



ENERGY CHARTER
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Informational Roundtable on the Energy Charter:

Driving energy investments and cooperation in a changing world: Benefits and opportunities for deeper engagement with the ECT

**Tehran, Iran
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from 8.30 to 11.30**

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Welcome coffee: before 8.30am

The International Energy Charter as a driver for energy investment flows and global cooperation

8.30– 10.00

Session led by experts from the Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

- *Understanding the Energy Charter concept: why was the organization established and what were its primary objectives*
- *Relevant Energy Charter foundation documents and other terminology explained: Energy Charter Treaty (ECT), Energy Charter Conference and Process, relevant political declarations and objectives*
- *The Energy Charter Treaty: a premier multilateral investment protection framework dedicated to the energy sector*
- *The Energy Charter Process and the key elements of our work: investment, trade, transit and energy efficiency*
- *Taking energy security solutions to a global level: geographic expansion of the Energy Charter Process from its Eurasian beginnings*
- *The Hague Ministerial Summit and International Energy Charter political declaration of May 2015: why now and what relevance for global energy markets*
- *The globalization of the Energy Charter: expansion of our work into Asia, Africa and Latin America*

What motivates countries to promote deeper engagement with the Charter and what practical benefits does engagement offer?

10.00 – 11.30

Session led by Energy Charter Experts

- *Why did countries join the process and the Treaty originally?*
- *How have these objectives changed over time, amidst the backdrop of changing energy market environment at the global and regional levels*
- *Elaborating upon the workings of the Charter in order to promote and protect energy investments at the international level*
- *Where this places us in relation to other international organizations addressing energy security*
- *Investment attractiveness of ECT members Vs non-members in light of FDI in the energy sector*
- *What has been achieved/current objectives and planning with a view to investments in Energy Charter member and observer countries*
- *The benefits of engagement as reflected by multiple country experience (China, The United States, Jordan, Mauritania, East African states as possible discussion cases)*
- *Benefits and obligations of Energy Charter observer countries Vs full members*
- *From the outside looking in: why an observer country might wish to accede to the Energy Charter Treaty*
- *What newcomer countries hope to achieve out of the International Energy Charter Political Declaration of 2015: limitations and possibilities*
- *Why energy exporting countries may be interested in joining the Energy Charter/acceding to the ECT.*
- *Conversely, what motivational factors may undermine their reasoning to join/accede to the ECT*
- *Public-private partnership under the Energy Charter: Investors as the ultimate benefactors of the Energy Charter Treaty*
- *The Energy Charter Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) as the gateway between international government and the energy industry*

- *Core focus of IAP activity: why do industry and government need each other in the Energy Charter context*