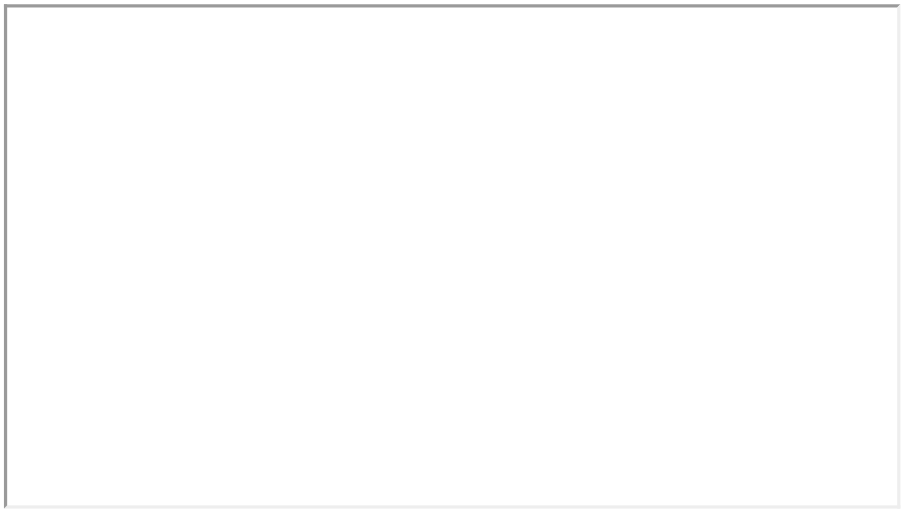
Global events programme

Worldwide programme of face to face and online events

CIGRE's unique knowledge programme comes to life through its worldwide array of face to face and online events. International humai interaction facilitates free exchange of knowledge within the CIGRE community.



The Paris Session, the world's leading global event for sharing power system expertise

Every two years, the world's number one global power system event is run by CIGRE in Paris, France. Known as the Paris Session, th event attracts members from across the whole CIGRE community and is the culmination of the previous two years of the CIGR knowledge programme. The Paris Session is unlike any other conference. It offers an in-depth interactive congress, following a rigorous process where, rather than being presented, hundreds of papers are collaboratively debated. Follow the links below for an explanation of this unique and highly stimulating thought leadership event.

At a glance

- 3600+ delegates
- 6000 industry participants
- 90+ countries
- Massive trade exhibit
- 160+ working meetings
- 30+ Study Committee sessions

The Paris Session stands alone for its unique role in the CIGRE knowledge programme

CIGRE's other events include

Symposia
Normally two Symposia are held in odd number years, in various countries where CIGRE is present. Symposia are coordinated b CIGRE's Central Office, examining broad Reference Papers by international experts. They are normally based upon collaboration of 4 to Study Committees.

Like the Paris Session, Symposia focus on specific subjects of topical interest. Papers are peer reviewed in advance by Study Committe international experts. Wrap up discussions are also held following presentations. However, Symposia are run more like an industry conference, with authors making 15 to 20 minute presentations of their papers to delegates. Symposia typically are two day events attracting 500 to 800 delegates.

Colloquia
Colloquia are one day, topic specific conferences organised normally by a Study Committee in connection with a host NC, attracting 100 tc 150 delegates. Although more focused, Colloquia also present only papers peer reviewed by Study Committee international experts.
There are potentially 16 Colloquia per year, but sometimes two or occasionally three Study Committees join to organise a Colloquium. The Colloquia are generally associated with the meeting of the Study Committees.

Macro-region and national events

Macro-regional groups organise regional events in a similar way to NCs. NCs and Working Groups in specific countries run local events such as conferences, workshops and tutorials. Unlike the Paris Session, Symposia and Colloquia, local events are driven mostly by topics of local concern, but papers presented are still peer reviewed by local experts and tutorials are normally presented by internationally recognised experts.



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Global collaborative programme and the Paris Session

Knowledge programme – events

On a two yearly cycle, CIGRE operates the world's foremost collaborative knowledge development and sharing programme. Featuring extensive remote collaboration, coupled with periodic face to face events, in many cases including the participation of the world's leading experts.

The events comprise globally orientated Symposia, Colloquia, and Study Group meetings, as well as macro-regionally and locally focused conferences and panels. Some 250 Working Groups produce around 40 Technical Brochures per year. Every two years this programme culminates in the world's number one global power system event in France, known as the Paris Session.

The CIGRE Biennial Paris Session

The CIGRE Biennial Session is held in Paris, France in even number years. It is the number one global power system event in the world, bringing together some 8000 power industry participants from over 90 countries, including 3500 international experts and other decision-makers. This is a unique week long interactive opportunity. Over 160 working meetings, over 30 Study Committee sessions and around 400 papers focus on and discuss the association's 16 fields of activities.

Paris Session much more than a traditional conference

Unlike most conferences where authors present their papers, at the Paris Session, papers are circulated to delegates and also carefully analysed by special 'Reporters' in advance. At the Paris Session it is the Reporters, not the authors, who lead interactive working sessions. This way the collective expertise of the delegates is harnessed to create new ideas that build on what the author contributed in their paper under discussion. New ideas and knowledge are synthesised the following day in what are called 'Daily Reports'. These, along with other Study Committee inputs, form the basis of what the CIGRE NCs and their Working Groups will focus on in the following two years.

Unique thought leadership event
Special Reporters critically explore 400+ Technical Papers with delegates

Culmination of two year work programme
The Paris Session stands alone for its unique role in the CIGRE knowledge programme

Deliberation, collaboration, goal setting across 16 domains
- 160 Working Group meetings
- 30+ Study Committee sessions

Defining the next two year work programme
Technical Council reviews Session findings to define topic focus for the next two years

New ideas and knowledge are synthesised

Two year work programme

The Paris Session - the world's leading global event for sharing power system expertise

For more on CIGRE global collaborative programme download an info leaflet here
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