



Secretary General

Christoph Frei

Christoph Frei is the World Energy Council's fifth Secretary General.

Background

Born in Switzerland in 1969, Christoph Frei became the World Energy Council's youngest Secretary General in April 2009.

He has an assignment as Adjunct Professor and acts as Advisor to the President of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), Lausanne. He is also a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Energy Security. Before joining the World Energy Council, Dr Frei was Senior Director, Energy Industries & Policy at the World Economic Forum (WEF) and a member of WEF's Executive Council (2001–2009). Previously he held various positions as Research Fellow and Lecturer at Swiss Federal Technical Institutes in Zurich (CEPE/ETHZ), Lausanne (EPFL) and Würenlingen (PSI).

Dr Frei's work and publications have covered energy security, energy poverty, and urban innovation. He has initiated projects including EPFL's Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, the South Africa based Energy Access Partnership, and the World Economic Forum's Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, which in 2008 led *Ethisphere* to rank him among the 100 most influential people in business ethics.

Education

Dr Frei received his PhD from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, in 2001. He holds diplomas in electrical engineering and econometrics, and masters in energy systems and in applied ethics.

Personal

Christoph Frei was born in Switzerland. He speaks fluent English, French, and German, and some Italian and Spanish. He is married and has three children.