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Pedro Verdelho Elected Chair of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators

New Leadership Team Announced at the IX World Forum on Energy Regulation

Tbilisi (September 24, 2026) — New leadership for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators was announced at this week's IX World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER) held in Tbilisi, Georgia.

WFER is the leading international conference on energy regulation and is held once every three years in its current format. The WFER event brings together key players in the energy industry, high-level decision-makers, academics and regulators from around the world to engage in strategic energy discussions on different regulatory schemes.

The Forum is held within the framework of the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), a voluntary framework for cooperation among the world's energy regulators, which aims to help improve the design and implementation of public policies in the energy sector by exchanging information and best practices.

During the WFER, ICER elected its new leaders for the coming term:

- **Chair:** Pedro Verdelho, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER) and President of the Board of Energy Services Regulatory Authority (ERSE) from Portugal.
- **Vice Chair:** Sandoval Feitosa, President of the Ibero-American Association of Energy Regulatory Entities (ARIAE) and Director General of the National Electricity Agency (ANEEL) of Brazil.
- **Vice Chair:** Annegret Groebel of the Federal Network Agency (BNetzA) of Germany.

Mr. Verdelho has been President of CEER since August 1, 2026, and was appointed President of ERSE in November 2021. Since 2019, he has served as Member of the Board of Directors at ERSE.

In expressing his commitment to ICER, Pedro commented: "I seek to further strengthen ICER as a truly global platform for cooperation, that provides practical value to its members through knowledge sharing, capacity building and the exchange of regulatory best practices. I also want to reinforce cooperation among regional regulatory

associations, in addressing the interconnected, challenges of the energy transition, affordability, security of supply, market resilience and strong, independent regulation.”

Dr. Groebel served as President of CEER from January 2019 until July 2026, and has worked for the German regulator BNetzA for more than 25 years, where she currently heads the international relations department. Dr. Groebel has served as co-vice chair with ICER since 2020.

Mr. Feitosa is the current President of ARIAE and has been Director General of ANEEL since August 2022. He is a career civil servant, having joined ANEEL through a competitive public examination as a Regulation Specialist in 2005.

The new leadership team warmly thanked David for his dedication to ICER as the outgoing Chair. “The members of ICER are grateful for the leadership of outgoing Chair Dave Morton. He was instrumental in keeping the organization focused on its mission and promoted the establishment of new working groups on two critical issues: Regulatory Independence and Electricity Reliability.”

The new leadership term begins at the conclusion of the current WFER IX and runs through WFER X.





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About ICER

The International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. Our aim is to improve public and policy-maker awareness and understanding of energy regulation and its role in addressing a wide spectrum of socio-economic, environmental, and market issues.