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NextGen in Review

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*Convergence and Competition:
Energy, Technology and Geopolitics*



NextGen Cohort | CERAWeek 2026

“CERAWeek's decision to include students is visionary. As a researcher and science communicator, experiencing the policy, finance, and business forces shaping energy makes me exponentially more effective.”

– April Moreno-Ward, Postdoctoral Research Associate, AASPI, The University of Oklahoma

NextGen at CERAWeek

NextGen at CERAWeek 2026 reflected a clear step forward in both scale and purpose. Participation broadened significantly across geographies and institutions, and the cohort more than doubled in representation—bringing a wider range of perspectives, disciplines, and ideas into the heart of the conference.

More importantly, this year marked a shift in how the community engaged. NextGen participants were not only present—they were part of the program itself. Through sessions they helped shape in the CERAWeek Exchange, reflective conversations onstage, and candid exchanges with senior, influential leaders, the cohort contributed directly to discussions on workforce, innovation, and the practical challenges facing the energy system. Their presence added both urgency and perspective.

At the same time, conversations on early-stage innovation, new funding models, and partnership-driven progress reinforced the important role academia plays in advancing ideas toward impact.

We are grateful to our University Partners, NextGen Affiliates, the CHRO Alliance, and all who continue to engage in this shared endeavor—and help move it forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Murray Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Murray" and the last name "Fisher" clearly legible.

Murray Fisher

Director, Strategic Development CERAWeek
S&P Global

CERAWeek 2026 Highlights

Speakers

1,400+
Speakers
from 50 Countries

67
Ministers &
Top Officials
from 18 Countries

543
C-Suite Executives

300+
Startups

Sessions

850+
Sessions

73
Partner Programs

14
Expert Zones

240
Agora Pods

7
Agora Houses

10
Onsite Podcast
Sessions

Community

2,470+
Companies

90
Countries

588
Government &
Regulatory Officials

200+
NextGen

11,000+
Participants
2,200+ CEO and C-Suite

100+
Partners

Social Media

1B+
Total Views

73.8K+
Followers
+21% YoY

2.2M+
Impressions
+56% YoY

+65%
Engagement Rate
YoY

Press Coverage

450+
Accredited Journalists
Onsite

~25%
International
Journalists Onsite

5
Newsmaker Press
Conferences

3
Onsite Studios
CNBC, Bloomberg,
Yahoo Finance

About CERAWeek

CERAWeek is built around four mutually reinforcing platforms designed to share ideas, foster relationships, and advance dialogue across the global energy ecosystem.



The **Executive Conference** provides a comprehensive view of what lies ahead for global energy markets, technology, and geopolitics. Corporate executives and senior government officials convene to address the defining trends and critical issues shaping the energy landscape—including the growing role of AI.



The **Innovation Agora** is an open, dynamic marketplace for the exchange of insights and solutions on energy innovation and emerging technologies. It brings together a diverse community of technologists, investors, thought leaders, government officials, and corporate innovators to spark dialogue and accelerate new thinking, foster meaningful connections and unlock new pathways for the energy future.



Partner Programs

Our Partners are invited to be part of programs that facilitate high-level interaction among senior executives and officials and build communities to address and share learning on topics, issues and markets critical to them and their businesses. Partner Programs consist of Leadership Circles, which feature Summits and Regional, Topical, and Functional Forums, as well as Energy Partner Informal Conversations (EPICs).



Professional Development Programs

Professional Development Programs are designed to cultivate rising talent and high-potential leaders across the global energy ecosystem. Through targeted learning and high-impact networking, these programs strengthen leadership capabilities and foster connections that extend well beyond the event.

CERAWeek 2026 Leadership

CERAWeek Steering Committee

Daniel Yergin, Chairman, CERAWeek and Vice Chairman, S&P Global

Louis Carranza, Global Head of Portfolio Events and Co-Chair of CERAWeek, S&P Global

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CERAWeek Management Team

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Richard Slucher, VP, Executive Conference Program

Erika Smakula, Executive Director, Experience

NextGen 2026 Highlights

NextGen Cohort

200+
Members

37%
Female

50+
Universities

12
Countries

8
Fellows

Sessions

200+
NextGen

27
NextGen Amphitheater

3
NextGen Conversations

27
NextGen Pod & Lyceum

Innovators Row

143
Poster Presentations

26
Presenting Universities

67
Presenting Students

7
Countries

NextGen at CERAWeek

NextGen at CERAWeek serves as a vital nexus between academia, industry, and government, fostering a vibrant atmosphere for emerging talent and novel ideas. This initiative enriches the existing innovation community by connecting top graduate students from diverse fields to industry leaders, and fortifying industrial-academic collaboration to translate transformative ideas into reality.

The NextGen community includes graduate students in 16 standardized disciplines, fellows in diverse research areas, energy center directors, senior faculty, academic administrators, chief HR officers, corporate recruiters, and chief technology and innovation officers, all dedicated to advancing innovation in the energy sector.

Through curated programming, collaborative discussions, and targeted networking events, NextGen ignites creativity and inspires incoming trailblazers to discover and develop groundbreaking solutions to the energy industry's most pressing challenges.



"NextGen" energy leaders of the future: **Louis Carranza** (Moderator), Co-Chair & Head of CERAWeek, S&P Global; **Darryl Willis**, Corporate VP, Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft; and **Vijay Swarup** (Chair), Director, Independent



NextGen Kickoff



The View from Academia: Insights with **Arun Majumdar**, Dean, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

NextGen Session Spaces and Formats

All Executive Conference and Agora participants had access to NextGen programming, including:

NextGen Amphitheater — Dedicated zone in the Nexus for discussions oriented toward advancing a passionate, diverse workforce, showcasing emerging innovation; and deepening collaboration between industry, academia, early-stage startups and government.

NextGen Dialogue — Senior officials from government, academia, industry and startups share insights and strategies to attract talent and enable continued innovation. NextGen Dialogue is in the Executive Conference.

NextGen Pod — Featuring purpose-driven innovation and early-stage research at universities, energy and climate centers and incubators during 25-minute Pod sessions in a dedicated zone of the Nexus.

NextGen Meetup — Small, informal gathering of communities that share a common interest.

NextGen Colloquium — Exclusive, interactive format with discussions focused on enhancing collaborative partnerships between academia, industry, early-stage startups and government. Media not allowed.

NextGen Lyceum — Features seminars in a classroom lecture-styled room, on critical topics in early-stage research and collaborative innovation between academia, industry, government and incubators. Media not allowed.

NextGen Huddle — Semi-private setting for intimate discussions with up to six participants, conducive to talent recruitment, and exploring research partnerships.

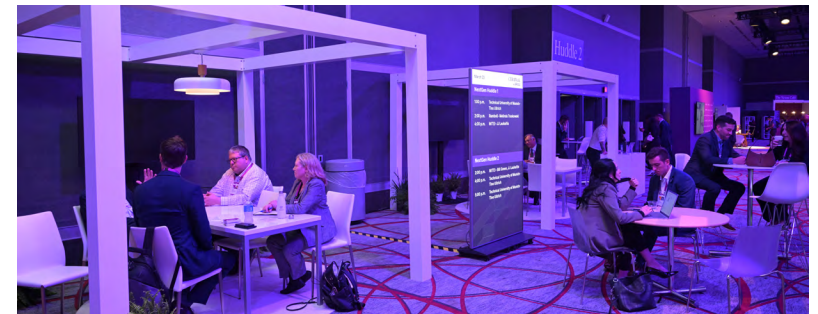
Innovators Row — Showcasing early-stage research from universities and incubators using posters, whiteboards and other media at kiosks.



Skills for Tomorrow, Today: Cultivating workforce agility: **Van Jones** (Chair), CNN Host, Founder of DreamMachine.org and Founder of RAPPORT.co; **Debbie Pickle**, Chief Human Resources Officer, Williams; **Matt Neal**, President, North America, Siemens Energy; and **Reginald DesRoches**, President, Rice University



NextGen Amphitheater | Voices of NextGen: What the future workforce needs from employers: **Meg Gentle** (Chair), Executive Director of the Board, HIF Global; **D'Arcy Seamon**, PhD Student, MIT; **Anna Gieß**, Research Associate, Fraunhofer ISST; and **April Moreno-Ward**, Postdoctoral Research Associate, AASPI, The University of Oklahoma



NextGen Huddles in the The Nexus

NextGen Session Spaces and Formats



NextGen Colloquium | Rethinking Industrial-Academic Collaboration: The urgent need for innovation



NextGen Lyceum | The Landscape for Energy and Climate Innovation, MIT



*Inspiration to Action: NextGen Cohort Reflections from CERAWeek: **Murray Fisher** (Chair), Director, Strategic Development, CERAWeek, S&P Global; **Katelyn Parsons**, MBA/MS Candidate, University of Michigan; **Margrethe Todal-Falskog**, GeoKiln Energy Innovation - Intern, NMBU - Norwegian University of Life Sciences; and **Benedikt Buhk**, PhD Molecular Modelling, ETH Zürich*



*Unleashing Investment: Collaborative solutions for energy innovation: **Will Chueh**, Director, Precourt Institute for Energy, Kimmelman Professor of Materials Science & Engineering, Stanford University; **Adrian Yao**, Founder and Director, STEER, Stanford University; **Christopher Dillon**, General Manager, External Innovation, Chevron; and **James Ellis**, Annenberg Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University*

Highlights



NextGen Conversation with Rodi Guidero: **Murray Fisher** (Chair), Director, Strategic Development, CERAWEEK, S&P Global and **Rodi Guidero**, Executive Director, Breakthrough Energy & Managing Partner, Breakthrough Energy Ventures



Podcast Studio



Talent Recruiting Session | Williams, CHRO Alliance



Innovators Row | NextGen Poster Presentation, Dartmouth

Speaker Highlights



*NextGen Conversations: A Guiding Message from Hon. Chris Wright, US Energy Secretary, to the Future Energy Workforce: **Naki Mendoza**, CERAWeek Executive Conference Director, S&P Global and **Hon. Chris Wright**, Secretary of Energy, United States Department of Energy*



*Book Signing | Daniel Yergin – The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power: **Daniel Yergin**, Chairman, CERAWeek and Vice Chairman, S&P Global*



*NextGen Dialogue | “NextGen” energy leaders of the future: **Renu Khator**, Chancellor and President, University of Houston*



*Funding the Future: Innovation strategies for a new research era: **Evelyn Wang**, VP for Energy and Climate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)*



*Skills for Tomorrow, Today: Cultivating workforce agility: **Reginald DesRoches**, President, Rice University*



*Game-changing technologies: **Sally Benson**, Precourt Family Professor, Professor of Energy Science Engineering, Stanford University*

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AI and Workforce Transformation: Displacement, discovery and development: **Carolyn Kissane**, Associate Dean & Clinical Professor, New York University, SPS Center for Global Affairs



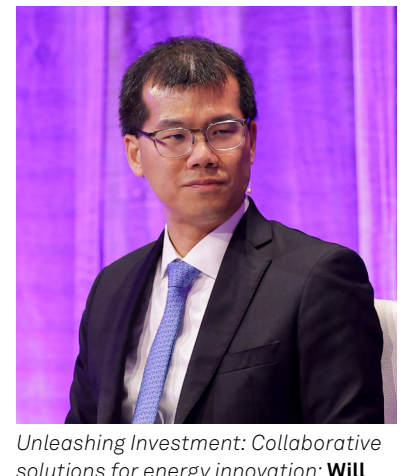
Advanced Materials with Low-carbon Intensity: **Y. Shirley Meng**, Liew Family Professor in Molecular Engineering, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago



Funding the Future: Innovation strategies for a new research era: **Mahdi Aladel**, CEO, Aramco Ventures and **Jim Gable**, VP, Innovation and President, Chevron Technology Ventures, Chevron



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Speaker Highlights



Trust and Talent in Transition: The AI-enabled workforce: **Neeraj Joshi**, CTO WW Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft



The Race for Talent: Overcoming the shortage in a high-demand industry: **Gauri Jauhar** (Chair), Executive Director, Energy Transitions & CleanTech Consulting, S&P Global; **Jessica Van Singel**, Global Resources Talent & Organization Industry Lead, Americas Talent & Organization Strategy Lead, Accenture; **Raquel Couri**, EVP, Human Resources & Administration, NextDecade; and **Luis Scartascini**, Chief Human Resource Officer, Tenaris



Redefining Resilience: Transforming the human-AI workforce: **Patti Johnson**, SVP & CHRO, Mitsubishi Power Americas



Bridging Talent Gaps in the Energy Workforce: **Amy Thompson**, EVP & Chief Human Resource Officer, Excelerate Energy



Geoengineering the Climate: Promise, peril and policy: **David Keith**, Professor of Geophysical Sciences and Founding Faculty Director of the Climate Systems Engineering Initiative, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth, University of Chicago



Accelerating Idea to Impact: Carving new ways to innovation: **David Sholl**, EVP for Research, Rice University



Game-changing technologies: **William Green**, Director of the MIT Energy Initiative and Hoyt C. Hottel Professor of Chemical Engineering, MIT Energy Initiative

NextGen Dialogue



NextGen Dialogue | “NextGen” Energy Leaders of the Future: **Louis Carranza** (Moderator), Co-Chair & Head of CERAWEEK, S&P Global; **Darryl Willis**, Corporate Vice President, Energy & Resources Industry, Microsoft; and **Vijay Swarup** (Chair), Director, Independent

“As a second-year MBA student, NextGen at CERAWEEK gave me unparalleled access: candid conversations with decision-makers that compressed years of energy, finance, policy, and leadership perspective into one week.”

– Ayush Dubey, MBA Candidate, Yale School of Management

NextGen Colloquium



Permits, Policy, and Capital: Clearing the Bottlenecks to Power AI Reliably: **Ann Bluntzer Pullin**, Executive Director, Hamm Institute for American Energy



Rethinking Industrial-Academic Collaboration: The urgent need for innovation: **Ajay Mehta**, VP Research & Innovation, Shell



Reliability, Sustainability, and Trust: A collective energy roadmap for the AI era: **Michael Polsky**, Founder & CEO, Invenergy and **Barry Engle**, President, Low Carbon Solutions, ExxonMobil

“CERAWeek reminded me that energy transition isn't just a policy conversation or a technology race — it's a massive coordination problem. And graduate students, who often sit at the intersection of cutting-edge research and fresh thinking, have a real role to play in that coordination. We just have to be willing to speak the language of the room we're in.”

– Ya Tang, Engineering PhD candidate, Dartmouth – Thayer '26

NextGen Amphitheater



Building a Future-ready Workforce: The human touch in an age of digital agents: **Annette Hugh** (Chair), Global Head of Market Development & Engagement, S&P Global; **Dan Priest**, US Chief AI Officer, PwC; **Kim Lee**, Executive Vice President People & Culture, Santos; and **Matt Rettagliata**, Head of Solutions for Power and Energy, Google Cloud



Industrial-academic Collaboration for Future Skills: **Kate Brown** (Chair), Global Head of Talent, S&P Global; **Ann Bluntzer Pullin**, Executive Director, Hamm Institute for American Energy; **Kristin Carvell**, Chief Communications Officer, GE Vernova; and **Sandra Guerra**, Head of HR for North America, Siemens Energy



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Collaboration Spotlight | Collision Course: How Houston's Ion District turns proximity into innovation: **Brian McCabe** (Chair), Head of 451 Research, S&P Global; **Adrian Tromel**, Chief Innovation Officer & VP for Innovation (interim), Rice University; **Marc Davidson**, Senior Technical Advisor, Veriten; and **Rawand Rasheed**, CEO and Co-founder, Helix Earth Technologies



Accelerating Idea to Impact: Carving new ways to innovation : **Hon. Roger Martella**, Chief Corporate Officer, GE Vernova; **Sarah Derdowski**, Group Manager, Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN2) Program Manager, National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR); and **David Sholl**, Executive Vice President for Research, Rice University

NextGen Amphitheater



NextGen Conversation with Van Jones: **Murray Fisher** (Chair), Director, Strategic Development, CERAWeek, S&P Global and **Van Jones**, CNN Host, Founder of DreamMachine.org and Founder of RAPPORT.co



Charting Careers in Energy: Pathways for the next generation of leaders: **Kiana LaBuhn** (Chair), Global People Partner, S&P Global; **Georgina Campbell Flatter**, CEO, Greentown Labs; **Starlee Sykes**, CEO, Archaea Energy, a bp company; and **Brandon Oyer**, Head of Energy and Water for the Americas, Amazon Web Services (AWS)



Funding the Future: Innovation strategies for a new research era: **Ernest Moniz**, Founder & CEO, EFI Foundation



Reskilling and Upskilling for the Next Generation Workforce: **Gin Kinney**, EVP, Chief Administrative Officer, NRG Energy



Unleashing Investment: Collaborative solutions for energy innovation: **Adm. James Ellis**, Annenberg Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University



Mission-driven Minds: How space exploration inspires the next generation of energy innovators: **Trina Sadberry**, Head of Brand & Engagement in the United States, Equinor



Data Sharing and Industrial AI: Reuse at scale: **Boris Otto**, Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Software and Systems Engineering ISST

NextGen Pod



The \$4 Trillion Growth Engine: Why Hispanic demographics will shape America's energy future: **James E. Campos**, President, Red Post Energy Future; **Jose Perez**, Hispanics In Energy, President & CEO; and **Janie Martinez Gonzalez**, Board of Trustees, CPS Energy



Catalytic Opportunities for Dilute Methane Abatement: **Desirée Plata**, Professor of Climate and Energy, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, MIT



Reinventing Marine Fuel Compliance Through a Smarter Path to IMO 2020 Very Low Sulfur Fuel Oil: **Othon Rodriguez**, CEO and Co-Founder, Promecav



NextGen Pod | Project Financing the World's First Gas-to-nuclear AI Data Center with Crusoe: **Jake Jurewicz**, Co-Founder & CEO, Blue Energy

NextGen Pod



Can AI help discover battery materials?: **Chibueze Amanchukwu**, Neubauer Family Assistant Professor, University of Chicago Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth



The Critical Role of Conformance Control to Enable Economic Geothermal Power: **Will Fleckenstein**, CEO, GTO Technologies



Dartmouth | Wildfire Risk and Grid Resilience: **Vikrant Vaze**, Associate Professor of Engineering; Executive Director, Master of Engineering Management Program, Dartmouth



The Power of Grand Challenges: **Ryan Chin**, Managing Director, Sustainable Mobility Center, Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy



Semiconductor Heat Engines for Reliable MW-scale Power: **Alina LaPotin**, Fellow, ARPA-E



Community as a Strategic Resource: **Jay Knott**, President and CEO, American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) and **Susan Waller**, Executive Director, Natural Allies for Clean Energy Future

NextGen Lyceum



Breakthrough Energy Discovery | Accelerating University Commercialization: **Abigail Mathieson**, Head of Strategy & Operations, Breakthrough Energy; **John Maslin**, CEO, Vulcan Elements; **Tim Latimer**, Co-Founder & CEO, Fervo Energy; and **Libby Wayman**, Partner, Breakthrough Energy Ventures



Carbon Markets: From theory to practice: **Marc Roston**, Senior Research Scholar, Stanford University



Engineering Low-cost, High-performance Membranes for Flow Batteries: **Shrayesh Patel**, Associate Professor of Molecular Engineering, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth, University of Chicago



Innovation at the Interface: **Daniel J. Preston**, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Rice University Energy Ventures

NextGen Meetup



NextGen Kickoff: **Murray Fisher**, Director, Strategic Development, CERAWeek, S&P Global

“CERAWeek felt like a bootcamp for transformation and impact in the global energy sector. I left energized by the immense opportunity in energy, but also grounded in the responsibility that comes with shaping its future.”

– Ozioma Ozigbo, Master’s, Climate and Sustainability Engineering and President, Pratt Energy & Sustainability Club, Duke

CERAWeek Exchange



#OpentoWork: Insights for Job Seekers in Energy



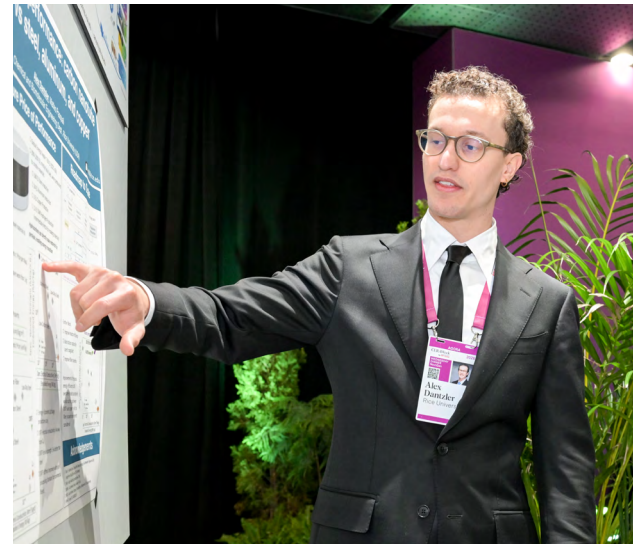
What the Future Workforce Needs from Employers

Innovators Row

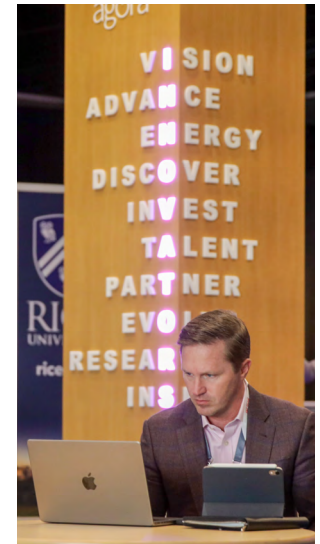
Poster Session



De-risking Geothermal: Unlocking scalable infrastructure beneath our feet: **Ozioma Ozigbo**, Graduate Student, Duke University



Life-cycle Assessment of Natural Gas to Carbon Nanotube Fibers: **Alex Dantzer**, Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University



Innovators Row: Collaborative Workspace and Networking



An Experimental Setup for Bit-Rock Interaction Analysis: **Andres Baena Velasquez**, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma



Solar-driven Organocatalytic Hydrogen Evolution from Ethanol: **Savannah Talledo**, Graduate Student, Carnegie Mellon University



DC Microgrids Stability and Control: **Ayman AlZawaideh**, Graduate Research Assistant, North Carolina State University

Innovators Row

Poster Session



Predicting the Adsorption of Gas Molecules in Novel Nanoporous Materials to Model Sustainable Technologies: **Benedikt Buhk**, PhD Molecular Modelling, ETH Zürich



Md Mashum Billal, Postdoctoral fellow, University of Alberta; **Sebastian Lopez**, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Alberta; and **Andres Baena Velasquez**, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma



From Fragmented Projects to Financeable Climate Assets: **Grace Tian**, Master's Graduate, Harvard Kennedy School



Machine Learning Models for Geologic CO₂ Sequestration Processes: **Khalil Buckmire**, Research Assistant, Penn State University and **Sanjay Srinivasan**, Director of the Energy Institute, College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, with Penn State graduate students and alumni



Institutionalizing Generative AI in Everyday Work Practices: **Anna Gieß**, Research Associate, Fraunhofer ISST

Innovation Agora

The Innovation Agora at CERAWeek convened an energizing community of visionaries, technologists, startup entrepreneurs, VCs and investors, policy makers and corporate innovators—all dedicated to exploring and advancing solutions to the greatest challenges facing our energy future.

Our focus is on showcasing and advancing transformational technologies, including: AI and digital technology, nuclear and geothermal power generation, CCUS and direct air capture, low-carbon fuels and hydrogen, decarbonization and electrification, advanced and quantum computing, biofuels and e-fuels, renewable energy and e-mobility, innovation ecosystems and financing innovation, automation and robotics, energy efficiency and the built environment, workforce development, and more.

The Agora is a vibrant marketplace of ideas on energy innovation, emerging technologies and solutions—with opportunities to learn, connect and ideate.



Carbon and Climate Hub | CCS Projects in Action: Lessons learned: **Pritesh Patel**, Executive Director, Cost & Supply Chain, S&P Global; **Katherine Rojas**, SVP - Industrial Decarbonization, SLB; **George Yoshida**, Director, CCUS Strategy Department, GX Solutions, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; and **Poh Boon Ung**, General Manager, Global CCS Institute

Innovation Agora



AI Hub | AI and Workforce Transformation: **Kiana LaBuhn** (Chair), Global People Partner, S&P Global; **Carolyn Kissane**, New York University, SPS Center for Global Affairs, Associate Dean & Clinical Professor; **Cynthia J. (CJ) Warner**, Senior Operating Partner, GVP Climate; and **Sandra Guerra**, Head of HR for North America, Siemens Energy



Book Talk | *Tod Hynes: Disciplined Entrepreneurship for Climate and Energy Ventures*

The Innovation Agora features unique formats, interactive dialogue and conversations about global energy innovation and technology ecosystem.

Key themes and technology pathways featured across the Agora are rooted in innovation and energy transition solutions.

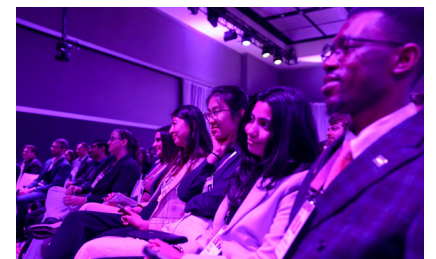
Key Themes

- AI and Digital
- Electrification Technologies
- The Innovation Ecosystem
- Managing Emissions
- Low-Carbon Fuels and Mobility
- Climate and Sustainability
- Chemicals and Materials
- Investment and Financing
- Workforce Strategy

“This is my first time to CERAWeek, and frankly, I never imagined I would be here. It’s a clear sign, with my presence here today and the great dialogue, that energy and AI chip design are intertwined. [AI adoption] can lead to definition of new energy sources and make legacy energy sources of production become more efficient going forward.”

– Mark Papermaster, CTO & EVP, AMD

Engage



Engage



NextGen Partnership

Overview

NextGen Partners support the accelerated translation of technology and talent into the energy industry, helping create new pathways and solutions for the energy future with their expertise and experience at a critical time.

The program integrates branding, knowledge contribution, media support, delegation support, networking, and engaging exceptional talent into a single, tailored strategy that supports the Partner's objectives.

Partner Benefits

- Peer hosting, interaction and networking focused on advancing business
- Thought leadership and executive engagement
- Partner recognition, media, virtual platforms, and CERAWeek branding program

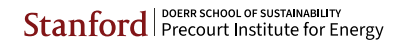
Partners benefit from high-level participation and direct engagement in CERAWeek content and community development. Designed to maximize the impact of a Partner's CERAWeek experience for executives, Partnership Programs offer opportunities to deepen relationships with key stakeholders, develop and share ideas and thought leadership, enhance visibility and communicate key messages to a wider audience.

Partnership enables active participation in all key components of CERAWeek in a single, integrated program.

“You need to lean in and develop new markets. Markets produce new energy value chains, and for that you need to partner. And I think CERAWeek is a great place for that.”

- Charlotte Wolff-Bye, Vice President, PETRONAS

University Partners



NextGen Affiliates





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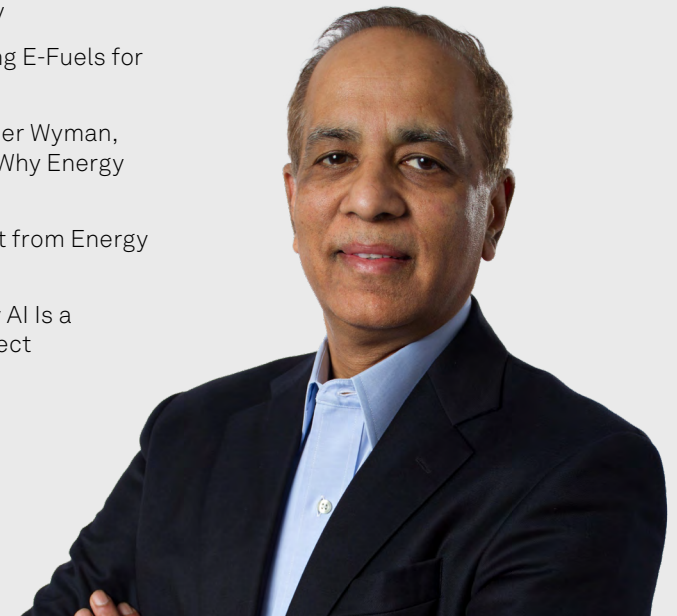
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CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya

In its third season, the CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya, SVP and Chief Energy Strategist, S&P Global Energy, featured 17 thought-provoking episodes that set the tone for CERAWeek 2026. In the lead-up to the conference, the podcast brought together visionaries and decision-makers to explore the themes that would define this year's dialogue — offering a preview of the insights and innovations shaping the global energy conversation.

- **Daniel Yergin** and **Carlos Pascual**, S&P Global on What Happens When the Worlds of Gas, Power, Minerals and Artificial Intelligence Collide?
- **Daniel Yergin** and **Atul Arya**, S&P Global, preview CERAWeek 2026: Convergence and Competition — Energy, Technology and Geopolitics
- **Carlos Pascual** and **Roger Diwan**, S&P Global, Inside CERAWeek 2026: Energy, Markets and Shifting Geopolitics
- **Varun Sivaram**, Emerald AI, on Can AI Solve Its Own Energy Challenge?
- **John R. Williams** and **Abel Sanchez**, MIT Faculty, on Generative AI for Energy Executives
- **Professor Jun Arima**, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC), on Energy Security, Nuclear and Japan's Path to Decarbonization
- **Uwem Ukpog**, Amazon Web Services, on the Power Convergence: AI Demand and Grid Capacity
- **Lawrence Coben**, NRG Energy, on Collaboration and the Electricity Demand “Supercycle”
- **Ashraf Al Ghazzawi**, Saudi Aramco, on Energy Security and Why Supply Still Drives the Energy Transition
- **Bill Newsom**, Mitsubishi Power Americas, on the Race to Deliver Power at Scale
- **Hanna Grene**, Microsoft, on Matching 100% of Global Electricity Demand with Renewables
- **Kim Hedegaard**, Topsoe, on Moving Beyond the Hydrogen Hype
- **José Fonrouge**, Ternium, on Decarbonizing Steel in a Two-billion-ton Industry
- **Meg Gentle**, HIF Global, on Scaling E-Fuels for Aviation and Heavy Transport
- **Nick Studer**, Marsh Risk and **Olivier Wyman**, **Mark Pellerin**, Oliver Wyman, on Why Energy Risk Is Now a Boardroom Issue
- **Morten Wierod**, ABB, on the Shift from Energy Transition to Energy Expansion
- **David Rabley**, Accenture, on Why AI Is a Business Strategy, Not an IT Project

CERAWeek Podcast with Atul Arya is available across all major platforms.



We look forward to seeing you at CERAWeek 2027

March 8-12, 2027
Houston, Texas



Daniel Yergin, Chairman, CERAWeek and Vice Chairman, S&P Global

