

INVITATION

*The German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
would like to invite you to take part in an expert scenario development workshop:*

From ‘Known Unknowns’ to ‘Unknown Unknowns’: Uncovering Critical Uncertainties for the World Energy Future

*Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 9 am – 18:30 pm
DIW Berlin, Mohrenstrasse 58, 10117 Berlin*

‘SET-Nav – Navigating the Roadmap for Clean, Secure and Efficient Energy Innovation’ intends to support strategic decision making in Europe’s energy sector, enhancing innovation towards a clean, secure and efficient energy system. The project started in April 2016 and is co-funded by the EU Horizon 2020 programme. It is being implemented by a consortium of academic, research and industry partners from Austria, Germany, Norway, France, Spain, Greece, Hungary, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Switzerland (<http://www.set-nav.eu/>).

The project generates contributions along three dimensions: (1) the development of a modelling portfolio for decision making in the energy sector, (2) the analysis of the impact of multiple future paths and policies, and (3) the development of stakeholder dialogue and dissemination.

In order to achieve these aims, scenario-based research will be conducted to better understand the complex links, interactions and inter-dependencies between the different factors, actors, trends and events (i.e. available technologies, policy interventions, infrastructure investments, etc.). But it is also SET-Nav’s ambition to look out for critical uncertainties (‘unknown unknowns’ such as technology breakthroughs) and to look out for so-called ‘black swans’ (low probability-high impact events such as the Fukushima incident).

To this end, DIW Berlin – as part of the SET-Nav network – would like to invite you to an expert workshop to improve its modelling and forecasting capabilities. The workshop aims at a better understanding of external trends, forces and factors that might affect the global energy transition in the coming decades.

The event will in a first part aim at uncovering key assumptions, relevant drivers and relationships characterizing the world energy sector (morning session), based on which several storylines will then be developed (afternoon session).

Lunch as well as two coffee breaks will be provided to the participants. Note that the event will take place in English. Please RSVP to Nathan Appleman by email (nappleman@diw.de) by the 1st of November 2016.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Franziska Holz,
DIW Berlin