

IRENA Policy Talks 2020 Policies for Green Hydrogen Bios of speakers



Mr. Francesco La Camera
Director-General, IRENA

Mr. Francesco La Camera is the Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). He has more than thirty years of experience in the fields of climate, sustainability, and international cooperation. He formerly served as Director-General of Sustainable Development, Environmental Damage, EU and International Affairs at the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea. In this capacity, he developed cooperation and partnerships agreements with a wide range of countries, particularly developing countries. Mr. La Camera is widely credited with having spearheaded international cooperation on issues related to climate change and the environment. He played a key role in bringing together multilateral organisations to develop joint initiatives designed to implement the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. He has also coordinated a number of national strategies including on sustainable development, green finance and fossil fuel subsidies among other things.



Dr. Rabia Ferroukhi
Director, Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, IRENA

At IRENA since 2011, Rabia Ferroukhi is currently the Director of the Knowledge, Policy and Finance Center. She is an international economic development and energy expert focused on the renewables-based energy transitions, its long-term socio-economic impacts and financing needs. She leads a multi-disciplinary team to provide valuable evidence-based policy and investment to advice countries and contribute to the global discourse on the energy transitions. Ms. Ferroukhi worked with the public and private sectors, including with governments globally, energy companies, international institutions, and academia and research centers. Ms. Ferroukhi holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the American University in Washington DC.



Dr. Dolf Gielen
Director, IRENA Innovation and Technology Center, IRENA

Dolf Gielen is IRENA Director for Innovation and Technology since 2011. He has more than 25 years of experience with energy transition strategy development and implementation as well as technology policy in an international context. He has a PhD from Delft University of Technology in Delft, The Netherlands.



Mr. Frank Wouters
Global Lead Clean Hydrogen, Worley

Frank Wouters has been leading renewable energy projects, transactions, and technology development for 30 years and played a lead role in the development of renewable energy projects valued at over \$5 billion. He served as Deputy Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) from 2012 to 2014. Mr. Wouters has served on the board of energy companies in Europe, Asia, the US and Africa and currently serves as VP Low-Carbon Hydrogen at Worley. He is furthermore Director of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network, a platform that fosters partnerships between Europe and the Gulf, he is Fellow, Payne Institute, Colorado School of Mines, Chairman of the MENA Hydrogen Alliance, Chairman of the Dii Advisory Board, non-executive Board Director of Gore Street Capital, London and Board Advisor of Vast Solar in Australia.



Mr. Johannes Bøggild
Head of Global Public Affairs, Ørsted

Johannes Bøggild is the Head of Global Public Affairs at Ørsted. Ørsted (formerly known as DONG) is a Danish renewable energy company that takes tangible action to create a world that runs entirely on green energy. Ørsted is increasingly active in renewable hydrogen, with multiple projects in the pipeline. Mr Bøggild has a combined 20 years experience in Communication and Campaigning. He holds a Master of Political Science from University of Copenhagen and bachelor of Journalism from the Danish School of Journalism.



Dr. Kirsten Westphal
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Dr. Kirsten Westphal is based at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), the German Institute for International and Security Affairs in Berlin. For more than 50 years, the SWP has provided analysis on foreign policy issues not only to the Bundestag and the German Federal Government, but also to economic actors and the general public. Dr. Westphal is assigned for International Energy Relations and Global Energy Security at the institute. She is a member of the German Hydrogen Council. She was a Member of the Expert Panel to the Global Commission on the Geopolitics of Energy Transformation in 2018-2019 and contributed to the Commission's Report "A New World", published in 2019. In parallel, she has been leading the Project "Geopolitics of Energy Transformation 2030 (GET 2030)" supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.



Mr. Karl Hauptmeier
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Karl Hauptmeier holds a MSc. in Energy- and Process- Engineering from the Technical University of Berlin and has been granted with multiple fellowships during his academic career. He is the Managing Director of Norsk e-Fuel, a company addressing a key challenge of tomorrow's energy system: The conversion of renewable electricity into fuels and chemicals. Previous to his position at Norsk e-Fuel, Karl has gathered in depth technological know-how as Senior Product Manager of Sunfire and interdisciplinary experiences while working with the International Energy Agency and McKinsey & Company.