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Innovation Agora in Review

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*Convergence and Competition:
Energy, Technology and Geopolitics*

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The Innovation Agora at CERAWeek convened an energizing community of visionaries, technologists, startup entrepreneurs, VCs and investors, policy makers and corporate innovators—all dedicated to exploring and advancing solutions to the greatest challenges facing our energy future.

The program showcased and advanced transformational technologies spanning AI and digital, nuclear and geothermal power generation, low-carbon fuels and hydrogen, CCUS, decarbonization and electrification, advanced and quantum computing, renewables and e-mobility, energy efficiency and the built environment, workforce development, and more.

New innovations such as Bridge, CERAWeek Exchange, Podcast Studio, and a new Media Center in the Innovation Agora space added to the already vibrant and interactive marketplace of ideas on energy innovation, emerging technologies, and solutions.

Our Agora Partners truly help make the event the destination that it is for the Innovation Ecosystem, and we thank them for their collaboration and commitment to the Innovation Agora and its mission. We are grateful to our speakers and participants for their active engagement. Their contribution to the program deepens all of our collective understanding of the interconnections across industries and the partnerships shaping the future of the global energy system—making the Innovation Agora a unique and valuable gathering of the global technology and energy community.

Sincerely,

Ken Downey

Executive Director & Conductor,
Innovation Agora
S&P Global Energy

Atul Arya

Chief Energy Strategist,
S&P Global Energy;
Agora Mastermind, CERAWeek
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1,400+
Speakers
from 50 Countries

67
Ministers &
Top Officials
from 18 Countries

543
C-Suite Executives

300+
Startups

Sessions

850+
Sessions

73
Partner Programs

14
Expert Zones

240
Agora Pods

7
Agora Houses

10
Onsite Podcast
Sessions

Community

2,470+
Companies

90
Countries

588
Government &
Regulatory Officials

200+
NextGen

11,000+
Participants
2,200+ CEO and C-Suite

100+
Partners

Social Media

1B+
Total Views

73.8K+
Followers
+21% YoY

2.2M+
Impressions
+56% YoY

+65%
Engagement Rate
YoY

Press Coverage

450+
Accredited Journalists
Onsite

~25%
International
Journalists Onsite

5
Newsmaker Press
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CERAWeek is built around four mutually reinforcing platforms designed to share ideas, foster relationships, and advance dialogue across the global energy ecosystem.



The **Executive Conference** provides a comprehensive view of what lies ahead for global energy markets, technology, and geopolitics. Corporate executives and senior government officials convene to address the defining trends and critical issues shaping the energy landscape—including the growing role of AI.

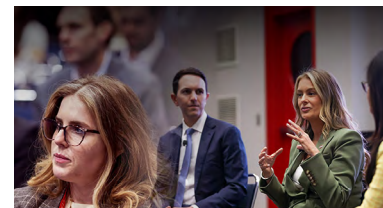


The **Innovation Agora** is an open, dynamic marketplace for the exchange of insights and solutions on energy innovation and emerging technologies. It brings together a diverse community of technologists, investors, thought leaders, government officials, and corporate innovators to spark dialogue and accelerate new thinking, foster meaningful connections and unlock new pathways for the energy future.



Partner Programs

Our Partners are invited to be part of programs that facilitate high-level interaction among senior executives and officials and build communities to address and share learning on topics, issues and markets critical to them and their businesses. Partner Programs consist of Leadership Circles, which feature Summits and Regional, Topical, and Functional Forums, as well as Energy Partner Informal Conversations (EPICs).



Professional Development Programs

are designed to cultivate rising talent and high-potential leaders across the global energy ecosystem. Through targeted learning and high-impact networking, these programs strengthen leadership capabilities and foster connections that extend well beyond the event.

CERAWeek 2026 Leadership

CERAWeek Steering Committee

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300+

Startups

16

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436

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Voices of Innovation

22

Studios

96

Agora Hub Sessions

240

Agora Pods

45

Lyceum Labs

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Book Signings

Community

1,125+

Companies

45+

Countries

570+

C-Suite Executives

50+

Universities
from 12 Countries

5,700+

Agora Participants
including ~3000 Executive
Conference participants*

68

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**Executive Conference Pass permits access to both the Executive Conference and Innovation Agora.*



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The program features unique formats, interactive dialogue and conversations about global energy innovation and technology ecosystem.

Themes

Key themes and technology pathways featured across the Agora are rooted in innovation solutions:

- **AI and Digital**
- **Electrification Technologies**
- **The Innovation Ecosystem**
- **Managing Emissions**
- **Low-Carbon Fuels and Mobility**
- **Climate and Sustainability**
- **Chemicals and Materials**
- **Investment and Financing**
- **Workforce Strategy**

Formats – Our “multiverse” of highly interactive Agora formats include:

The Atrium

- **Hubs** — Amphitheaters designed for conversations, dialogues and receptions. These include the AI, Carbon and Climate, and New Energy Hubs.
- **Agora Pods** — Deep-dive presentations and case studies and startup “pitches” in a close-up, informal setting.

The Nexus

- **Agora Studio** — Interactive discussions on emerging and disruptive technologies and models of innovation, including Voices of Innovation, where innovation pioneers and thought leaders share their journeys and insights.
- **CERAWeek Exchange** — Building on topics introduced in larger Agora and NextGen sessions, CERAWeek Exchange enables attendees to examine key topics more closely through focused, substantive discussion in a more interactive setting. Designed to foster meaningful dialogue and discussion, featuring up to 15 participants seated in the round and guided by a moderator, this 30-minute session creates space for candid conversation and deeper exploration.
- **NextGen Amphitheater** — Dedicated zone for discussions oriented toward advancing a passionate, diverse workforce of the future and deepening industrial-academic collaboration.

Innovators Row

- **DOE Room** — An opportunity to interact with the US Department of Energy.
- **HETI Room** — Activations by unique organizations supporting the energy innovation ecosystem.
- **NextGen Poster Presentations** — Showcasing early-stage research from universities and incubators using posters, whiteboards, and other media.

Agora Partner Houses

- Branded experiences and explorations by some of the world's leading energy and technology companies and organizations.

- **Technology Corridor** — Featuring startup stations to meet entrepreneurs building promising companies.
- **Partner Installations** — Dedicated presence in the Agora Hubs featuring demonstrations of leading-edge solutions from Partner organizations.

- **NextGen Pod** — Featuring early-stage research at universities, energy centers, and incubators during 25-minute Pod sessions.
- **NextGen Meetups** — Small, informal gatherings of communities that share a common interest.
- **Nexus Library** — A comfortable meeting space showcasing over 30+ books that have been featured at CERAWeek over its 40 years. Five authors also signed personal copies of their books.
- **Podcast Studio** — Live podcast sessions capture thought leadership, key takeaways, and perspectives on the evolving energy ecosystem.
- **Professional Headshots** — Conference participants enthusiastically partook of the opportunity to receive several free professional headshots taken onsite and electronically delivered the same day.

- **Lyceum Labs** — High-impact learning through seminars, deep-dive discussions and presentations.
- **Venture Day** — Early-stage pitch competition hosted by Houston Energy Transition Initiative (HETI).



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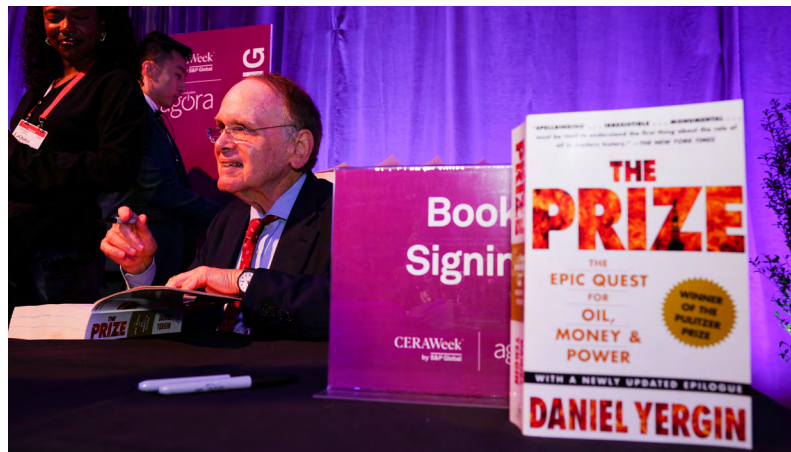
Powering Growth, Polarizing Politics: Reframing the energy narrative: Van Jones, CNN Host, Founder of DreamMachine.org and Founder of RAPPORT.co



Building Sovereign AI: From capability to real-world impact: Atul Arya (Chair), SVP & Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global Energy; Ali Keshavarzi, Founder & CEO, Arising Technologies; Sam Naffziger, SVP & Corporate Fellow, AMD; and Ramamoorthy Ramesh, Professor; Purnendu Chatterjee Chair in Energy Technologies, University of California, Berkeley



Book Talk | Tod Hynes: Disciplined Entrepreneurship for Climate and Energy Ventures: Barbara Burger, Director and Advisor, Independent



Book Signing | Daniel Yergin: The Prize: The epic quest for oil, money & power: Daniel Yergin, Vice Chairman, S&P Global



Dell Technologies + NVIDIA | Without Constraints: Scaling AI on existing energy infrastructure: David Holmes, Head of Energy, Dell Technologies



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The Second Nuclear Age: Scaling small modular reactors for a new era of energy:
Lucia Tian, Head of Clean Energy and Decarbonization Technologies, Google



The CEO Blueprint / AI and Digital: **Vijay Swarup**, Director, Independent



Book Talk / William McDonough – Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things: **William McDonough**, Chief Executive, McDonough Innovation



Fusion: From science to scale by 2030s?: **Ernest Moniz**, Founder & CEO, EFI Foundation



AtkinsRéalis + NVIDIA / Powering AI with nuclear: **Marc Spieler**, Senior Managing Director, Global Energy Industry, NVIDIA



Insuring Physical Climate Risks: Solutions and business models: **Amy Barnes**, Global Head of Energy and Power, Marsh



Accelerating the Future: **Arshad Mansoor**, President & CEO, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)



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The AI Power Surge: Scaling innovation without breaking the grid: Alexis Bateman,
Head of AWS Global Sustainability, Amazon Web Services



Climate Politics: Stagnation, fragmentation or innovation?:
Amb. André Corrêa do Lago, President, COP30 Presidency



The AI Power Surge: Scaling innovation without breaking the grid: Mark Brownstein,
SVP, Energy Transition, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)



The CEO Blueprint | AI and Digital: Peter Orszag,
CEO & Chairman, Lazard



Techint | Desalination Projects for More Sustainable Mining Operations: Oscar Scarpari,
CEO, Techint Engineering and Construction



Growing Direct Air Capture: Jessica Hinojosa,
Senior Carbon Removal Program Manager, Microsoft



AI and Digital

Powering AI: Harnessing the Revolution

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Smart, Connected, Automated: Energy System's Next Frontier: Carolyn Seto (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology & Innovation, S&P Global; Dennis Gansen, VP Sales Process Automation, NAM Operations, Schneider Electric; Harpreet Kaur, Partner, Energy & Chemicals, Deloitte & Touche LLP; and Malini Manocha, Vice President of Industry Transformation (Energy), Armada



Advances in Energy-efficient Chip Design: Dave Ernsberger (Chair), President, S&P Global Energy; Ken Hester, Director of Solutions Architects, NVIDIA; Raja Swaminathan, CVP, Advanced Packaging and Heterogeneous Integration Technologies, AMD; and Taner Ozcelik, CEO, Mythic



The Great AI Buildout: Risk, Returns and the next wave of opportunity: Jarett Edwards, Managing Director, Energy Transition Group, Barclays; Jonathan Silver, Chair, Global Sustainability Platform, Apollo Global Management; and Vladimir Troy, VP, AI Infrastructure, NVIDIA

- Accelerating the Future
- AI at Scale: Aligning compute and power strategy
- AI for Grid Optimization: From demand forecasting to asset management
- AI in Energy: Managing the transformation
- AI Potential: Hype vs. reality
- Code is the New Current: How AI is engineering the energy transformation
- Digital Twins: The AI enabler for multiple sectors
- Edge AI: Applications and innovations
- Energy, Compute and the Quantum Era: What quantum technologies mean for energy experts confronting the compute transition
- From Silos to Systems: How MCP connects the energy industry
- Is Quantum Ready for Deployment?
- Powering AI at Scale
- Responsible AI: Governance model to ensure ethics and trust
- Rich Data to Real Decisions: How open data standards paired with agentic AI drive subsurface workflows
- The CEO Blueprint | AI and Digital
- Time-to-AI: Shrinking the data-center clock
- Where Agentic AI is now, and what comes next



Electrification Technologies

Electrification: Technologies for the Future

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Smart Demand: Managing energy use for a more efficient grid: Sylvain Cognet-Dauphin (Chair), Executive Director, S&P Global; Dana Guernsey, Co-founder and CEO, Voltus; Junbo Zhao, Todd M. Cook and Elizabeth Donohoe Cook Associate Professor, Dartmouth; and Scott McKay, SVP, Division Manager, Americas, ABB Energy Industries



Fusion: From science to scale by 2030s?: Lutz Reimers, Head of Division - Innovation, Industry, Digital Economy, Federal Chancellery, Germany; Michl Binderbauer, CEO, TAE Technologies, Inc.; and Thomas Sunn Pedersen, CTO, Type One Energy



Advanced Nuclear Reactors: A stable asset for the energy transition: Mason Lester (Chair), Principal Analyst, North America Power and Renewables Research, S&P Global Energy; Chris Levesque, President & CEO, TerraPower; John Kotek, SVP, Policy and Public Affairs, Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI); and Judi Greenwald, President & CEO, Nuclear Innovation Alliance

- Accelerating the Future
- Business Models for Long-duration Energy Storage
- Exchange | Innovations to Enhance Grid Capacity
- Geothermal: Charting progress on technological advancements
- Geothermal: How quickly will it scale?
- Innovations to Enhance Grid Capacity
- Load to Asset: Data centers as solutions to power constraint
- North Slope Power | Building Alaska's Energy Future
- Nuclear Energy: A game-changer for data center power
- Nuclear Permitting: A new era?
- One Grid, One ASEAN: Building a shared clean energy future
- Powering AI Factories: From discovery to grid
- Revolutionizing Energy Storage: The next generation of battery tech
- The Gigawatt Race: Bypassing the grid to power the AI revolution
- The Second Nuclear Age: Scaling small modular reactors for a new era of energy
- Unlocking Geothermal at Scale
- When Data Centers Flex: New paths to powering AI growth
- Can Next-generation Cleantech Turn a Profit?
- Grid-scale Storage for Powering AI: Speed, stability, scale



The Innovation Ecosystem

Maintaining the Innovation Momentum

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Scaling Innovation: Building the ecosystem for the next energy breakthroughs: Carolyn Seto (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology & Innovation, S&P Global; **Georgina Campbell Flatter**, CEO, Greentown Labs; **Bernie Bulkin**, Chair, Global Energy Infrastructure Plc; **David Cash**, Director, Climate Action Accelerator, Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability, Harvard University; and **Graham Gordon**, Managing Director, Accenture

- AI for Lower Costs and Autonomous Operations
- AI in Action: From pilot to profit
- AI in the Wild: Founders building the future
- Exchange | Advances in Exploration Technologies for Oil and Gas and Mining
- Exchange | Charting Progress in Energy Innovation: A global city's perspective
- Scaling Energy Technologies Fireside Chat
- The World's Next Industrial-tech Innovation Hub
- Geothermal Leadership Dialogue



Entrepreneurship Now! Building deep energy innovation companies: **Douglas Arent** (Chair), Sr. Fellow, World Resources Institute; **Elodie Morgan**, Co-Founder and CTO, Spotlight Earth; **Brian Matthews**, Founder and CEO, AMPERA; and **Cornelius Shields**, Founder & CEO, Kore Infrastructure



Managing Emissions

Emissions: Managing Cost and Scaling Solutions

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Innovations in Sustainable Buildings: Antonia Bullard (Chair), Climate & Energy Consultant, S&P Global; Ankit Kalanki, Principal, Cooling, Rocky Mountain Institute; and Mark Parsons, SVP, Texas Consumer Energy, NRG Energy



CCS Projects in Action: Lessons learned: George Yoshida, Director, CCUS Strategy Department, GX Solutions, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Poh Boon Ung, General Manager, Global CCS Institute



- AI Factories: Faster, cheaper, cleaner
- Carbon Differentiated Natural Gas: Does it matter?
- Carbon Management for Competitive Advantage
- CCS and CDR in the US: Moving forward
- CCS in Asia: Poised for growth
- Energy Efficiency: The industrial advantage
- Gas and CCS: A competitive solution to meet power generation growth?
- Growing Direct Air Capture
- Innovations in Sustainable Steel
- Intelligence per Watt: AI meets sustainability
- Oil Industry: Collaborating on decarbonization
- Reducing Emissions Across the Energy Sector using AI
- Technologies for Tracking Asset Emissions and Activity
- Toward Low Carbon-intensity Barrels: Learnings from industry and policy
- Sustainable Data Centers: Myth or reality?
- Harmonizing Carbon Accounting: Charting a path forward
- The Intersection of Carbon Accounting and Carbon Markets



Low-Carbon Fuels and Mobility

Scaling Solutions for Decarbonization

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Beyond Fuel: Disrupting incumbent markets with low-carbon hydrogen: Brian Murphy (Chair), Head of Hydrogen Research, S&P Global; Rick Beuttel, VP, New Energy, Woodside Energy; Brett Perlman, CEO, Gulf Energy Catalyst; and Jason Lanclos, Director, State Energy Development and Planning, Louisiana Economic Development

- Autonomous Mobility: Redefining transportation in the AI era
- Biofuels: From gallons to barrels
- Decarbonizing Aviation at Scale with SAF
- Integrating Low-carbon Fuels into Power System Operations
- Pathways for Blue Hydrogen in the US
- Policy to Progress: Unlocking biofuel growth through mandates
- Power-to-X: Fueling at your application
- Can EV Adoption Accelerate Without Incentives?
- Exchange | Can EV Adoption Accelerate Without Incentives?
- Future of Trucking
- The Five-minute Challenge: Ultra-fast charging vs. battery swapping
- Sailing to Sustainability: Progressing innovations in the maritime sector



Transportation Fuels: Future pathways for biofuels and e-fuels: Daniel Evans (Chair), VP, S&P Global; Dr. Jennifer Holmgren, Chair & CEO, LanzaTech; Lee Beck, Chief Policy Officer, HIF Global; Rik Snee, SVP Strategy & International Growth, Moeve; and Yassir Ghiyati, Chief Commercial Officer, Topsoe



Climate and Sustainability

Fractured Climate Policies, Actionable Pathways

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Energy Systems for Intelligent and Sustainable Cities: Chengyao Peng (Chair), Director, Head of APAC Power & Renewables Research, S&P Global; Le Xie, Professor, Harvard University; Nelly Wilson, Global Head of AI Services for Weather and Climate, Google; and Matt Schnugg, Chief Product Officer Digital Grid, Schneider Electric



From Risk to Resilience: Adapting infrastructure to a changing climate: Bob MacKnight (Chair), VP, Head of Sustainability Products & Services, S&P Global; Marie Freier, Managing Director, Head of Sustainability Group, Barclays; Christopher Knittel, George P. Shultz Professor of Energy Economics, Professor of Applied Economics, and the Associate Dean of Climate, Energy, and Sustainability at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT; and Daniel Carter, Managing Director, Aramco Ventures

- Carbon Markets: Linking compliance and voluntary pathways
- Charting Progress in Energy Innovation: A global city's perspective
- Clean Cooking Transforming Communities and Advancing Sustainability
- COP30: What it delivered, what's still missing
- Energy Systems for Intelligent and Sustainable Cities
- Europe's Pathways for Prosperity and Decarbonization
- From Currents to Carbon: Leveraging the oceans for climate solutions
- Geoengineering the Climate: Promise, peril and policy
- How Philanthropy to Climate and Environmental Advocacy is Evolving in 2026 and Beyond
- Insuring Physical Climate Risks: Solutions and business models
- Nature-based Solutions: Scaling climate resilience with integrity
- Reimagining an Integrated and Futuristic US Grid with AI
- Resilient Grids, Resilient Future: How to climate-proof electric grids
- The Capital Stack for Climate and Energy: Where philanthropy now fits in a changing world
- The Evolving Energy Narrative in Media, Politics and Activism: Bridging divides for a prosperous and sustainable future
- The New Climate Coalition: Corporates, capital and civil society
- Industrial electrification and sustainability at scale



Chemicals and Materials

Chemicals: Strategies For Market Challenges

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Advancements in Direct Lithium Extraction: **Laura Sima** (Chair), Director Research & Analysis, S&P Global; **Allison Thurmond**, VP of North America Lithium, Equinor; **Cris Moreno**, Managing Director and CEO, Vulcan Energy Resources; **Doug Miller**, VP, Managing Director for Mining, Food & Agriculture, Black & Veatch; and **Robert Zeller**, VP - Technology, Occidental Petroleum



Advanced Materials with Low-carbon Intensity: **Mark Eramo** (Chair), Special Advisor, S&P Global; **Y. Shirley Meng**, Liew Family Professor in Molecular Engineering, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago; **Matteo Pasquali**, Director, Carbon Hub; A.J. Hartsook Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Professor, Chemistry and Materials Science and Nanoengineering, Rice University; and **William McDonough**, Chief Executive, McDonough Innovation



Fusion Technology: Materials, manufacturing and engineering: **Francesco D'Avack**, Research & Analysis Associate Director, S&P Global; **Carrie von Muench**, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Fusion; **Rick Needham**, Chief Commercial Officer, Commonwealth Fusion Systems; and **Sam Guillaume**, CEO, Renaissance Fusion



Investment and Financing

Financing Growth for Energy Expansion

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Creating Value with Corporate Venture Capital: Conway Irwin (Chair), Senior Director, Energy Capital Insights, S&P Global; Clara Andreoletti, President & CEO, Eni Next; Hans Kobler, Founder & Managing Partner, Energy Impact Partners; Kei Honda, SVP, Head of Corporate Venturing, Idemitsu Americas; and Mahdi Aladel, CEO, Aramco Ventures

- African Energy Sovereignty: The “all-of-the-above” strategy
- Financing the Future: Driving new energies through policy turbulence
- Geothermal Business Models: Challenges and opportunities
- Mapping the Energy Expansion: Data-driven scenarios across markets & risk
- Nuclear Financing: Managing capital and risk
- Africa’s Strategic Corridors: Integrating mining, power and logistics



Financing Africa’s Energy Growth: De-risking and blended capital: Dele Kuti, Global Head, Energy and Infrastructure, Standard Bank, South Africa



Can Next-generation Cleantech Turn a Profit?: Rhea Hamilton, Managing Director, General Atlantic - Beyond Net Zero



Workforce Strategy

Talent and Tech: The Future of Work in Energy

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Redefining Resilience: Transforming the human-AI workforce: **Van Jones** (Chair), CNN Host, Founder of DreamMachine.org and Founder of RAPPORT.co; **Patti Johnson**, SVP & Chief Human Resources Officer, Mitsubishi Power Americas; **Irvin Bishop Jr.**, Chief Digital Technology Officer, Burns and McDonnell; and **Ben Wilson**, Director, Products & Solutions, Amazon Web Services

- #OpentoWork: Insights for Job Seekers in Energy
- AI and Workforce Transformation: Displacement, discovery and development
- Democratization of AI: Redefining where work gets done
- Exchange | Charting Careers in Energy: Pathways for the next generation of leaders
- Exchange | What the Future Workforce Needs from Employers
- People Power: Strategic human capital in a new energy era
- Skills for Tomorrow, Today: Cultivating workforce agility
- Exchange | Women in Energy Community Meetup
- Exchange | How Space Exploration Inspires the Next Generation



The Role of Humans in an AI-first World: **Leanne Todd** (Chair), Head of Horizons, Energy Expansion and Sustainability, S&P Global; **Gin Kinney**, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, NRG Energy; **Moe Tanabian**, CEO, Intuigence AI; and **Vivek Chidambaram**, Energy Utilities Chemicals Strategy Global Lead, Reinvention Advisory Council Vice Chair, Accenture

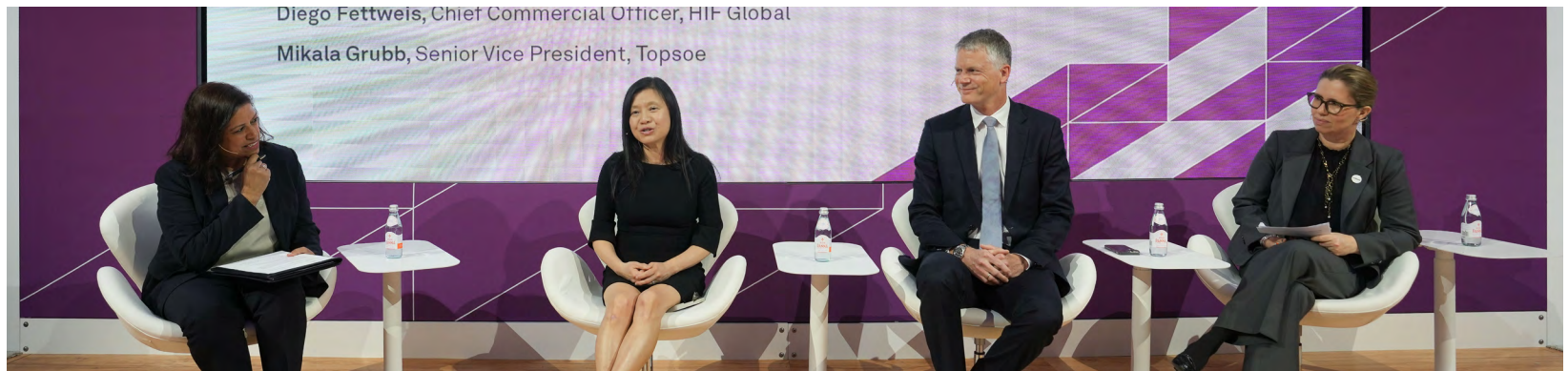


New Energies Hub

A focus on the clean energy economy

The Innovation Agora New Energies Hub is a dedicated space focused on the clean energy landscape.

Participants explored innovative solutions and strategies shaping the clean energy landscape, with discussions that span hydrogen, biofuels, nuclear energy, renewables, and energy storage. These conversations addressed the challenges, advancements, and policies required to scale technologies and achieve global energy transition goals.



Decarbonizing the Future of Mobility with eFuels: Shankari Srinivasan (Chair), VP, Global Gas & LNG, S&P Global; Lei Chen, Chief Commercial Officer, TES; **Diego Fettweis**, Chief Commercial Officer, HIF Global; and **Mikala Grubb**, SVP, Topsoe



Securing the Uranium Supply Chain: From mine to market: Mark Ferguson (Chair), Director, Metals & Mining Research, S&P Global; **Jean-Luc Palayer**, President & CEO, Orano USA; **Sarah Riedel**, Head of Sales, Urenco; and **Mike Chilton**, CEO, FluxPoint Energy



Hybrid Power for Data Centers with Gas and Nuclear Solutions: Eve Hanson, SVP, Research & Innovation, Energy Impact Partners

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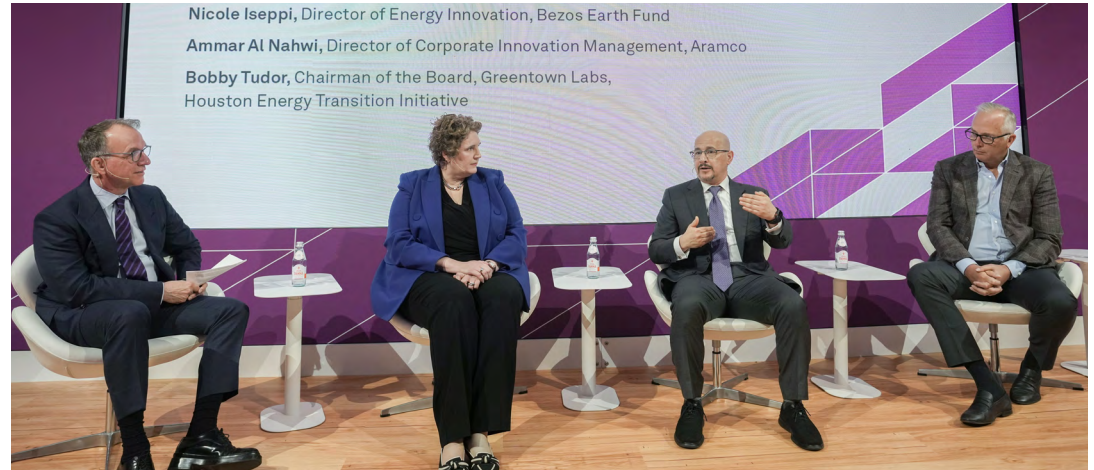
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Going Big with Small Modular Reactors: Daniel Poneman, Former Deputy Secretary of Energy, Commission on Nuclear Energy and American Leadership, Co-Chair



Models of Innovation, Models of Capital: Judson Jacobs (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology Solutions, S&P Global; **Nicole Iseppi**, Director of Energy Innovation, Bezos Earth Fund; **Ammar Al Nahwi**, Director of Corporate Innovation Management, Aramco; and **Bobby Tudor**, Chairman of the Board, Greentown Labs, Houston Energy Transition Initiative



What's New in Solar Technology?: Indra Mukherjee (Chair), Associate Director Technologies and Supply Chains - Horizons, S&P Global Energy; **Utopia Hill**, CEO, Reactivate; **Arun Majumdar**, Dean, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability; and **Zhengrong Shi**, CEO, Siltrax



Carbon and Climate Hub

A focus on the decarbonization ecosystem and solutions for climate change

The Innovation Agora Carbon and Climate Hub is a dedicated space for energy industry stakeholders to exchange insights on innovations and solutions to address GHG emissions and climate change.

In open amphitheater conversations, leading experts in energy, energy-intensive industries and associated financial, policy and academic communities explored key experiences and learnings surrounding existing efforts and how to pursue efforts to address emissions and climate.



Resilient Innovation: Energy technology amid policy turbulence: **Ashutosh Singh** (Chair), Executive Director, Technology & Innovation Program, CERAWeek, S&P Global Energy; **Carolyn Kissane**, Associate Dean & Clinical Professor, New York University, SPS Center for Global Affairs; **Arun Majumdar**, Dean, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability; and **Ricky Sakai**, Senior Vice President, Investment & Business Development, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America



How to Measure Climate Progress: (left) **Elsa Pernot**, Global Head of Ethics & Sustainability, Gunvor Group; **Maria João Duarte**, Representative to EU Institutions, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries EMEA; and (right) **David G. Victor**, Distinguished Professor of Innovation and Public Policy, School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

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Matchmaking CCS: Technologies and emissions sources: Carolyn Seto (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology & Innovation, S&P Global; **Guillaume Verhaeghe**, CEO, SLB Capturi; **Jeremie Wetherby**, Carbon Solutions Leader, GE Vernova; and **Renaud Maillard**, VP Research & Technology CO₂ Techno Hub, TotalEnergies



Scaling CCUS: Which industries, regions and funding sources?: Ian McIntyre, SVP, 1PointFive and **Jarad Daniels**, CEO, Global Carbon and Capture Storage Institute Ltd



Global South: Finding opportunity in energy transition: Dele Kuti, Global Head, Energy and Infrastructure Group, Standard Bank; **Kaushik Deb**, Executive Director, EPIC India, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth, University of Chicago; and **Matt Schicke**, VP, Sales & Marketing Aluminium, Rio Tinto



Valuing Water: A strategic imperative for the energy industry: Patricia Luis-Manso (Chair), Executive Director, Agriculture Research & Sustainability, S&P Global; **Christine Keck**, Chief Legislative and External Affairs Officer, American Water; **Heather Cheslek**, Associate VP/Global Industrial Water, Black & Veatch Wastewater LeaderWorks Company, Inc.; and **Oscar Scarpari**, CEO, Techint Engineering and Construction



AI Hub

A focus on responsible, sustainably scalable, disruptive AI innovation

The AI Hub highlights the growing convergence of technology and energy industries and is a dedicated space for sharing insights on how to build an AI future that is responsible, innovative and sustainably scalable.

In open amphitheater conversations designed to spark collaboration, inspire new ideas, leading experts from across the AI and Energy value chain came together to examine critical themes such as governance and risks, breakthrough applications, agentic AI, edge intelligence, and innovation across the AI infrastructure stack.



Energy Innovation Pioneers | Leveraging AI to Advance Global Energy Supply: Carolyn Seto (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology & Innovation, S&P Global; **Carl Hoiland**, Co-Founder & CEO, Zanskar; **Dev Amratia**, CEO & Co-Founder, nPlan; and **Ryan Dawson**, Founder & CEO, Corva AI



Automation and AI for Operational Efficiency: Judson Jacobs (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Technology Solutions, S&P Global; **Radhika Krishnan**, Chief Product and Technology Officer, Quorum Software; **Andre Marino**, SVP, Industrial Automation & Process Automation, NAM Operations, Schneider Electric; and **Felipe Baldissera**, CEO, Shape Digital

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AI for Lower Costs and Autonomous Operations: Lindsay Grise, Assistant General Counsel, Burns & McDonnell; Bob Perez, VP Project Development, Baker Hughes; and Sonali Singh, SVP of Product Management, Quorum Software



Cybersecurity in the Age of AI: Rebecca Hofmann, President & CEO, Blockchain For Energy; Harshul Joshi, US Operational Technology Cybersecurity Practice Leader, PwC; Zubin Davar, VP, CONNECT Platform GTM, AVEVA



Agentic AI: Embracing autonomy: Eric Hanselman (Chair), Chief Analyst, S&P Global; Cody Falcon, Global Digital Portfolio & Technology Leader, Energy Industries, ABB; Trygve Randen, Senior VP Digital Products & Solutions, SLB; and Uwa Airhiavbere, Growth and Transformation Leader, WW Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft



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Atul Arya (Chair), SVP & Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global and **Lord John Browne**, Chairman and Co-Founder of BeyondNetZero, BeyondNetZero, General Atlantic



Jamey Rosenfield (Chair), Founder & Co-Chairman, CERAWeek and Senior Advisor, S&P Global Energy and **Peter de Menocal**, President & Director, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



Atul Arya (Chair), SVP & Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global and **Vinod Khosla**, Partner, Khosla Ventures



Hon. Andy Karsner, Executive Chairman, Manifest Energy



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Daniel Yergin, Vice Chairman, S&P Global | *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power*



Tod Hynes, Sr. Advisor for Climate & Energy, Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship Sr. Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management | *Disciplined Entrepreneurship for Climate and Energy Ventures*



Kenneth Rogoff, Professor of Economics and Maurits C. Boas Chair of International Economics, Harvard University | *Our Dollar, Your Problem: An Insider's View of Seven Turbulent Decades of Global Finance, and the Road Ahead*



William McDonough, Chief Executive, McDonough Innovation | *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things*



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All Things Sustainable: **Dirk Forrister**, President & CEO, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA) and **Lindsey Hall** (Host), Global Head of Sustainability Thought Leadership, S&P Global Energy



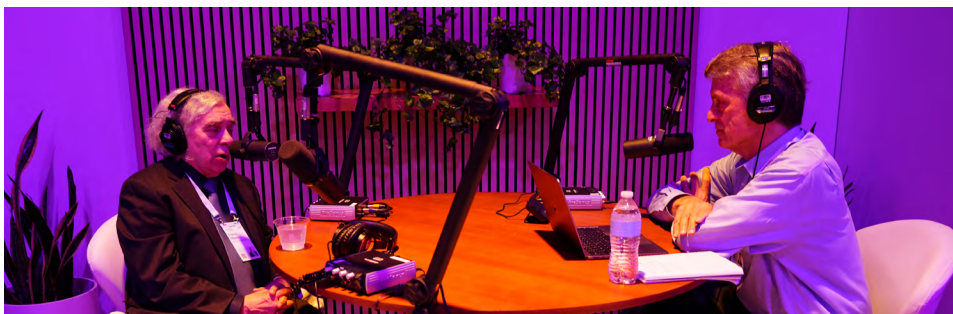
CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya: **David Rabley**, Global Energy Strategy Lead, Accenture and **Atul Arya** (Host), SVP & Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global Energy



The Energy Forum: **Kenneth B. Medlock III** (Host), Senior Director, Center for Energy Studies, Rice University - Baker Institute and **Francisco Monaldi**, Director, Latin America Energy Program, Rice University - Baker Institute



EnergyCents: **Samantha Humphreys** (Co-Host), Upstream Digital Lead, S&P Global Energy; **Hill Vaden** (Co-Host), Executive Director, S&P Global Energy; and **Dr. Ashley Nunes**, Director, Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Energy



AI, Energy and Climate: **Ernest Moniz**, Founder & CEO, EFI Foundation and **David Sandalow** (Host), Inaugural Fellow, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University



Shocked (Univ of Chicago): **Amy Harder** (Host), National Energy Correspondent, Axios



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- ABB | Roadmap to Autonomous Operations
- Accenture | AI, Applied: How a midstream leader drives real-world
- Accenture | Talent Reinventors: Delivering value with and for people in the age of AI
- Adaptive Construction Solutions | "The Original AI 1.0": Solving the energy sector's workforce crisis--faster, smarter and at Scale
- Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute | The Alberta Advantage: Continual learning for real-world energy optimization
- Alphabet | Engineering the Autonomous Enterprise: Deploying Gemini agents across the energy value chain
- Alphabet | Speed to Power: Rewiring grid economics with applied AI
- Alsylm Energy | A Strategic National Imperative: Sodium-ion batteries for US energy dominance
- Alta Resource Technologies | Precision Mining and the Race for Mineral Security
- AMPERA | Gen. V Nuclear Starts Now
- Aperio + National Grid Partners | From AI Pilots to Performance: Building data trust at industrial scale
- Applied Atomics | Minimizing Miracles: The pathway to affordable, scalable nuclear power
- Arata AI | How AI is Rewriting the Economics of Capital Projects
- Arbor Energy | Unlocking Clean Baseload Power
- Archimetics AI | The Hard Stuff to Deploy AI at Scale
- Arolytics | From SCADA to Savings: AI-powered emissions and asset monitoring
- AtmosZero | Waste Heat Is a Waste of Time: Products—not projects—for industrial steam electrification
- Atom Computing | Driving Strategic Quantum Readiness for Energy and AI
- Avathon + National Grid Partners | Autonomy for Energy Operations
- AWS | A Leader's Guide to Agentic AI for the Energy Industry
- AWS | The Delta Initiative: Using digital tools to transform drilling and completions
- Ayr Energy | A Paradigm Shift: Rigid to responsive development
- Baker Hughes | Meeting Industrial and AI-Driven Energy Demand with Flexible, Reliable and Sustainable Power Solutions
- Beyond AI | Trusted, Explainable AI for Mission-critical Operations
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- Blockchain For Energy | Digital Identity, Wallets and Credentialing



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- Blue Current | Solid Ground: Blue Current's safe, scalable solid-state battery platform for EVs, data centers, grid storage and beyond
- Blue Energy | Project Financing the World's First Gas-to-nuclear AI Data Center with Crusoe
- Blykalla | Why the US Needs Lead-cooled AMRs to Power the AI Era
- Brimstone | The Fourth Great Refinery: How Brimstone Is transforming the economics of heavy industry
- C2X & SunGas Renewables | Producing Globally Competitive Low-carbon Molecules for Use in Maritime, Aviation and Chemicals Industries
- Candid Intelligence | Compressing months of engineering into hours of compute
- Captura | The Power of Electrochemistry: From carbon to industry
- Capture6 | Brine to New Value: Water-driven carbon capture
- Carba | The Unsexy Path to Carbon Removal: Industrial waste as energy infrastructure and durable carbon removal
- Caterpillar | Stability at Scale: Managing AI training load impacts on power generation
- CERT Systems | Clean Molecules Made from Air
- CMBlu Energy | Built to Scale: Energy storage for hyperscale data centers and grid demand
- Cognite + NVIDIA | Transforming Industrial Ops: Real-time forecasting and anomaly detection with foundational time-series models at scale
- ConnectDER | Accelerating the Electrification of US Homes
- Cordonix | Subsurface Infrastructure for Post-plug Integrity Assurance
- Corva | The New Chef Engineer: Using AI to scale expert recipes
- Crusoe | AI is Driving an Energy Revolution
- Cyolo + National Grid Partners | The Illusion of Protection: Rethinking OT security priorities in an AI-driven threat environment
- Dartmouth | Realtime Pricing and AI Agents for Electricity Markets
- Decimetrix | Decimetrix Sentinel: Edge AI for data sovereignty, emissions compliance and grid resilience
- Deep Fission | Bridging Industries: Leveraging PWR, geothermal, and oil & gas expertise to accelerate advanced nuclear
- Dell Technologies + NVIDIA | Without Constraints: Scaling AI on existing energy infrastructure
- Deloitte | AI and the Energy Transition
- Deloitte + NVIDIA | From Simulation to Intelligent Automation: Physical AI and AI factories in energy
- DG Matrix | DG Matrix's Multiport Solid-state Transformer: End game for powering AI factories
- Diffraction | Continuous Earth Intelligence for Energy, Infrastructure and Security: Powered by Quantum Cameras



Microsoft | From Pilots to Production: How agentic AI delivers measurable impact in energy: Pablo Peris, Managing Director Energy and Resources - EMEA Microsoft



Serenity Power | Replacing Conventional Combustion: NextGen fuel cells for off-grid power: Aleisha Cerny, Co-Founder & CEO, Serenity Power



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- D-Wave | How Quantum Computing is Transforming Business Today
- e2Companies | Looking for Power in All the Wrong Places: Solving the AI data center problem without breaking the grid
- Earthflow AI | From Months to Minutes: How AI is reshaping subsurface decision
- Eavor Technologies Inc. | Enabling Local Clean Energy Autonomy. Everywhere.
- EDF | MethaneSAT: Turning precision methane emissions data into operational value
- EDF | The Permian Divide: How New Mexico outperformed Texas on methane
- Edgeflo AI | From Control Rooms to Board Rooms: When AI starts moving the P&L
- Electrified Thermal Solutions | The Cheap and Reliable Industrial Heat Source: Joule Hive™ electrified heat for industrial boilers, furnaces, and kilns
- Elimini | Removing the Carbon from Carbon-intensive Industries
- Energea | How We Created an Investable Asset Class to Finance Solar and Distributed Energy Projects
- Enertel | Nodal Power Intelligence: Unlocking Graph-Based Machine Learning for Wholesale Power Forecast
- Entropy Inc. | Alberta Leadership in First-of-kind Clean Power from Gas Turbines and CCS
- Envana + Cleartrace | Using Emissions Data to Drive Business Value
- ESSNA | Unlocking Hydrogen at Scale: Leading the no-CAPEX modular model for the industry
- Exowatt | Building the Solar Backbone of the AI Era: Scalable 24/7 power for energy-intensive growth
- Fennex | The AI Era of Predictive Safety in Energy Operations
- Firefly Green Fuels | Sustainable Aviation Fuel from Sewage
- FluxPoint Energy | Powering America's Nuclear Future
- FrostCarbon | Firm Clean Power at Hyperscale: FrostCC® Design one, build one thousand
- Fusion Energy Insights | From Billion-dollar Bets to Trillion-dollar Outcomes: The economics of fusion energy
- Futera Power | Geothermal Energy as the Renewable Cousin of Oil and Gas
- Future Use of Energy in Louisiana | National Industrial Carbon Sink in
- GE Vernova | Going Big with Small Modular Nuclear Reactors
- Gemini Energy | Turning Refinery Hydrogen Waste into Power for the AI Era
- GHGSat | Decision-grade Methane Data: Reducing field burden and improving actionability
- Gigablue
- Global Quantum Intelligence | Quantum Revolution in the Energy Industry: Why now and where it will be useful



Arbor Carbon | Just Add Water: The breakthrough making gigatonscale carbon capture possible: Annie Lee, Director of Business Development, Arbor Carbon



Lila Sciences | Scientific Superintelligence: AI's new frontier for energy and the environment: Jonathan Hennek, Chief Revenue and Product Officer, Lila Sciences



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- Google Cloud | The Intelligence-driven Energy Ecosystem: Bridging the gap from Google research to real world operations
- Grassroots Carbon | From Cowboys to Carbon: Grazing solutions for carbon, water, biodiversity and climate resilience
- GreenFire Energy | Engineering Geothermal for Scale
- Grid8 | From Gridlock to Gigawatts: Powering the AI supercycle
- GridBrid | Solving the Energy Trilemma: How to holistically optimize systems across profitability, resilience and sustainability
- GridCARE | Where AI Meets the Grid: Unlocking power at the speed of AI
- GridCARE + National Grid Partners | Using AI to Power AI: How data centers can help control energy costs
- Gyre Energy | Hidden Flexibility in the Cold Chain: Cooling's role in the coming grid crisis
- Hadron Energy | Powering the AI and Industrial Economy: Factory-built nuclear for a power-constrained world
- Haka Bioprocesso | CO₂ to Biocrude: Low-cost microalgae at scale
- Halcyon | AI: Existential threat or unfair advantage?
- Hammerhead AI | The Megawatt Multiplier: How to solve the AI power bottleneck
- Heimdall Power | The Grid is a Shared Resource: Why future returns depend on coordination, not just capital investments
- Hertha Metals | The Future of Steel Production: Going beyond the blast furnace
- HIF Global | Unpacking the SAF Market: Compliance, incentive and voluntary markets
- Highwood Emissions Management | Alberta Innovation for Global Impact on Methane Emissions
- Hitachi Energy | Using AI to Unlock Hidden Value in Energy Infrastructure
- Honeywell | Digitalization & Autonomous Program
- HyBar | Unveiling HyBar.ai: AI-augmented Power-to-X optimization for the AI datacenter era
- Hybrid AI | Hybrid AI Co-Pilot for Offshore Wells: Preventing the events that cost millions
- Hydroleap | The Hidden Constraint of AI Infrastructure: Water, energy and the future of data centers
- Hypertec | AI Data Center Power Management Technology Adapted for On-premises Power Generation
- Ignis H2 Energy | From Subsurface Signal to Bankable Power: De-risking geothermal with data and discipline
- INERATEC | Building Resilient Fuel Infrastructure with Power-to-X
- INGAA | The \$1.4 Trillion Question: What it takes to power North America through 2052
- Intrinsic Foundries | Infinite Carbon, Intelligent Biology: The feedstock foundation nobody saw coming
- Intuigence AI | How to Use AI to Fully Digitize a Plant in 48 Hours
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CEO, IntuigenceAI

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- Kathairos Solutions | Methane Strategy When the Rules Keep Changing: A competitiveness playbook
- Kewazo | Physical AI on Industrial Sites: Robots for operations today
- Kinitics Automation | High ROI, Zero Venting: The Kinitics blueprint for midstream automation
- Koloma | From Energy Carrier to Energy Resource: The case for natural hydrogen
- Kore | Landfills Are Future Power Plants
- Land and Carbon | Putting Carbon to Work: How to unlock transformative value restoring degraded land
- Lithios | ALE: An electrochemical approach for low-cost lithium extraction from brine
- Louisiana Future Energy | Seed to Scale: Growing Carbon Management Technology in Louisiana
- Lucend | From Metal to Mind: Why Intelligence will redefine the future of digital infrastructure
- Lukera Energy | Monetizing Stranded Gas Through Efficient Modular Methanol Production
- Lumion | Interconnection Ready in Hours, Not Months: Automating the hidden bottleneck in renewable development
- Lumora | Modern Fundamental Modeling for the Modern Grid
- Mafix | Grow More, Remove More. Skip the FOAK.
- MagDrive Technologies | Eliminate Fugitive Emissions at the Source
- Marsh | Managing Supply Chain Risks: Marsh Sentrisk™
- Marvel Fusion | The Industrialization of Inertial Fusion
- Mazama Energy | SuperHot Rock Geothermal: Building the next generation of baseload energy
- Microsoft | A Digital Age for Nuclear: Aalo Atomics, NVIDIA and Microsoft
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries | From Complexity to Confidence: A bankable pathway for gas power with carbon capture
- Natural Allies & PAGE | Methane Matters: The business case for reducing methane intensity in the energy transition
- Natural Allies & PAGE | Unlocking Affordable Energy: Why permitting reform matters
- NearStar Fusion | Impact fusion with railguns
- NEI | Levelized Value of Energy: Moving beyond LCOE
- New Mantle | Decoding the World's Greatest Resource: Breakthroughs in geothermal resource characterization using physical AI
- Newfound Materials | Bridging the Synthesis Gap in AI-Driven Materials Innovation
- NexGen Energy | Securing the Fuel Behind the Grid: Rebuilding the western uranium supply chain
- nPlan | No More Project Guessing
- NRG | From the Front Lines: A deep dive into grid reliability
- NRG Energy | The 101 on Virtual Power Plants and Demand Response: Tech for today and tomorrow
- Nuclear AI | Driving Efficiency Across the Nuclear Fleet: From operating plants to new nuclear deployment
- Okovate | The Agrivoltaic Premium: Preserving farmland and unlocking high-value solar sites in constrained markets
- ON.energy | The New Standard for Grid-safe AI Power Solutions
- OneChronos | Connected Markets
- Overview Energy | From Orbit to Grid: Space solar energy in the real world
- Oxford Hydrogen | Green Hydrogen, Black Numbers: Breaking the hydrogen economics trap
- Pacific Fusion | Building and Scaling Fusion Power for the Next Energy Era
- Phlair | What's Ahead for (electrochemical) DAC in the Next Five Years?
- PhysicsX | The Future of Energy Systems: How physics AI is rewriting the rules—from design to operations
- Pike Robotics | Inside the Tank: How Pike Robotics is making industrial inspections safer, faster and smarter
- Piq Energy | The Role of Flexible Resources in Accelerating and Expanding Large Load Interconnection
- Planted Solar | Power at Manufacturing Speed: Rethinking solar deployment for the AI age
- Power Planet | The Math of Scaling Geothermal: A paradigm shift from exploring for unicorn sites to relevance almost anywhere
- Project Innerspace | Demand Pull Innovation in the Age of Energy Abundance: Strategies to address gaps and accelerate growth in the energy sector
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- Renaissance Fusion | The Path to Energy Abundance and Geopolitical Advantage
- RenewCO₂ | Electrifying Chemistry: From lab breakthroughs to industrial-scale molecule manufacturing
- Respire Energy | Metal, Saltwater, Air: A scalable approach to store energy for businesses and the grid
- REsurety | Ditching the Email Era: New institutional-grade liquidity for clean energy
- Rigetti | Quantum Computing Promises Significant Benefit for Event Prediction
- Sandbox Carbon | It's Still too Early to Write Carbon Capture's Obituary: An overview of where carbon capture actually wins
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- Schneider Electric | Replicating and Accelerating Human Experience to Enable AI-powered Autonomous Operations
- Schneider Electric | The Critical Role of AI to Enable Autonomous and Sustainable Plant Operations
- Sensat + National Grid Partners | Grid Transformation at the Speed of AI: Convergence, affordability and scale
- SiC Systems | Accelerating complex chemical and bio-manufacturing process design through AI, Agents and Machine Learning
- Siemens Energy | E-STATCOM Solutions: Essential for data centers
- Siemens Energy | Powering Up: What it takes to upgrade a power plant
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- SLB | From Hotspots to Everywhere: How digital + innovative industry alliances are unlocking geothermal energy
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- SPACECOOL | Becoming a Game Changer by Zero-energy Cooling
- Spotlight Earth | Turning CCS Monitoring into a Source of Savings
- Standard Energy | Redefining Energy Infrastructure: Vanadium ion batteries as the new standard for fire-safe, high-performance power solutions
- Standard Lithium | America's Strategic Lithium Advantage: Unlocking the Arkansas Smackover with direct lithium extraction
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- Syzygy Plasmonics | Affordable, Globally Compliant SAF Using Abundant Biogas Feedstock
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- TechEnergy Ventures | Decarbonization of steel is closer than we think
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- Teragen Energy | Advanced Fuel Cells to Unlock AI Data Center Flexibility and Enable Sustainable Load Growth
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- Trident Energy Group | Intelligent Facilities of the Future™: Re-architecting power for the AI economy
- TYFAST | Powering Diesel-Grade Batteries for Heavy Industry: Enabling maximum uptime with lowest operating cost
- UptimeAI | Scaling Expertise, Not Headcount: The next phase of industrial AI with reasoning agents
- Utility Global | Economic Decarbonization of Existing Refining and Petrochemical Assets and Products
- Vaulted Deep | The Subsurface as Waste and Carbon Infrastructure
- VEIR | Superconductivity: Creating a new category of power delivery for AI data centers
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- Voya Energy | Unleashing the Power of Metal Fuels
- Waste to Energy Generating | On-site, Off-grid, Behind-the-meter Waste Heat to Energy and Cooling for Hyperscale Data Centers
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution | Signal from the Noise: Innovative ocean precision sensors
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution | The Climate Hero: Unlocking ocean carbon storage
- World Wide Technology | BTU to GPU: The AI-driven energy value chain
- Worley | Designing for Volatility: How integrated power and cooling unlock AI performance
- Yama | Novel Electrochemical Low-concentration Carbon Capture: The path to net-zero data centers
- Zanskar | Geothermal Exploration + AI: Bring on the heat
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Heather Gilligan, Senior Advisor, Pyxis Advisory



Topsoe | Secure Hydrogen Supply at Scale through Flexibility and Resilience:
Adam Kadhim, Product Line Director, Topsoe



JOGMEC | JOGMEC's Initiatives toward CCS Business Development: **Ryuta Kitamura**, Director General, CCS Project Department, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security

- Ammonia Energy Association | AEA Ammonia Certification System: Operating a global certification and registry pilot
- Department of Transportation | AI in Federal Policymaking
- EDF | From Molecules to Systems: A framework for sustainable aviation and maritime fuels
- EDF | Leveraging High-precision Satellite Data for Emissions Inventory Integrity
- Georedox | Hydrogen from Rock: From a natural phenomenon to scalable engineered supply
- JOGMEC | Advancing Japan's Clean Hydrogen Ecosystem: Current progress and future plans
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries | An ERCOT System Planning Scenario: A low-carbon grid by 2050
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- S&P Global | Physical Risks and Hazards: Extreme weather considerations and financial implications
- S&P Global | Pricing Climate Resilience: Insurance – hard to abate, stranded assets and commodity impacts
- S&P Global | The Evolution of Cost Indexes: Why cost indexes matter
- S&P Global | Water Scarcity as a Systemic Constraint on Energy and Digital Infrastructure
- S&P Global + NVIDIA | Predicting Grid Risk with AI Weather Models
- S&P Global | Iron Ore's Shift into Surplus Driving New Order
- S&P Global | Path to the Future of Work, Energy Edition
- SEEC Institute | Perspectives from the US Congress: Creating a thriving economy
- Synopsys | OpenMinds: More energy, less emissions... at AI speed?!
- Texas Fusion Energy Consortium
- William McDonough | Cradle to Cradle Design and the Circular Carbon Economy
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution | Ocean Intelligence: AI, autonomy and energy's next breakthrough frontier



Kairos Power | Industrializing Nuclear Delivery: Manufacturing, modularity and a new construction model: Edward Blandford, Co-Founder and CTO, Kairos Power



Energy Venture Day and Pitch Competition at CERAWeek

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The Houston Energy Transition Initiative (HETI), Rice Alliance and TEX-E hosted the fourth annual Energy Venture Day and Pitch Competition at CERAWeek. The event showcases energy ventures driving efficiency and advancements toward the energy transition through fields such as carbon management, advanced manufacturing, hydrogen, grid technology and more. This year's competition was a qualifying event for the Startup World Cup, powered by Pegasus Ventures. The top-scoring venture was invited to compete in the grand finale for a \$1 million investment prize.

The fast-paced competition was designed to connect energy startups with venture capitalists, corporate innovation groups, industry leaders, academics and service providers. Prior to the competition, energy ventures participated in one-on-one meetings with investors. Close to 50 investor groups participated in over 450 meetings with the companies.

Three tracks of competition featured 36 industry startups, and one track, the TEX-E Prize, featured five university startups. The companies pitched in the Innovation Agora at CERAWeek in front of a full crowd of industry leaders.

The startups represented five countries and 15 US states and have collectively raised \$435 million in funding. A panel of judges consisting of industry experts and investors named the top three ventures from each track.



**HETI/TEX-E Award
Ceremony: Sandy Guitar,**
Executive Director, TEX-E



Track A | Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization

1st place – Armeta

Armeta is the AI-Powered Standard for MTO Automation.

Track B | Advanced Manufacturing, Materials, & Other Advanced Technologies

1st place – Licube

Licube is a deep-tech startup commercializing electro dialysis-based lithium refining to supply ultra-high-purity (>99.995%) lithium products for advanced industrial and strategic applications.

Track C | Innovations for Traditional Energy, Electricity, & the Grid

1st place – PolyJoule

PolyJoule is an MIT-spinout building fireproof plastic batteries from domestic natural gas derivatives with no metals or rare earths, offering an unmatched safety profile that unlocks energy storage in dense urban environments where lithium-ion cannot go.



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Overall Winner

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HETI/TEX-E Award Ceremony:
Eli Paster, CEO of PolyJoule and
Lawrence Berg, PhD, VP of Berg
Land Development

TEX-E Prize Winners

The TEX-E Prize highlighted the innovation of five Texas student-led energy startups that competed for \$50,000 in cash prizes where the top three were selected by the judges.



Quantum Power Systems

QPS has designed and patented cost-effective NanoInverter solution for residential solar systems.



Resonant Thermal Systems

Resonant Thermal Systems (RTS) builds scalable solutions for fresh water and critical minerals extraction from high-salinity resources.



Quas (Cocarbon)

QUAS is developing an integrated agricultural waste-to-water platform that will transform Texas cotton gin waste into activated carbon for industrial water treatment, leveraging proven technology from our Peru operations.



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The Energy Innovation Pioneers program regularly features examples from the world's leading early-stage enterprises in energy and sustainability.

The Pioneers are selected by a panel of S&P Global technology and market experts who identify companies—disrupting or enabling—that exemplify:

- Invention and creativity
- Scalability
- Feasibility and timeliness
- Visionary leadership

Chosen from a field of over 500 candidates, this year's class of Pioneers is representative of the innovation occurring across the energy spectrum. Representing a response to both early market pressures of energy security and affordability as well as long-term technology and market trends—AI and automation, carbon removal, infrastructure build out, sustainable energy supply—these companies are helping to advance and manage the expansion of a complex global energy system.



Geothermal exploration and AI Bring on the Heat: Carl Hoiland, Co-founder and CEO, Zanskar

2026 Class of Energy Innovation Pioneers

- Captura
- Corva
- nPlan
- Zanskar



Energy Innovation Pioneers | Are Low-carbon Technologies Ready for Prime Time?: Carolyn Seto, Executive Director, Energy Technology and Innovation, S&P Global Energy; **Wendy Lam**, CEO, Captura Technologies, Energy Innovation Pioneer Alumna; **CX Xiang**, Co-founder and CTO, Captura



The New Chef Engineer Using AI to scale expert recipes: Umut Ozdogan, Global Vice President & Managing Director, Corva.AI



Energy Innovation Pioneers | Leveraging AI to Advance Global Energy Supply: Dev Amratia, CEO and Founder, nPlan



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Future Energy Leaders

Overview

Partner Programs encompass a dynamic series of events aimed at facilitating high-level interaction among senior executives and officials, and fostering engagement by emerging leaders and communities.

- **Leadership Circle Summits, Forums and EPICs:** Exclusive gatherings that promote dialogue and collaboration among influential leaders under Chatham House rule.
- **Future Energy Leaders:** A program designed to advance exceptional individuals from companies, policy and academic institutions to help empower them to meet current and future energy challenges.
- **CERAWeek Executive Education:** Immersive initiative designed to cultivate leadership skills and strategic thinking among participants, using a comprehensive curriculum.
- **Women in Energy:** Empowering platform dedicated to elevating leadership, driving innovation, and highlighting the vital contributions of women across the energy sector.
- **NextGen:** Deepens the ever-important connection between academia and industry, creating a dynamic environment that cultivates top talent, uncovers fresh ideas, and discovers newfound energy transition pathways.

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Technology and Innovation Summit

Summits included:

- Climate and Sustainability Summit
- Future of Fuels Summit
- Global Gas and LNG Summit
- Global Hydrogen Summit
- Global Power Summit
- Oil and Gas Innovation Summit

Summits – Standing communities that meet each year to explore common concerns, develop new relationships, gain insights and share experiences and perspectives.



Global Upstream Summit

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Leadership Circles (cont.)

Forums



Chief Financial Officer Forum



Chief Human Resources Officer Forum



Africa Forum

Forums included:

- AI in Energy Forum
- Asia Pacific Forum
- Bridging COP30 and COP31 Forum
- Carbon Accounting Forum
- Chief AI Officer Forum
- Clean Energy Supply Chains Forum
- Copper in the Age of AI Forum
- Critical Minerals Forum
- Energy Pathways for Emerging and Developing Economies Forum
- Europe Forum
- Financial Forum: North America
- Global Gas and Power Forum
- Global Partnerships for Ukraine Forum: Strategic Opportunities in the Energy Sector
- Latin America Forum
- Methane Forum
- Multidimensional Global Energy Pathways Forum
- North America Forum
- Nuclear Forum
- Risk and Resilience Forum

Regional Forums – Gather to discuss topics impacting specific geographical communities.

Topical Forums – Focus on critical and developing concepts impacting the energy industry.

Functional Forums – Bring together professionals from specific operational areas to promote a deeper understanding of their unique needs.

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Future Energy Leaders

The Future Energy Leaders (FEL) program is a cross-industry community that runs in parallel to CERAWeek. Members of this program engage in learning, dialogue and networking opportunities at the conference. Chosen by virtue of their high potential as future leaders of the industry, participants form a unique community. The Future Energy Leaders program cultivates exceptional individuals from companies, policy, and academic institutions to help empower them to meet current and future energy challenges. The program offers opportunities to interact with peers and partake in thought leadership discussions led by prominent executives and officials throughout the week. Future Energy Leaders are connected to one another post-CERAWeek via a LinkedIn Alumni Network.

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Patricia Espinosa, Former Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Steven Hellman, EVP and CFO, TerraPower

The Honorable Mary Landrieu, Co-Chair, Leadership Council, Natural Allies for a Clean Energy Future, Senior Policy Advisor, Van Ness Feldman LLP

Raoul LeBlanc, VP, Upstream, S&P Global

Jannik Lindbaek, EVP Communication, Equinor

Amy Linder, Global Head of People, S&P Global Energy

Rachel A. Meidl, Fellow, Energy & Sustainability; Deputy Director, Center for Energy Studies, Baker Institute/Center for Energy Studies

Hon. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, U.S. House of Representatives, Iowa

Geoffrey Parker, Faculty Director, Irving Institute at Dartmouth, Arthur L. Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth

Carlos Pascual, SVP, Global Energy and International Affairs, S&P Global Energy

Hon. Scott Peters, U.S. House of Representatives, California

Nina Sovich, Media Trainer, Loquent Strategies

Alan Susi, Global Head of Workforce Planning & Future of Work, S&P Global

Natznet Tesfay, VP, Head of Analysis, Global Insight, S&P Global

Hon. David Valadao, U.S. House of Representatives, California

Hill Vaden, Executive Director, S&P Global

Derek Wong, VP, Government Relations and Public Affairs, Excelerate Energy



Funding Growth in Volatile Energy Markets
Liquidity, Risk & Capital Strategy in Practice: **Hill Vaden**, Executive Director, S&P Global and **Steven Hellman**, EVP and CFO, TerraPower



People Risk, Social Trust, and Labor Relations: The new license to operate in energy projects: **Amy Linder** (Chair), Global Head of People, S&P Global Energy; **Jannik Lindbæk**, EVP Communication, Equinor; and **Alan Susi**, Global Head of Workforce Planning & Future of Work, S&P Global



Professional Development Programs

Executive Education

CERAWeek Executive Education is committed to cultivating rising talent, through discussion-based content sessions with S&P Global thought leaders and prominent professors. Beginning the weekend prior to CERAWeek, this program equips C-suite leaders and senior managers with the conceptual, technical, and strategic fluency required to guide AI-driven transformation across the energy value chain.

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Dr. Abel Sanchez, Executive Director - Geospatial Data Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



John Williams, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



Energy's Role in Global Economics and Politics: Daniel Yergin, Chairman, CERAWeek and Vice Chairman, S&P Global



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Women in Energy

A strategic initiative designed to elevate leadership, drive innovation, and spotlight the critical contributions of women across the energy sector. By harnessing the power of diverse perspectives, this program fosters a more resilient, forward-thinking industry. Whether engaging established executives or emerging leaders, Women in Energy is a catalyst for progress—shaping the future of energy with equity, vision, and impact.

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Amy Elam, Head, Partner Programs, S&P Global Energy



Women in Energy Dinner: **Beth Evans** (Chair), Head of Regional Insights, Upstream Solutions, S&P Global; **Arni Laily Anwarrudin**, Senior General Manager, Strategic Communications, Group Strategic Relations & Communications, PETRONAS; **Hema Prapoo**, Worldwide Energy Industry Leader, Microsoft; **Mary Streett**, SVP, Communications & External Affairs, Americas, bp; and **Michele Harradence**, EVP & President, Gas Distribution and Storage, Enbridge Inc.



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Women in Energy Reception hosted by ExxonMobil



Women in Energy Content Session | Investing in a Sustainable Energy Future



CERAWeek Exchange | Women in Energy Meetup





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NextGen at CERAWeek serves as a vital nexus between academia, industry, and government, fostering a vibrant atmosphere for emerging talent and novel ideas. This initiative enriches the existing innovation community by connecting top graduate students from diverse fields to industry leaders, and fortifying industrial-academic collaboration to translate transformative ideas into reality.

The NextGen community includes graduate students in 16 standardized disciplines, fellows in diverse research areas, energy center directors, senior faculty, academic administrators, Chief HR Officers, corporate recruiters, and Chief Technology and Innovation Officers, all dedicated to advancing innovation in the energy sector.

Through curated programming, collaborative discussions, and targeted networking events, NextGen ignites creativity and inspires incoming trailblazers to discover and develop groundbreaking solutions to the energy industry's most pressing challenges.



Scan or click here to view the NextGen at CERAWeek in Review 2026 in its entirety



NextGen Conversation with Van Jones: Murray Fisher (Chair), Director, Strategic Development, CERAWeek, S&P Global and **Van Jones**, CNN Host, Founder of DreamMachine.org and Founder of RAPPORT.co



Spotlight: "NextGen" energy leaders of the future: Louis Carranza (Moderator), Global Head of Portfolio Events and Co-Chair of CERAWeek, S&P Global; **Darryl Willis**, Corporate VP, Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft; and **Vijay Swarup** (Chair), Director, Independent



NextGen Conversations: A Guiding Message from Hon. Chris Wright, US Energy Secretary, to the Future Energy Workforce: Naki Mendoza (Chair), CERAWeek Executive Conference Director, S&P Global and **Hon. Chris Wright**, Secretary of Energy, United States Department of Energy



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NextGen Cohort – CERAWeek 2026

NextGen formats include:

NextGen Amphitheater — Dedicated zone in the Nexus for discussions oriented toward advancing a passionate, diverse workforce, showcasing emerging innovation; and deepening collaboration between industry, academia, early-stage startups and government.

NextGen Dialogue — Senior officials from government, academia, industry and startups share insights and strategies to attract talent and enable continued innovation. NextGen Dialogue is in the Executive Conference.

NextGen Pod — Featuring purpose-driven innovation and early-stage research at universities, energy and climate centers and incubators during 25-minute Pod sessions in a dedicated zone of the Nexus.

NextGen Meetup — Small, informal gathering of communities that share a common interest.

NextGen Colloquium — Exclusive, interactive format with discussions focused on enhancing collaborative partnerships between academia, industry, early-stage startups and government. Media not allowed.

NextGen Lyceum — The Lyceum Program features seminars in a classroom lecture-styled room, on critical topics in early-stage research and collaborative innovation between academia, industry, government and fellows. Media not allowed.

NextGen Huddle — Semi-private setting for intimate discussions with up to six participants, conducive to talent recruitment, and exploring research partnerships.

Innovators Row — Showcasing early-stage research from universities and incubators using posters, whiteboards and other media at kiosks.



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Agora Partner Houses are dedicated spaces for participants to experience technologies from our Partners firsthand that are transforming the energy industry

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Government Officials House Visitations*



Hon. Chris Wright, Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy and (far right) **Ruth Porat**, President & Chief Investment Officer, Alphabet and Google



Ditte Juul-Jørgensen, Director-General for Energy, European Commission

Agora House Tours*



* Not a complete list of tours.



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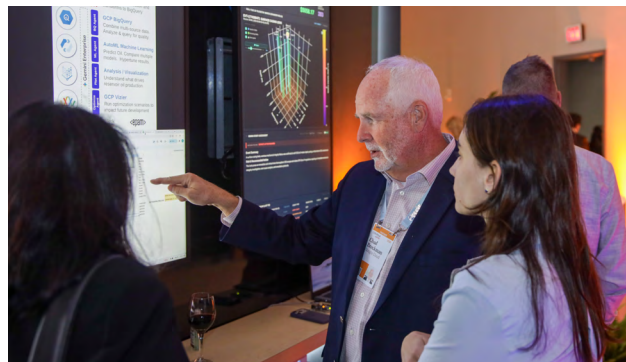
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Agora Partner Installations in the Innovation Agora offer participants an opportunity to explore and experience leading-edge solutions through interactive demonstrations from Partner organizations.

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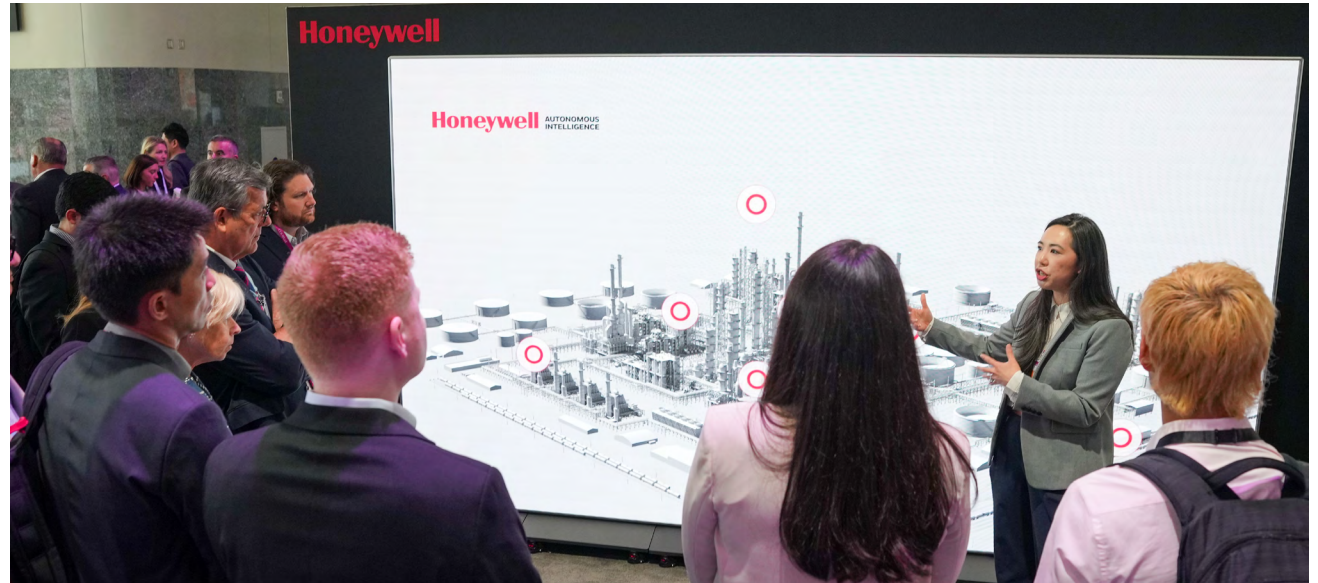
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Overview

Innovation Agora Partners support the exciting global innovation and technology community dedicated to creating new pathways and solutions for the energy future, contributing their expertise and experiences to this immersive environment.

The program integrates branding, knowledge contribution, media support, delegation support, hosting and networking into a single, tailored strategy that supports the Partner's objectives.

Partner Benefits

- Peer hosting, interaction and networking focused on advancing business
- Thought leadership and executive engagement
- Partner recognition, media, virtual platforms, and CERAWeek branding program

Partners benefit from high-level participation and direct engagement in CERAWeek content and community development. Designed to maximize the impact of a Partner's CERAWeek experience for executives, Partnership Programs offer opportunities to deepen relationships with key stakeholders, develop and share ideas and thought leadership, enhance visibility and communicate key messages to a wider audience.

Partnership enables active participation in all key components of CERAWeek in a single, integrated program.

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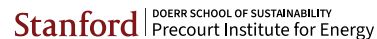
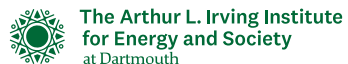


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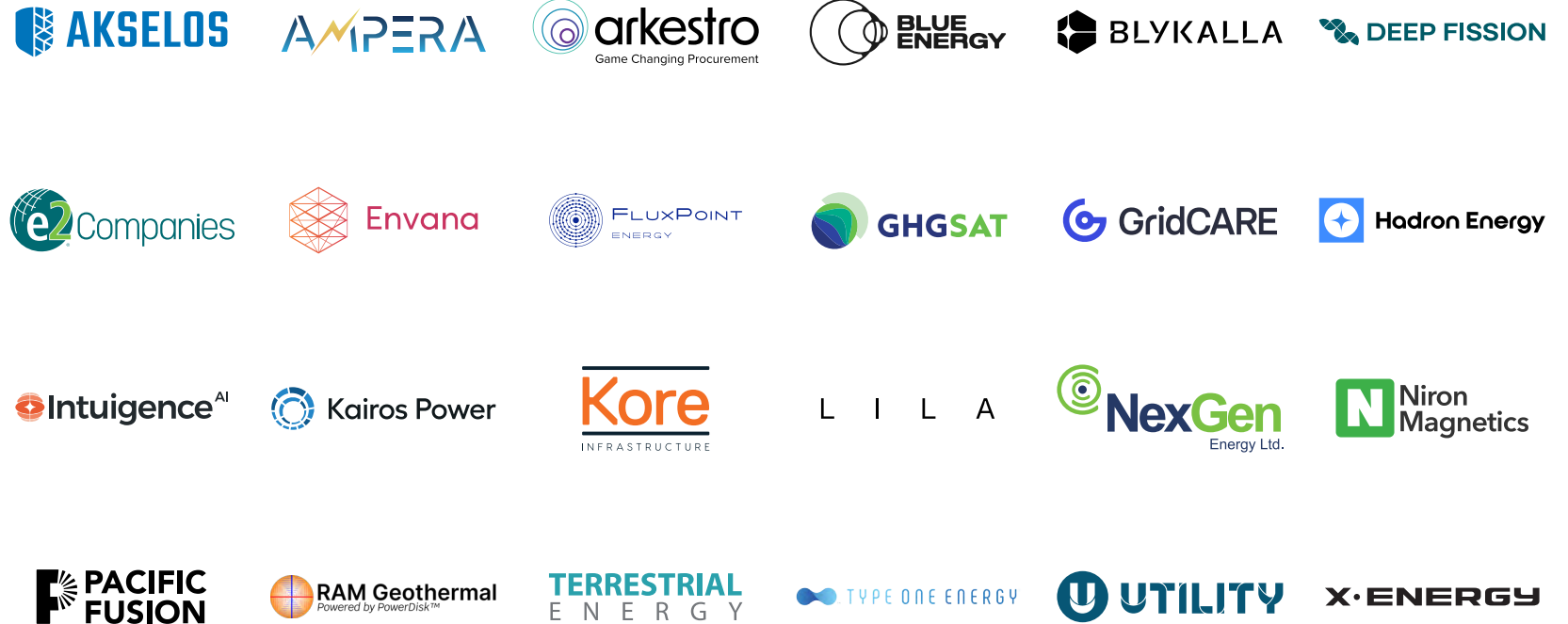
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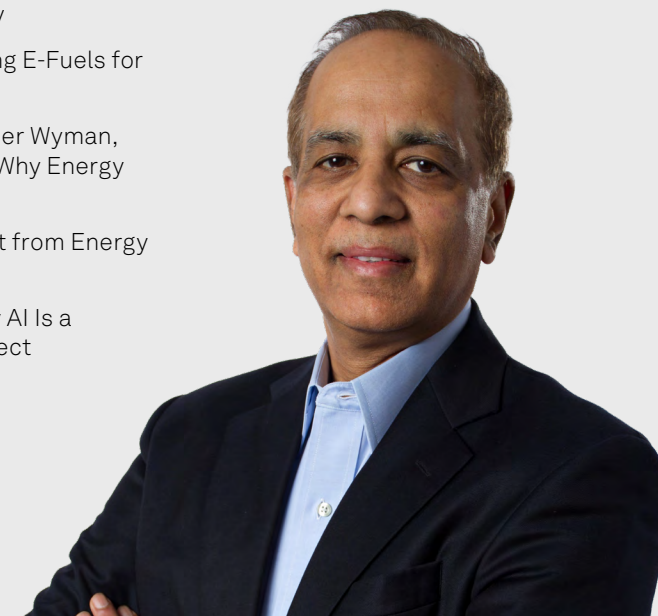
CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya

In its third season, the CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya, SVP and Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global Energy, featured 17 thought-provoking episodes that set the tone for CERAWeek 2026. In the lead-up to the conference, the podcast brought together visionaries and decision-makers to explore the themes that would define this year's dialogue — offering a preview of the insights and innovations shaping the global energy conversation.

- **Daniel Yergin** and **Carlos Pascual**, S&P Global on What Happens When the Worlds of Gas, Power, Minerals and Artificial Intelligence Collide?
- **Daniel Yergin** and **Atul Arya**, S&P Global, preview CERAWeek 2026: Convergence and Competition — Energy, Technology and Geopolitics
- **Carlos Pascual** and **Roger Diwan**, S&P Global, Inside CERAWeek 2026: Energy, Markets and Shifting Geopolitics
- **Varun Sivaram**, Emerald AI, on Can AI Solve Its Own Energy Challenge?
- **John R. Williams** and **Abel Sanchez**, MIT Faculty, on Generative AI for Energy Executives
- **Professor Jun Arima**, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC), on Energy Security, Nuclear and Japan's Path to Decarbonization
- **Uwem Ukpog**, Amazon Web Services, on the Power Convergence: AI Demand and Grid Capacity
- **Lawrence Coben**, NRG Energy, on Collaboration and the Electricity Demand "Supercycle"
- **Ashraf Al Ghazzawi**, Saudi Aramco, on Energy Security and Why Supply Still Drives the Energy Transition
- **Bill Newsom**, Mitsubishi Power Americas, on the Race to Deliver Power at Scale
- **Hanna Grene**, Microsoft, on Matching 100% of Global Electricity Demand with Renewables
- **Kim Hedegaard**, Topsoe, on Moving Beyond the Hydrogen Hype
- **José Fonrouge**, Ternium, on Decarbonizing Steel in a Two-billion-ton Industry
- **Meg Gentle**, HIF Global, on Scaling E-Fuels for Aviation and Heavy Transport
- **Nick Studer**, Marsh Risk and Olivier Wyman, **Mark Pellerin**, Oliver Wyman, on Why Energy Risk Is Now a Boardroom Issue
- **Morten Wierod**, ABB, on the Shift from Energy Transition to Energy Expansion
- **David Rabley**, Accenture, on Why AI Is a Business Strategy, Not an IT Project



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