



# 11th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency

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## Protecting consumers and building resilience through energy efficiency

In the context of heightened global energy market volatility and economic uncertainty, energy efficiency remains one of the central tools for strengthening energy security, enhancing industrial competitiveness and improving affordability for households, while also helping governments pursue their shared goals on sustainability.

Energy efficiency can simultaneously shield consumers from the worst effects of short-term price shocks while making whole economies and industries more resilient in the longer term. When consumers drive more efficient cars, live in more efficient buildings and work for companies that have maximised their energy productivity, less energy is wasted, bills and emissions are lower, and households and businesses are all better prepared for the future. Energy efficiency allows them to do so in healthier, more productive environments, while enjoying the wider benefits of secure and sustainable jobs.

The **IEA's 11th Annual Global Conference on Energy Efficiency** will be the central moment of 2026 in which governments, businesses and civil society will come together to strengthen collaboration towards these aims. The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Global Conference, which follows recent successes in Brussels and Nairobi, will be co-hosted by IEA Executive Director, Dr Fatih Birol, and Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tim Hodgson.

The event will provide a unique forum for ministers, CEOs and other senior leaders to discuss their plans to accelerate progress on energy efficiency, through two days of high-level panels, roundtable discussions and bilateral meetings. At this critical moment for global energy security, the event will highlight the strength and urgency of collaborative action to accelerate efficiency – a cornerstone of a more secure and sustainable energy system. Integrating demand-side measures, achieving energy savings, and promoting resilience will be at the forefront of discussions in Montreal, allowing governments and industry alike to learn from the previous crisis and to address the current one.

### Overview

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Global Conference will take place at the Palais de congrès de Montreal on 29 and 30 June 2026, with a welcome evening reception on the evening of 28 June.** There is no registration fee for participation. Attendance is by invitation – to discuss your participation alongside over 600 other senior representatives from government and industry, please contact [energy.efficiency@iea.org](mailto:energy.efficiency@iea.org).

<b>Sunday 28 June</b>	Registration opens Welcome cocktail reception
<b>Monday 29 June</b>	Grand opening High-level panels Ministerial roundtable discussion CEO roundtable discussion
<b>Tuesday 30 June</b>	Further high-level panels Thematic sessions

## Sunday 28 June

### Welcome reception

Informal cocktail reception to welcome participants to Montreal. Following some short open remarks, winners of the IEA Youth Energy Efficiency Leadership Award will be announced and winning entries introduced. Conference registration will open from mid-afternoon.

## Monday 29 June

### Grand Opening

The conference will begin with welcome remarks from the co-hosts, before a panel discussion in which ministers and CEOs will discuss the strategic importance of energy efficiency in meeting objectives around energy security, affordability and industrial competitiveness.

### Morning Coffee and networking

#### Business leadership on energy efficiency

A panel discussion highlighting how businesses are demonstrating leadership on energy efficiency.

#### Efficiency for industrial competitiveness

A panel discussion underlining how policies can unlock the potential for energy efficiency to drive industrial competitiveness and jobs.

#### Ministerial Roundtable on Energy Efficiency

Closed-door session for Ministers to discuss steps needed for stronger policy action and international collaboration on energy efficiency.

### Lunch

#### Energy efficiency for affordability

A panel discussion of ministers and senior international leaders on how stronger energy efficiency can boost affordability for households, businesses and public finances.

#### CEO Roundtable

Closed-door session for invited CEOs and senior executives to exchange views on how to leverage untapped potential for energy savings across sectors.

### Afternoon coffee and networking

### Closing Panel

A panel discussion bringing together insights from across the day to understand how best to strengthen public-private collaboration on energy efficiency, with the aim of achieving shared goals on affordability, security, competitiveness and sustainability.

### Conference dinner events

## Tuesday 30 June

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### Welcome and coffee

#### Financing energy efficiency

High-level speakers come together to explore how governments can help create the conditions to rapidly accelerate investments in energy efficiency and, together with private and financial bodies, help overcome financing constraints.

#### AI for efficiency

A panel discussion that examines the range of promising new AI tools that are being harnessed worldwide as a positive tool for unlocking new routes to energy efficiency.

### Lunch

#### Afternoon thematic sessions

Exchanges on specific sectors or topic areas in greater depth.

**Accelerating action on efficient, grid-interactive buildings**

**Digital and flexible demand-driven power systems**

**Smart and efficient appliances fit for the future**

**New frontiers in modern and efficient data centres**

**Energy efficiency supporting remote and rural communities**

**Driving energy efficiency for a competitive industrial sector**

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