

# Global Security Dimensions of Alternative Energy

A Roundtable Discussion  
12 April 2010

0830 Registration: Tea and Coffee

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0915 **Welcome Remarks**

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0945 **Session One: Transatlantic Energy Security Politics**

*What are the similarities/tensions between US and EU approaches to energy dependence, energy security and renewables development?*

*What are the prospects for the US-European Energy Council set up in November 2009 and how will working groups proceed on technology?*

*What are the right approaches to regulation and pricing mechanisms on renewable sources of energy? How can regulation be applied consistently in liberal democratic environments?*

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1115 Morning Tea and Coffee

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1130 **Session Two: Sustainable Partnerships: Managing the Shift to Alternative Energy**

*What global institutional architecture is best suited for energy security management?*

*How can the US and Europe improve energy partnerships with institutions such as the UN, OSCE, OPEC, OECD etc?*

*What is the impact of alternative energy on international efforts to combat climate change?*

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1300 Lunch

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1400 **Session Three:** Alternative Energy and the Global South: Transforming Relationships

*Energy use in the Middle East is growing fast; is there a role for renewable energy in Middle Eastern energy politics?*

*How can we get traditional energy producers to begin considering shifts to renewable energy? Which countries have key renewable resources and how are they being secured and managed?*

*How have Brazil's initiatives, for example, affected regional stability and relations with consumers?*

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1530 Tea and Coffee

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1545 **Session Four:** Russia and the West: Energy Dependence, Security and the Rule of Law

*How can Europe build a strategic energy partnership with Russia and what is the future of the Energy Charter Treaty?*

*What is the extent/impact of Russian energy efficiency policies and what is the potential for use of renewable energy in Russia?*

*How might Russia react to a consumer shift away from fossil fuels to alternative energy sources and with what impact on regional stability?*

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1715 Drinks Reception

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