



GENEVA ENERGY CONVERSATIONS

Putting the genie back: Two degrees will be harder than we think

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2014 | 18:30 – 20:30



The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Graduate Institute's Centre for International Environmental Studies (CIES) are launching a special series to engage Geneva based experts and the public in conversations about **sustainable energy**.

Auditorium Ivan Pictet
[Maison de la paix, Geneva](#)

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David Hone, Chief Climate Change advisor to Shell and author of [Putting the Genie Back: 2°C Will Be Harder than We Think](#), will kick off the series, taking on the subject of climate change in a frank and open discussion, built on more than 30 years in the energy industry.

Climate change could be categorised as the most pervasive yet least understood issue of our generation. Some deny it, others are incensed by it, but most are left in the middle wondering what to think and, more importantly, do about it.

Governments have been trying to come to terms with this for over twenty years and have little to show for their efforts; emissions just continue to rise. From Canberra to Capetown and Washington to Warsaw, controversy abounds.

“The solutions lie within our grasp; it's just a question of whether we want to use them.”

His presentation will be followed by a panel debate, asking:

- How can we respond to the challenge?
- How should we segment the priorities?
- How can we get the necessary political ownership?

PROGRAMME

Welcome

- Michael Møller, Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Philippe Burrin, Director of the Graduate Institute
- H. E. Thomas Fitschen, Ambassador, Germany

Keynote

- David Hone, Chief Climate Change Advisor to Shell, and author of [Putting the Genie Back: 2°C Will Be Harder than We Think](#)

Panel

- Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, UNECE
- Tom Murley, Director, Renewable Energy, HgCapital
- Peter Wooders, Group Director Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development Europe
- Hans B. (Teddy) Püttgen, Senior Director, Nanyang Technological University, Energy Research Institute, Singapore, and Professeur Honoraire, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- Joelle Noailly, Research Fellow and Programme Lead, Innovation and Sustainable Growth, CIES, the Graduate Institute
- Representative from Azerbaijan

Moderator

- Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

A cocktail reception will follow.

BACKGROUND

This event is the first of a series of energy conversations, that seeks to bring together Geneva based and international energy experts to discuss persistent questions related to sustainable energy and climate change from another angle.

The aim is to propose innovative approaches or introduce elements for practical solutions with a view to share ideas that are inspirational, can change attitudes and contribute to a real energy revolution.

This first event will be held with the support of the German Mission of Geneva and the European Azerbaijan Society in the context of UNECE's Sustainable Energy Week and the 23rd session of the Committee on Sustainable Development: *Energy for Development: Must Reality conflict with Ambition?*