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The Debate
Session

Event Date: 15 October 2026, 12:00 - 13:30



THE GLOBAL FORUM: DEBATE

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Debate Series

About the Session

A 90-minute moderated debate session bringing together experts and emerging voices for a structured, evidence-based exchange on today's energy and sustainability challenges. Part of the WPC 2026 Special Programme.

Two Debate Formats

- Oxford-Style Team Debate: two teams go head-to-head with opening statements, moderated exchange, and rebuttals
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate: one speaker on each side in a focused, direct clash of arguments

The Themes

The debates tackle real-world energy trade-offs, from balancing reliability with decarbonization to allocating capital across competing climate solutions.

Under a fixed five-year capital horizon, methane abatement delivers greater climate return per dollar invested than large-scale CO₂ capture and storage infrastructure.

The team debate takes on capital allocation: under a fixed five-year budget, does methane abatement or large-scale carbon capture and storage deliver greater climate return per dollar? A direct clash over cost-effectiveness, deployment speed, and permanence versus immediacy.

Under system stability and investment constraints, prioritizing energy reliability over accelerated decarbonization in the next five years is the more responsible strategy.

With energy systems under growing pressure, how should the next five years be sequenced? The one-on-one debate examines whether prioritizing system reliability or accelerating decarbonization is the more responsible strategy, weighing grid stability, investment constraints, and long-term emissions trajectories.

The Experience

Live audience polling, curated Q&A, and a closing recognition ceremony honoring the winning team and best debaters.



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