

Agenda

IASS Workshop

The G20's potential for advancing a global transition towards sustainable energy

Tuesday, October 11th, 9:00 – 17:15

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Germany takes over the G20 presidency from China in 2016. This offers an important window of opportunity for fostering a global transition towards sustainable energy. Over the course of the last years, the G20 has started to actively engage in energy issues. Its members are crucial players for a global energy transition. As a high-level political forum, the G20 can be a powerful agenda setter and exert leadership in global governance. Thus, G20 decisions and actions have the capacity to significantly impact global energy systems. However, the G20 also represent a very heterogeneous group of countries that often take different or even conflicting stances towards energy issues. Thus, finding common ground for a global energy transition is a challenging undertaking.

This workshop focuses on topics that are of central importance for the G20 energy agenda under the German presidency 2016/2017. It sheds light on key energy trends and policy priorities in selected G20 countries. Through focused discussions on renewables, energy efficiency and Paris Agreement implementation, it seeks to identify best practices and lessons learned for the G20 energy agenda. The workshop brings together experts on key G20 countries as well as stakeholders from the government, civil society, the private sector and think tanks. The event is part of a broader IASS project on G20 energy policies. IASS will publish a related study with comprehensive G20 country analyses on energy trends and priorities at the end of 2016.

9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:30	Setting the stage: Germany's international energy policies, G20 & a global energy transition
	Moderation: Dr Sybille Röhrkasten, IASS Welcome and introduction to the workshop , Prof Dr Ortwin Renn, IASS Germany' international energy policy and prospects for a global energy transition , Dr José Schulz, Federal Foreign Office (AA)
10:00	The G20 energy agenda in light of the Chinese, German and Argentinian Presidencies (2016-18)
	Moderation: Dr Sybille Röhrkasten, IASS Main outcomes and features of the Chinese G20 Presidency 2016 , Jost Wübbeke, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) Priorities for the German G20 Presidency 2017 , Marius Backhaus, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) A snapshot at Argentinian energy priorities , Dr Moira Jimeno, eclareon
11:00	Coffee break

11:15	Renewables on the rise?
	<p>Moderation: Sonja Thielges, IASS</p> <p>With call-ins on key developments and impulses for the G20 from:</p> <p>Brazil, Dr Sybille Röhrkasten, IASS China, Dr Rainer Quitzow, IASS Japan, Dr Llewelyn Hughes, Australian National University South Africa, Dr Agathe Maupin, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) The US, Karoline Steinbacher, Harvard University</p>
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Energy efficiency and phasing out fossil fuel subsidies as a challenge
	<p>Moderation: Sonja Thielges, IASS</p> <p>With call-ins on key developments and impulses for the G20 from:</p> <p>The European Union, Dr Kirsten Westphal, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) Indonesia, Dr Jens Marquardt, Freie Universität Berlin Russia, Dr Alexander Gusev, IASS Saudi Arabia, Sebastian Sons, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)</p>
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	Ensuring the implementation of the Paris Agreement through G20 energy cooperation?
	<p>Moderation: Dr Rainer Quitzow, IASS</p> <p>Paris Agreement imperatives for a global energy transition, Dr Vera Rodenhoff, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)</p> <p>Can the G20 deliver on these imperatives?, R. Andreas Krämer, IASS</p> <p>With call-ins on key developments and impulses for the G20 from:</p> <p>France, Carole Mathieu, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI) India, Madhura Joshi, Centre for Policy Research India (CPR) Turkey, Prof Dr Jörn Richert, University of St. Gallen</p>
16:45	Conclusion: The G20 as a driver for a global transition to sustainable energy?
	<p>Dr Sybille Röhrkasten, IASS Sonja Thielges, IASS</p>
17:15	End of Workshop