

ENERGY CHARTER INDUSTRY ADVISORY PANEL



What is the Industry Advisory Panel?

The Energy Charter Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) is the expert consultative body to the Energy Charter Conference, providing policy advice from energy companies, international business associations and financial institutions on energy investment and the functioning of energy markets.

The Panel includes members from all sectors of the energy industry and from a wide range of signatory and observer countries to the Energy Charter Treaty. Currently, it has 57 members from 24 countries, covering all segments of the energy value chain such as exploration, production, generation, transmission, distribution, finance, equipment, services, technology and consultancy.

The Industry Advisory Panel encourages policy makers to promote investment in the energy sector through a sound legal framework, regulatory stability, market confidence and availability of investment risk guarantees.

The Panel also encourages accession to the Energy Charter Treaty, as a unique international legal framework for the promotion and protection of energy investments, assuring energy investors of a high level of legal security and appropriate access to dispute settlement mechanisms.

What is the main objective of the IAP?

The multilateral structure of the Energy Charter Treaty directly addresses the continuing need for a reliable framework for international energy cooperation. The provisions of the Treaty, including the availability of dispute resolution proceedings, provide a robust international framework which can do much to underpin both government and investor confidence in major energy sector development. Based on the experience of its members in energy investment and development, the Industry Advisory Panel continues to strongly support the Energy Charter process and the principles of the ECT in international energy practice.

Why joining the IAP?

The IAP held its first meeting in April 2005 and since then the business community has shown consistent support for its work, offering input based on practical experience across a wide range of subjects related to the promotion of energy investment in the ECT area. Over twelve years of operation, the IAP has proved to be an effective venue for a focused and productive dialogue between the industry and the ECT member states.

Who can join?

Members of the Industry Advisory Panel are selected on the basis of voluntary applications from the business community, nominations from member countries and invitations from the Secretariat. Members should be at a senior level, close to the decision-making process in their companies/organisations.

How to join?

Candidates are requested to send their expression of interest with the enclosed application letters to the Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat. There is no membership fee, while the membership is renewed every year by submission of the list of members to the Conference.

Leadership

The Chairman of the Panel is Mr Howard Chase, Director of Government Affairs at Dow Europe. Mr Xie Qiuye, President of the China's Electric Power Planning & Engineering Institute (EPPEI), is a regional Chair for Asia.

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