



## INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF ENERGY REGULATORS

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#### **Regulators tackle world's biggest energy challenges through global cooperation**

The global collaborative efforts of energy regulators in tackling the world's biggest energy challenges were praised today at the 6th World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI<sup>1</sup>), Istanbul. Mr Erdoğan, Turkish President, officially opened the World Forum today.

Energy regulators, whose jurisdiction is normally at national/state level, cooperate globally through the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER<sup>2</sup>).

#### Energy regulators publish 3 international reports

The results of ICER's work from 2012-2015 will be showcased in Istanbul during the World Forum (25-28 May). This includes ICER's 3 latest international reports, which draw on regulatory and market experiences around the world and will each be presented in WFER VI sessions:

- The benefits to successful market integration
- Regulatory approaches to managing investment uncertainty
- Energy connections: engaging the consumer in building stronger systems

Since 2012 ICER has shown, through its Women in Energy (WIE) initiative<sup>3</sup>, leadership to support the career advancement of women in energy regulatory authorities. At yesterday's ICER WIE panel debate, senior women in energy from around the globe led a lively debate on the issue of engaging consumers in increasingly complex energy markets.

#### Regulators commit to tackling energy security, sustainability and competitiveness

The [ICER 2015-2018 Work Plan](#), launched today, identifies 4 priorities for energy regulatory cooperation over the next 3 years:

- Security of supply
- Sustainability
- Competitiveness
- Good regulatory practices

**Lord Mogg**, present Chair of ICER, said:

*"Wherever they are in the world, citizens and businesses alike want secure, sustainable and affordable energy. In sharing our expertise and experiences across the world, we regulators learn from each other and are better able to tackle global challenges including energy security."*

All ICER reports and the ICER Chronicle (a bi-annual online publication of articles on insightful policy-making and regulatory practices around the world) are available free on [www.icer-regulators.net](http://www.icer-regulators.net)

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### Notes for editors

1. The 6<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI) is a 3-day international convention, from 25-28 May 2015, in Istanbul, Turkey. See <http://www.wfer2015.org>.
2. Established in October 2009 at the fourth World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER IV), the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. ICER aims 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. Through ICER, regulators exchange information and best practices in the regulation field and contribute to the evolution towards a sustainable planet.

ICER's membership includes over 200 regulatory authorities and spans 6 continents including regional regulatory associations: AEMC, AFUR, ARIAE, CAMPUT, CEER, EAPIRF, Elcom, ERRA, MEDREG, NARUC, OOCUR, RERA and SAFIR. Since its inception in October 2009, ICER has been chaired by Lord Mogg, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). Visit: [www.icer-regulators.net](http://www.icer-regulators.net)

3. At the fifth World Forum (WFER V) in May 2012, ICER Chair, Lord Mogg, drew attention to the under representation of women in the energy sector and urged regulators to commit to improving the career advancement of women in energy. In October 2012, ICER launched its Women in Energy (ICER WIE) initiative. ICER's WIE vision is for women to have equal opportunities, to be empowered and to have the self-confidence to succeed.

ICER's Women in Energy initiative seeks to change culture and attitudes and to improve the professional development of women in energy through practical tools. Some WIE achievements since 2012 include:

- A growing collaborative global network *Women in Energy – The ICER International Network*.
- 130 participants in the ICER Women in Energy global mentoring programme
- Promoting greater representation of women speakers at energy events through ICER's 20% female speaker target
- 4 ICER WIE networking events event
- 7 training webinars
- Sharing experiences through the dedicated "women story-telling" articles in the ICER Chronicle

For more on ICER Women in Energy, see <http://bit.ly/ICERWomenInEnergy>

4. The results of the global cooperation of energy regulators for the period 2012-2015 can be seen in three ICER reports. Each will be presented at WFER VI, during concurrent sessions on related topics:
  - The benefits to successful market integration, April 2015
  - Regulatory approaches to managing investment uncertainty, April 2015
  - Energy connections: engaging the consumer in building stronger systems, April 2015

ICER's reports, brochures, press releases and the ICER Chronicle can be found in the publications section (<http://bit.ly/ICERPub>) of the ICER website. The ICER Distinguished Scholar Awards, which acknowledge important contributions made to enhance electricity and gas regulation around the world, can be found at <http://bit.ly/ICERAwards>.