



WESTMINSTER ENERGY FORUM

## Mission 2026-2030

### Overview of the WEF

The Westminster Energy Forum (WEF), founded 2004, is an established Knowledge Exchange Programme and Senior Leadership Network comprising over 150 organisations from the UK government, regulators, industry, NGOs and diplomats. The WEF aims to:

**Deliver expert risk analysis, early warning and strategic guidance for senior leaders in support of a resilient low carbon transition.**

In pursuit of this strategic goal, the WEF Secretariat delivers a series of high-level meetings throughout the political year which have the following operational focus:

**The evaluation of risks found at the intersection of dynamic and disruptive energy markets, climate change and (geo)political uncertainty.**

### Annual Programme

A set of nine **'Mission Critical' Themes** underpin the WEF Programme, driving an issue register which considers the UK in an integrated, international context. These issues, in turn, inform the emphasis of our Programme agendas throughout the year. The nine cross-cutting themes are:

- Global Energy, Climate and Geopolitical Trends, and National Security Implications
- Derailment Risks to Resilient Global and UK Energy Transitions
- Systemic and Cascading Risks from Climate and Nature Changes, and their Impact Attribution
- Energy Market Trends, and Implications of (Geo)Political and Economic Competitions
- Global Investment Trends and Challenges for the Transition, and their Risk Mitigants
- Disruptive Technologies, Infrastructure Resilience and Energy Market Implications
- Critical Mineral Competitions and Supply Chains for Strategic Transition Resources
- Policy Pathways and Regulatory Enablers towards UK Net Zero
- Challenges to the Evolution of Resilient UK Onshore and Offshore Energy Systems

The WEF Programme deliberately addresses this complex range of strategic challenges to the transition in a cross-silo, cross-sectoral manner. This 'overwatch' approach and capability add value by generating insights that help to evaluate better the emerging threats to, and opportunities for, our stakeholders in the design and delivery of related policies, services and infrastructure.

We have approaching one hundred **Corporate Members**, along with our wider **Knowledge Transfer Network** which is made up of an equal number of governmental, regulatory, diplomatic and NGO organisations to whom we provide our service *pro bono*. The WEF does not accept sponsorship, nor does it engage with media or lobbying organisations.

## **Impact & Benefits:**

During the past 20 years of continuous operations the WEF has:

- Convened 175 meetings by invitation in London, involving 20,000 delegate practitioners.
- Delivered >1250 actionable briefings, including over 100 of them as an Outreach programme during the COVID pandemic that reached >10,000 people internationally in support of the UK's preparation for the COP26 Presidency.
- Provided pro bono access to the WEF programme to support over 250 senior civil servants to help inform, develop and challenge policy and regulation (Depts, NDPBs + Regulators).

More recently the WEF has helped enable a better appreciation of the potential of disruptive and derailment risks within energy transition and climate scenarios, and the need to consider high-impact – low-likelihood pathways as not just possible but plausible.

Corporate Members have guaranteed access to this unique, invitation-only network, and their memberships are organisational in nature, not individual. This transferability means that the most appropriate individuals for any WEF session during the year may attend and, where space allows, we can often provide the occasional extra seat for colleagues and / or their guests.

Industry attendance is generally at the level of partner / vice president / executive director, or the practitioner tier below. We always make all content from our seminars available for circulation, and we also support our members by linking them up with others in the WEF network outside of the Programme upon request.

## **WEF Calendar 2026**

**Jan 28 2026** Annual post-COP Review of International Energy and Climate Risk, Resilience and Response

**Mar 18 2026** UK Offshore Energy Transition Review

**May 13 2026** Systemic Risks to Global Energy Transitions: Implications for Policy, Security, and Markets

**Jul 8 2026** Geopolitics of the Global Energy Transition: International Risk, Resilience and Competition

**Sep 23 2026** Review of Threats to UK Energy Transition Delivery & Climate Resilience

**Nov 4 2026** UK Onshore Energy Transition Review: Regulation and Delivery

**Dec 10 2026** Global Energy Trends: The Interplay between Energy Sovereignty, Security and Markets

*International Nuclear Frontier Webinars in collaboration with Nuclear Risk Insurers:*

Jun 4 2026 **Global Issues in Nuclear - No.11 (NRI webinar)**

Nov 10 2026 **Global Issues in Nuclear - No.12 (NRI webinar)**

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