

## Clean Energy Quarterly: Updates from CEM



CEM ended quarter one on an inspiring note, hosting a day-long workshop as part of ASEAN Energy Gender Week. Hosted in Manila by Department of Energy Philippines under their ASEAN Presidency 2026, the CEM Equality in Energy Transitions Initiative led the workshop in collaboration with Tara Climate Foundation and ASEAN Centre for Energy. The workshop brought together regional experts and representatives on gender, disability rights and minority groups to tackle the problem of inclusion in the energy transition in ASEAN.

The findings from this workshop will inform the CEM Gender Inclusivity Toolbox for Southeast Asia, outlining possible actions/initiatives that could assist Southeast Asian countries in the promotion of gender equality and inclusion that will be published later this year at CEM17.

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# Engagement Opportunities



## Call for Nominations: 12th ISGAN Awards of Excellence

ISGAN is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 12th ISGAN Awards of Excellence. The 2026 edition focuses on “Excellence in Long-Term Planning of Smart Distribution Grids under Uncertainty,” recognising practical and impactful projects in this area.

[Learn more](#)

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## Call for Case Study Submissions for the GeoFuture Initiative

The CEM GeoFuture Initiative is launching a Case Study Series on next-generation geothermal, highlighting how emerging geothermal technologies can accelerate next-generation geothermal deployment by addressing key barriers related to financing, regulation, data, and project development. Submissions should relate to projects involving next-generation geothermal technologies, for example: Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) Closed-loop Superhot or deep geothermal Hybrid or emerging geothermal concepts. Projects may be at pilot, demonstration, or early commercial stages. Selected case studies will be published in a report and presented at CEM17.

Please submit a short expression of interest including: project name and location, technology type, project status, key points of interest, permission to showcase your case study in a published report and present at CEM17, and contact information for follow-up. Submissions will be accepted through 30 April, with up to 10 case studies selected for inclusion.

[Send a submission](#)

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## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

"From Supply to Demand: Driving Hydrogen Solutions"



Hydrogen TCP



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### Call for nominations: Hydrogen TCP Awards of Excellence

The Awards of Excellence are a joint initiative carried out between the IEA Hydrogen TCP and the Clean Energy Ministerial Hydrogen Initiative (CEM-H2I). It aims to recognize excellence in international collaboration, research and development, and the application of hydrogen technologies, highlighting innovation in both technologies and its applications.

[Learn more](#)

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### Call for Case Study Submissions for the Fueling Lives Initiative

The CEM Fueling Lives Initiative is preparing a case study series highlighting member experiences in designing and implementing clean cooking initiatives. This series, to be published at CEM17, will showcase approaches and interventions that advance universal clean cooking access, key drivers of progress, and strategies for overcoming implementation challenges. Submissions should relate to clean cooking efforts undertaken by CEM members, including policies, programs, financing mechanisms, technology deployment, or other interventions that support access to modern, affordable, and sustainable cooking solutions.

Please submit a brief expression of interest including: initiative or project name or public and private partnerships, and location, type of clean cooking intervention, current status, key elements of interest, permission to feature your case study in the published series at CEM17, and contact information for follow-up. Submissions will be accepted through 30 April, with up to 10 case studies selected for inclusion.

Send a  
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***Coming soon***



### **CEM-MI Carbon Management Awards 2026**

Under the Gigatonne by 2030 campaign, CEM CCUS Initiative and MI CDR Mission will launch the "Carbon Management Awards" at the Gassnova Summit in Norway, 14-17 April. The awards process will be open for real-life large-scale CCUS and CDR projects that will be put forward by a CEM and MI member government. The objective is to showcase positive developments and to inspire more projects to take their final investment decisions. Winning projects will be given prominence at CEM17 in October. For more information, please email [info@cemccus.org](mailto:info@cemccus.org).

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### **Equality in Energy Transitions Awards 2026**

Nominations for the 2026 Equality in Energy Transitions Awards will open in mid-April. Presented at the 17th Clean Energy Ministerial, the awards honor individuals and organizations advancing women's participation and leadership across the energy sector in three categories: Woman of Distinction, Organizational Leadership, and Emerging Leader. Consider nominating inspiring candidates from your network!

Learn more



Sustainable Lifestyles Awards

## Sustainable Lifestyles Awards 2026

Nominations for the first Sustainable Lifestyles Awards will open on 1 May. These awards aim to recognize and celebrate policies, regulations, and programs that have successfully transformed societal behaviours toward sustainability, creating measurable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and advancing climate resilience across the world.

[Learn more](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Solutions Center Webinar Series

#### Preparing the Energy Workforce for AI



April 15, 2026  
9 a.m. EDT | 1 p.m. UTC | 8 p.m. ICT

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#### Planning for AI-Era Infrastructure



May 27, 2026  
9 a.m. EDT | 1 p.m. UTC | 8 p.m. ICT

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Experts will discuss how AI is transforming workforce requirements across the energy sector and outline education, training, and partnership models that support workforce readiness for an AI-enabled grid.

Industry leaders will explore impacts on grid capacity, regulatory and permitting considerations, and policy tools that can support essential infrastructure buildout.

[More info](#)[Learn more](#)

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## **Supporting Regulators in the Energy Transition: Introducing the Regulatory Institutional Health Check**

*28 April*

As energy systems evolve rapidly, regulators play a critical role in enabling a secure, efficient, and low-carbon transition. To support this role, RAP offers the Regulatory Institutional Energy Transition Health Check under ERAD CEM campaign. This webinar aims to introduce the Health Check, explain its methodology and practical application, and highlight how it can support regulators in strengthening their institutional effectiveness and delivering on energy transition goals.

[Register here](#)

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This webinar will explore the deployment of small modular reactors and microreactors, covering technology fundamentals, siting and licensing considerations, and lessons learned from early projects that are shaping new market opportunities.

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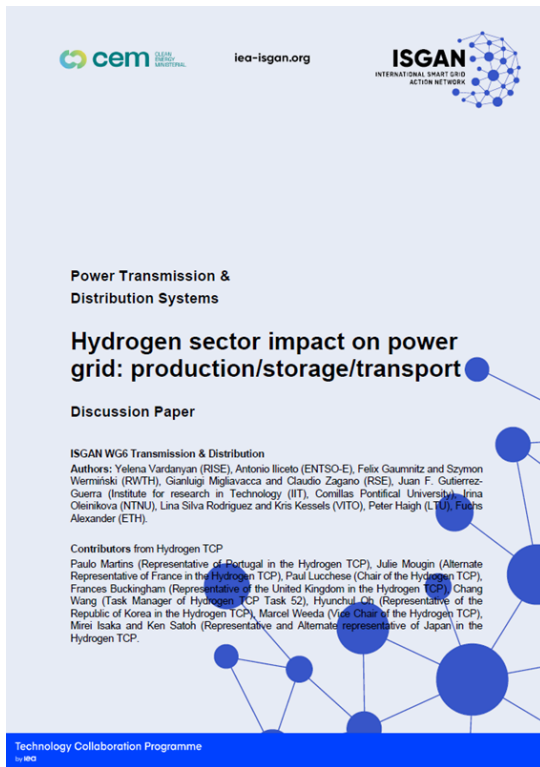
## **Nuclear Futures 2026: Fostering nuclear dialogue in Southeast Asia**

**3 July**

The CEM's NICE Future Initiative is pleased to partner with the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) to convene a one-day CEM NICE Future workshop on July 3rd, 2026, as part of the NEA's Nuclear Futures 2026 event in the Philippines. This workshop will take a deeper look at key topics introduced during the NEA event and provide space for more detailed exchange. Topics will include: International collaboration Approaches to financing nuclear projects in emerging economies The role of advanced reactor technologies in future energy systems The potential for AI to support nuclear deployment. The session is designed to support continued dialogue among participants and explore practical considerations across these areas.

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**Other News**



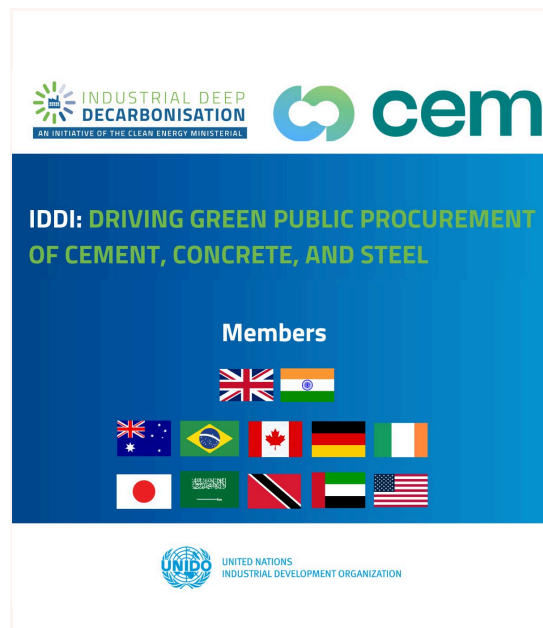
## ISGAN Publishes report on Hydrogen sector impact on power grid: production / storage / transport

The development of the hydrogen sector, particularly through the electrification of production, will significantly impact power system planning and operation. This report from ISGAN analyses its effects across three dimensions: grid planning, system development, and grid operation. It also examines hydrogen market design, policy frameworks, and national regulations in Sweden, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Italy, Germany, and Switzerland.

[Read it here](#)

## Governments of Ireland and Trinidad and Tobago join IDDI

IDDI is pleased to welcome the Governments of Ireland and Trinidad and Tobago as its newest members. IDDI members now collectively account for roughly 22% of global steel production and nearly 19% of global cement production, underscoring their significant influence on industrial decarbonization.



## **CEM engages in SDG7 advancement talks**



At the request of UN-Energy stakeholders, the CEM Secretariat participated in two high-level meetings focused on advancing SDG7—at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok and the High-Level Policy Forum Expert Group Meeting in Geneva. Recognizing this as the critical decade for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and shaping the post-2030 agenda, these convenings helped to explore opportunities for CEM outcomes to support accelerated access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for all.

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## **ISGAN ExCo31 and Rome Workshops Advance International Dialogue on Smart Grid Innovation**

The 31st ISGAN Executive Committee meeting (ExCo31), held in Rome from 17 to 19 March 2026 and hosted by RSE, brought together over 30 delegates from 17 member countries and the European Commission. Together with two related workshops on long-term grid planning and AI for grid modernisation, the meeting highlighted ISGAN's role in linking technical expertise, policy dialogue, and international collaboration.

[Find out more](#)

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