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ITPO Germany Deputy Heads Vanessa Voelkel and Michael Schmidt at the Future Cleantech Architects meeting of entrepreneurs and stakeholders

Vanessa Voelkel and Michael Schmidt, both Investment and Technology Promotion Experts and Deputy Heads of ITPO Germany, joined the FCA Expert Panel in March 2020. As two of twelve experts with exceptional expertise on scaling sustainable technology, they particularly focus on international cleantech projects and consortia with cross-border character.

Throughout 2020, ITPO Germany and FCA have closely cooperated on several events. Vanessa Voelkel and Michael Schmidt attended the Expert Panel Meetings in July and September 2020 and discussed the strategic priorities of FCA.

Vanessa Voelkel attended the digital “Coffee and Cleantech” event on 16 October 2020, which also marked the informal celebration on the establishment of Future Cleantech Architects.

On 12 November 2020, ITPO Germany co-organized the online discussion “The Third Future Cleantech Panel: The Innovators Edition” with FCA and EIT InnoEnergy with around 120 participants.

The Future Cleantech Panels discuss ambitious ideas on cleantech and bring innovators, the public side and the corporate sector together. In the Third Future Cleantech Panel four outstanding innovators discussed breakthrough solutions in ocean energy, zero carbon fuels and renewable energy for emerging economies.

## Strategic partnership with Future Cleantech Architects

A key objective of ITPO Germany is to contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the ones related to industry and sustainable production. Amongst these SDGs are Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and Goal 13 (Climate Action).

A key challenge for on-time solutions to the climate challenge is to ensure the development of high-impact cleantech solutions. To address this challenge, ITPO Germany has partnered with Future Cleantech Architects (FCA). FCA is an innovative think tank working on high-impact innovations that support the energy transition. In their strategic partnership, ITPO Germany and FCA leverage synergies in their work on promoting clean and sustainable technologies and jointly address cleantech challenges and solutions through joint events, communication and advocacy efforts.



**Peter Schniering**  
Founder of Future Cleantech Architects



Our Expert Panel



Specific knowledge on developing and scaling high-impact solutions

**Vanessa Völkel**  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
– Investment and technology promotion expert



**Sven Meier**  
Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW)  
– Director of Digital Transformation



**Michael Schmidt**  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)  
– Investment and technology promotion expert



**Christian Sander**  
Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW)  
– Lead Blockchain & DLT

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Activities & Events



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