

Committee on Energy



One-year report

From Melbourne to 20 October 2020

After the meeting in Melbourne, the work was oriented towards two objectives:

- 1. to continue and amplify the activity of the Energy Committee
- 2. to organize French support for this activity, in accordance with the commitments made.

A third objective was quickly added to these two objectives:

3. to participate in the WED organized in Paris on March 4, 2020.

To continue and amplify the activity of the Energy Committee

The Energy Committee meeting in Melbourne was attended by 18 people and was unable to deal with the full agenda.

The first task was to update the list of Committee members from the lists of available emails.Some 60 members were contacted by e-mail when the Committee was re-launched, 25% replied.

The WFEO has added about ten more contacts.

A first meeting had been planned in the form of a working dinner on March 3, 2020, on the occasion of the WED.

To organize French support for this activity, in accordance with the commitments made.

In accordance with the commitments made and in addition to financial resources, the Chairman of the Works Council has mobilized human resources in France to support the Committee's activities.

- This concerns the assistantship and secretariat of the committee as planned but also communication skills in order to think professionally about the best channels of communication, outreach and advocacy.

- A mirror group has also been set up to ensure access to high-level expertise on the various themes that will be the subject of work by the committee; a first meeting of the group was held on February 6 in Paris and brought together some fifteen people from industry, research and professional associations. The IESF - the WFEO French member association - was of course represented.

To participate in the WED organized in Paris on March 4, 2020.

A high-level round table was organized on the following topic "Which technologies for a sustainable energy transition?" with participants from China, France, Germany, Nigeria and Russia, moderated by the Chairman of the Energy Committee.

The pandemic that hit the world obviously disrupted this beginning of activity, notably by causing the cancellation of the events planned at UNESCO at the beginning of March and thus the working dinner of the energy committee.



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The work continued during the lockout period: it enabled the preparation of the first meeting of the Energy Committee, which was held on 24 June 2020 by videoconference with about 15 participants. This was an opportunity to present the organization of the committee's work, proposals for work themes and communication choices.

A second meeting of the committee was held on 14 October 2020, by videoconference, with about 35 participants. The composition of the steering committee was presented:

Chair – Jean Eudes Moncomble Special adviser – Jorge Spitalnik Vice chair Africa – Abubakar S Sambo, Nigeria Vice chair Asia/Pacific –Hongbin Sun, China Vice chair Europe/Russia – Daniel Favrat, Switzerland Vice chair Middle East/South Central Asia – Pradeep Chaturvedi, India Vice chair(s) America – N.. and TG chairs during the activity of their Task Group.

The choice of the first seven work topics was decided and the chairs of three working groups were installed as follow:

- Solar chair: Carsten Ahrens
- Nuclear -
- Energy Internet chair: Hongbin Sun
- CCUS –
- Energy Storage –
- Hydrogen –
- Electrification chair: Abubakar Sambo

A cross-cutting study on the sustainability and resilience of energy systems was launched. The discussion also focused on the organization of international events.

The next plenary meeting will be held on 21 January 2021.