, learning from diverse geographies, and encouraging synergies that align justice, equity, and resilience in energy systems.

We look forward to your insights on how policymakers can drive this vital shift, bringing about a more adaptive and sustainable energy future for all. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer discussions and gain actionable insights from leading voices in energy transitions.

Details for registration and participation are included below:

- **Session 1:** Tuesday 3 December at 8 am UK | Register - [HERE](#)
- **Session 2:** Thursday 5 December at 3 pm UK | Register- [HERE](#)

Spots are limited. To secure your place, please register at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, feel free to contact insights@worldenergy.org.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to shaping a resilient future. We look forward to welcoming you to this important conversation.

Warm regards,

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About the World Energy Council

The World Energy Council is the world's oldest independent and impartial community of energy leaders and practitioners. Through our Humanising Energy vision, we involve more people and communities in accelerating clean and inclusive energy transitions in all world regions. Formed in 1923, the Council is an UN-accredited global energy body that has convened diverse interests from across the full energy ecosystem for a century. Our global network draws from governments, private and state corporations, academia and civil society, as well as current and future energy leaders. We maintain a flexible Transition Leadership Toolkit to collaborate on impact programmes and inform local, regional and global energy agendas in support of our enduring mission: to promote the sustainable use and supply of energy for the benefit of all people.

About Maria van der Hoeven



Maria van der Hoeven is a Dutch professional with broad political and managerial experience. She started her professional career as a teacher, and later became director of a Vocational Training Centre for Adults, and director of Technology Centre Limburg.

As a Member of Parliament from 1991-2002, she served as Minister of Education, Culture and Science (2002 - 2007) and until October 2010 as Minister of Economic Affairs and Energy. She was Executive Director of the

International Energy Agency from September 2011 to 31 August 2015, a period in which she underlined the strong links between energy, climate and energy security; the need for energy efficiency; and the importance of renewables, innovation and technology. This is why she was invited to serve on the Advisory Board for the UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

From October 2016 - October 2021 she was member of the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mountain Institute (US), and from 2016 - 2019 member of the Supervisory Council of Innogy in Germany. From 2016 - 2018 she was vice chair of the High-Level Panel on EU Decarbonization Pathways, an initiative from the European Commission.

Since 2016 she serves as a non-executive director on the Board of TotalEnergies in Paris where she took over as Chair of the Audit Committee in 2021. Her other mandates include membership of the Supervisory Board of COVRA (Netherlands), senior fellow at CIEP, (Netherlands) and Advisor to the Secretary General of the World Energy Council since 2021.