



Biography

Mr. Ulrich Benterbusch

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Ulrich Benterbusch was appointed Director of Global Energy Dialogue in October 2009. A German national, he was Director of the Heiligendamm Dialogue and its Support Unit at the OECD, a position he took up shortly after the G8 Summit in 2007 until he joined the IEA. This high-level policy dialogue between the G8 and the G5 was the first institutional dialogue at the leadership level with emerging countries.

Prior to joining the OECD, Mr. Benterbusch was Director of the German G8 Office, preparing the policy agenda for the G8 Summit 2007 in Heiligendamm (Germany). Mr. Benterbusch also held various positions within the German political administration; among others, he functioned as European Advisor on Economic and Financial Matters for the Social Democratic Members of the German Parliament Bundestag at the time of the introduction of the Euro, and was Head of Division in the German Chancellery, responsible for bilateral economic relations including energy, WTO, OECD and the G8. During his time at the German Chancellery, he helped prepare German energy policy strategies concerning the Middle East and North Africa and was involved in the planning of new gas transit routes between Russia and Europe. Within the Heiligendamm Dialogue, he managed among other things a G8/G5 working group on energy-related issues.

Mr Benterbusch studied at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow, the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich and at Rutgers University in New Jersey. He holds a Masters in Public Administration from Konstanz University in Germany, and has obtained the State Examination for Public Administration and Economic Management for high-level government service. Mr. Benterbusch speaks German, English, French and Russian.