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**25th Anniversary**  
**World Clean Energy Conference**  
**1 - 4 November 2016**  
**at the United Nations in Geneva**



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The World Clean Energy Conference WCEC will be celebrating from 1 to 4 November 2016 its 25th anniversary at the United Nations in Geneva. Its objective is to discuss ways and means to protect the health, biospheres and the climatic balance by clean energies, responding to the COP 21 agreements and also to the call for "Affordable Clean Energy for All", demanded by the Sustainable Development Goal No. 7, agreed last September at the United Nations.\*)

Governments, UN agencies, academia and NGOs will gather from the whole world, ahead of COP22, to illustrate and prove how to avoid negative energy impacts much beyond CO2 emissions, and how the depletion of finite, polluting fuels can be avoided by conservation and by full energy costing in the total economic, social and ecological context.

The "Blueprint for the Clean, Sustainable Energy Age" will be presented in an updated edition, covering all clean, renewable energy technologies and their markets, ranging from solar, hydro, wind, wave, tidal, bio, geothermal and ocean energy, to co-generation and energy efficiency with their economic and ecological benefits, using international ISO, IEC & ITU standards. Cleaner, greener sustainable buildings is another topic, based on such international standards.

Finally the financing for the clean, sustainable energy age and implementation steps towards an integral sustainable energy economy will be discussed with reports about pace-making clean energy projects and the ultimate solution to avoid nuclear risks forever.

The fully updated "Blueprint for the Clean, Sustainable Energy Age" will contain all these topics, embracing all clean energy options, including the waste resource, cogeneration, district heating; novel energy systems, clean fuels like hydrogen and methanol for clean road, ocean, river and lake transport, airplanes and air ships, as well as energy storage, fuel cells; active and passive solar buildings, efficient cooking, refrigeration & air conditioning and efficient lighting. Financing, certification, eco-ratings and more complete energy statistics are the ultimate topics.

The history of this Minister-level World Clean Energy Conference started in November 1991 in Geneva, to give answers how to improve the environment and health, despite the disappointing second climate conference in 1990, putting the new terms "clean energy" and "sustainable development" into orbit. The historic "Global Energy Charter for Sustainable Development", was formulated by eight working groups and proclaimed in 1992 at the first Rio Summit for Environment and Development. The 2nd WCEC took place in January 2000 as the very first conference in the 3rd Millennium, illustrated by the large "Clean Energy" painting by the famous Swiss artist Hans Erni. The 3rd WCEC started the UN Sustainable Energy Year in 2012.

**World Clean Energy Conference and Exhibition - 25th Anniversary 1 - 4 November 2016**  
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\*) on 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit - officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to everyone, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. The SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and aim to end all forms of poverty and go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.