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**Ambassador Arne Walther,  
Secretary General, International Energy Forum**

**Biography**

Ambassador Arne Walther took charge as the first Secretary General of the International Energy Forum in December 2003. During that time, one of his primary objectives has been to improve the dialogue between energy producers and consumers and increase data accuracy and transparency through the Joint Oil Data Initiative.

Ambassador Walther has previously served as Norway's Ambassador to Austria, India, Slovakia and also to the UN Offices and the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. He has served as Director General for Trade Policy, Natural Resources and Environment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, located in Oslo. Ambassador Walther has been Chairman of the Governing Board of the IEA and Chairman of the IEA's Committee on non-member Countries.

Earlier in his career he served as Special Adviser on International Affairs to Prime Minister Brundtland and Political Adviser to the Minister of Petroleum and Energy of Norway. Ambassador Walther earned degrees in Political Science and English from the University of Stockholm in 1967. He also completed a graduate program at the London School of Economics in 1976 following his entrance into the Foreign Service.

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