

Role of the public sector in responding to the global energy crisis

Tuesday 6 June 2023: 16h00 – 18h00 EST
Versailles, Paris

Event background

The Public Sector plays a vital role in achieving clean energy transitions, both acting as a leading example of energy consumption reduction and incentivising broader investments in energy efficiency activities. This special event will act to highlight national and local government actions for driving energy efficiency in key public sectors focusing on public buildings, and coordination of actions at these levels of government. Opportunities for the public sector to respond to current global challenges will form a core theme of this event, aiming to foster a dialogue on short and medium-term solutions. Key discussion topics will include:

- the public sector in the role of the first mover
- enabling innovation and leadership in the public sector
- the importance of following the policy package approach
- successful options for scalability, from first mover to widespread delivery with a focus on the coordination of actions required for delivery.

The aim will be to demonstrate what has been done, what can be done, and how to build on successes to increase ambition.

Based on IEA analysis of best practice, and the work of the Global Commission for Urgent Action on Energy Efficiency, ten strategic principles were developed to help guide policy makers to enhance and expand their energy efficiency policies and programmes, and to quickly accelerate energy efficiency gains through new and stronger policy actions. This special event feeds into three of these principles: strategic principle 6 - The public sector should lead by example; strategic principle 7 - Engage all parts of society; and strategic principle 8 - Leverage behavioural insights for more effective policy.

Agenda (Draft)

16h00	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Dulac, Group Climate Change Manager at Saint-Gobain.
16h05	Keynote Session National policies in action, <i>Dr. Brian Motherway, Head of the Energy Efficiency Division at the International Energy Agency (IEA)</i>
16h10	Panel discussion: Public sector buildings –Seizing the opportunity to act as first movers and leveraging the private sector. Speakers from local and national governments will feature their experience and leadership in expanding and accelerating their ‘pilot projects’ in public buildings in collaboration with the private sector. Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolina Novac, Secretary of State for Decarbonisation, Ministry of Energy, Moldova. William Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Ireland. Kerstin Deller, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Deputy-Director-General, General issues of efficiency, heat and hydrogen, Germany. Andrea Di Gregorio, Executive Director, Energy Efficiency and Renewables Office, Ras Al Khaimah Municipality, United Arab Emirates. Wei Feng, Professor, Chinese Academy of Science, Peoples Republic of China. Edyta Nowak, Policy Officer, European Commission Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER).
17h05	Break
17h10	Panel discussion: Enabling innovation and leadership in the public sector - the role of policy packages Speakers from local and national governments will feature their efforts and leadership in cutting energy use in public buildings, focusing on the benefits of following a policy package approach. Introduction to the session: <i>John Dulac, Saint-Gobain.</i> Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paula Glover, President, Alliance to save energy, USA. Margalita Arabidze, Head of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Policy and Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Georgia. Emmanuel De Lanversin, Deputy director for Directorate for Housing, Urban Development and Landscapes, France. Cassie Sutherland, Managing Director, Climate Solutions and Networks, C40. Paola Acevedo, Youth Climate Leader, Honduras.
17h55	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Dulac, Saint-Gobain
18h00	Session end