Forging New Energy and Environmental Partnerships

Asia has emerged as the center of global energy demand as a result of increasing economic growth and a growing standard of living. At the same time, North America is experiencing an energy renaissance and newfound energy abundance due to expanded use of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling for oil and gas. These shifts have opened the door for increasing trans-Pacific energy trade with Asia’s rapidly growing economies. This panel will assess what opportunities exist for closer energy ties, more environmental cooperation and what is needed to realize this potential.

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Charting the Course on Coal:  
Addressing Energy, Economic, and Environmental Security

Asia currently leads global energy consumption increases, and is projected to reach 56% of total global consumption by 2030, according to the Asian Development Bank. Additionally, developing Asia relies heavily on coal to fuel its economic growth, resulting in increasing environmental impacts and calls for clean coal technology and a more diversified energy mix. This session will examine key questions associated with the challenge of balancing energy, economic, and environmental needs, including how Asian and North American countries are addressing the tension between the desire to rely on inexpensive, available energy sources and concerns about the environmental impacts. Other key questions include: How can technology help resolve the tension between energy use and environmental degradation? Can trans-Pacific cooperation support the transformation of coal to a cleaner burning fuel source? How can policymakers and civil society leaders better utilize technology to find a balance between energy, economic, and environmental security?

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PACIFIC ENERGY FORUM

Broad and fundamental global energy shifts, along with rapidly evolving technologies and capabilities, suggest that Asia and North America need to fundamentally reconsider their current energy relationship. The Pacific Energy Forum gathers experts and leaders from Asia, the United States, and Canada to assess the key policy questions that will shape the future trans-Pacific energy relationship and enhance energy and environmental cooperation among key actors in the region.

PACIFIC ENERGY SUMMIT

As economies in the Asia-Pacific region continue to grow a astonishing rates, the Pacific Energy Summit aims to foster economic and energy security in the Asia-Pacific by developing practical solutions to the dual challenges of rising energy demand and global climate change. The annual, invitation-only Summit convenes 200 global leaders to articulate practical and tenable policy solutions to energy and environmental challenges.
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