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## **CITY LEADERS GATHER IN CALGARY FOR THE WORLD ENERGY CITIES PARTNERSHIP**

**CALGARY** – From Sept. 2-4, Calgary is welcoming delegations of city leaders and innovators from around the world for the World Energy Cities Partnership (WECP) Annual General Meeting, signalling the city's leadership as a global energy city, and innovation and investment destination.

Gathering in Canada's energy capital, Calgary will host civic leaders and showcase the city's deep expertise in energy, low-carbon technology and city-building.

The WECP is an alliance of leading energy cities that are home to many of the world's largest energy companies, working together to build a lower-carbon energy future. Member cities meet annually to share strategies and solutions for a sustainable energy future and more livable cities.

"Calgary is honoured to host these leaders, as a city where innovation, collaboration and bold thinking are driving the low-carbon future. The work and knowledge sharing happening here is not just of local significance, but global change. By welcoming delegations from around the world, we're building partnerships that will shape the future of energy and our city," said WECP Vice President, Mayor Jyoti Gondek.

City leaders from major energy jurisdictions in Australia, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Scotland, Japan, South Korea, Scotland, Saudi Arabia and the United States will participate in programming focused on Calgary's energy expertise and rapidly evolving innovation ecosystem.

The WECP program will spotlight the city's expertise in energy and clean technology, from pioneering work in carbon capture and hydrogen to digital infrastructure and bioenergy. With Canada's highest concentration of STEM talent, a growing ecosystem of incubators and accelerators and a vision to become Canada's innovation capital through the city's *Innovation Strategy*, Calgary is uniquely positioned to lead the shift to a low-carbon economy.

"Calgary's leadership in energy is rooted in our people, our expertise, our innovative spirit and our commitment to solving shared global challenges. Hosting the WECP AGM is a testament to our city's role as a catalyst for change on the global stage," said Brad Parry, President and CEO, Calgary Economic Development.

"By strengthening relationships with global energy leaders, Calgary is opening new pathways to attract investment and support local companies secure capital and expand to new markets," said Parry.

The energy sector in Alberta contributes over \$106 billion to provincial GDP and employs over 186,000 Albertans. Investments made now will help create 170,000 new jobs and \$61 billion in annual GDP by 2050, according to the *Alberta Energy Transition Study*.

## **ABOUT CALGARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Calgary Economic Development is an opportunity-maker, helping to spark and fuel Calgary's growth. Our job is to connect people with resources that can help them grow their careers or businesses, thrive in new

locations or markets and feel at home in our community. We steward the economic strategy, [\*Uplook: An Action Plan for Our Economy\*](#) with the mandate to position Calgary for long-term economic success by supporting the expansion, retention and acquisition of companies, capital and talent. We offer a wealth of information to help everyone succeed and we tirelessly promote Calgary, in Canada and around the world. For more information, visit [www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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