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To WEC Member Committees

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Dear Member Committees,

**RE: Future Energy Leaders Community**

The Youth Programme at the World Energy Congress in Rome demonstrated the potential benefits to the WEC of encouraging further involvement from young energy professionals. The enthusiasm and energy of the 200 participants was inspiring, and we want to capitalise on that by developing the "Future Energy Leaders Community". Their input will be invaluable not only in helping to shape the Youth Programme for Montréal 2010, but also for the Work Programme of the current cycle. The Communications and Outreach Committee and the Communications team at the WEC London Office have discussed a variety of different approaches to progressively integrate these young people in WEC's work.

Our intentions are:

- the foundation of national or regional youth working groups associated with Member Committees,
- the gradual integration of interested individuals in WEC's work
- the establishment of a platform (Webpage) for the entire group supervised and moderated by WEC London.

National working groups

In terms of national working groups, an excellent example is the initiative of the German National Committee, which formed in April 2008 the Young Professional Energy Panel, a group of German Youth delegates. We would like to encourage you to think about possible Youth initiatives in your Committee or region. We think it is very important to capitalise on the positive experience of the Rome Youth Programme, and we ask you for your support in establishing a strong WEC youth community, initially at the national level.

To encourage these Future Energy Leaders to work with their national Member Committee we ask permission to post Member Committee contact details in the new webpage, preferably with a nominated contact person.

We would also greatly appreciate any suggestions or comments on ways to continue this programme.

*Integration of individual young energy professionals in WEC's work*

In addition to the national working groups, we also want to encourage young energy professionals to apply for participation in WEC Global Studies, Task Forces and Technical Committees. With the support of the Programme and Studies Committee chairs, we invite you to nominate Youth representatives in addition to your usual nominees. We recommend forwarding future WEC appeals for nominations to the young energy professionals community in your country, for example to the Youth Programme delegates you had nominated for the previous Congress. While the next formal nomination process will be for the 2011-2013 work programme, we would like to ask you to review the current work programme to consider nominating a "Youth" representative for Global Studies, Technical and Regional Programmes in this work cycle, full details are on our website:

[http://www.worldenergy.org/work\\_programme/](http://www.worldenergy.org/work_programme/)

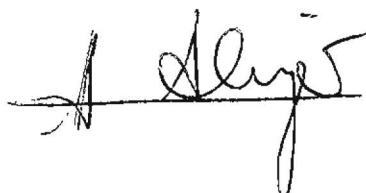
Particularly for those young energy experts, who do not have the possibility to be involved in a national working group for different reasons, we will create a webpage with further projects and ideas.

*Webpage*

Our objective is to set up as soon as possible a "lively" webpage specifically for the Rome Youth Programme delegates so that they have a unique platform for communicating and exchanging ideas and information. WEC London will act as a mediator, motivator and website editor. The page will contain an initial discussion blog (feedback of entire youth delegation regarding further involvement in WEC), specific discussion blogs (pressing energy subjects, possibility of external energy experts as moderators), sign up for provision of ideas and experiences for the Montreal 2010 Youth-Programme, assist in expanding partnerships with universities around the world (example: London Business School), a link to the Photo-Competition, information about the planned WEC Careers portal and contact details of WEC Member Committees for forming possible national working groups. We will also use this webpage for presenting examples of successful initiatives already taken by youth in WEC Member Committees.

We very much hope for your support in this new initiative and look forward to having your feedback and ideas. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Flinth ([flinth@worldenergy.org](mailto:flinth@worldenergy.org)) at the London office.

Best regards,



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