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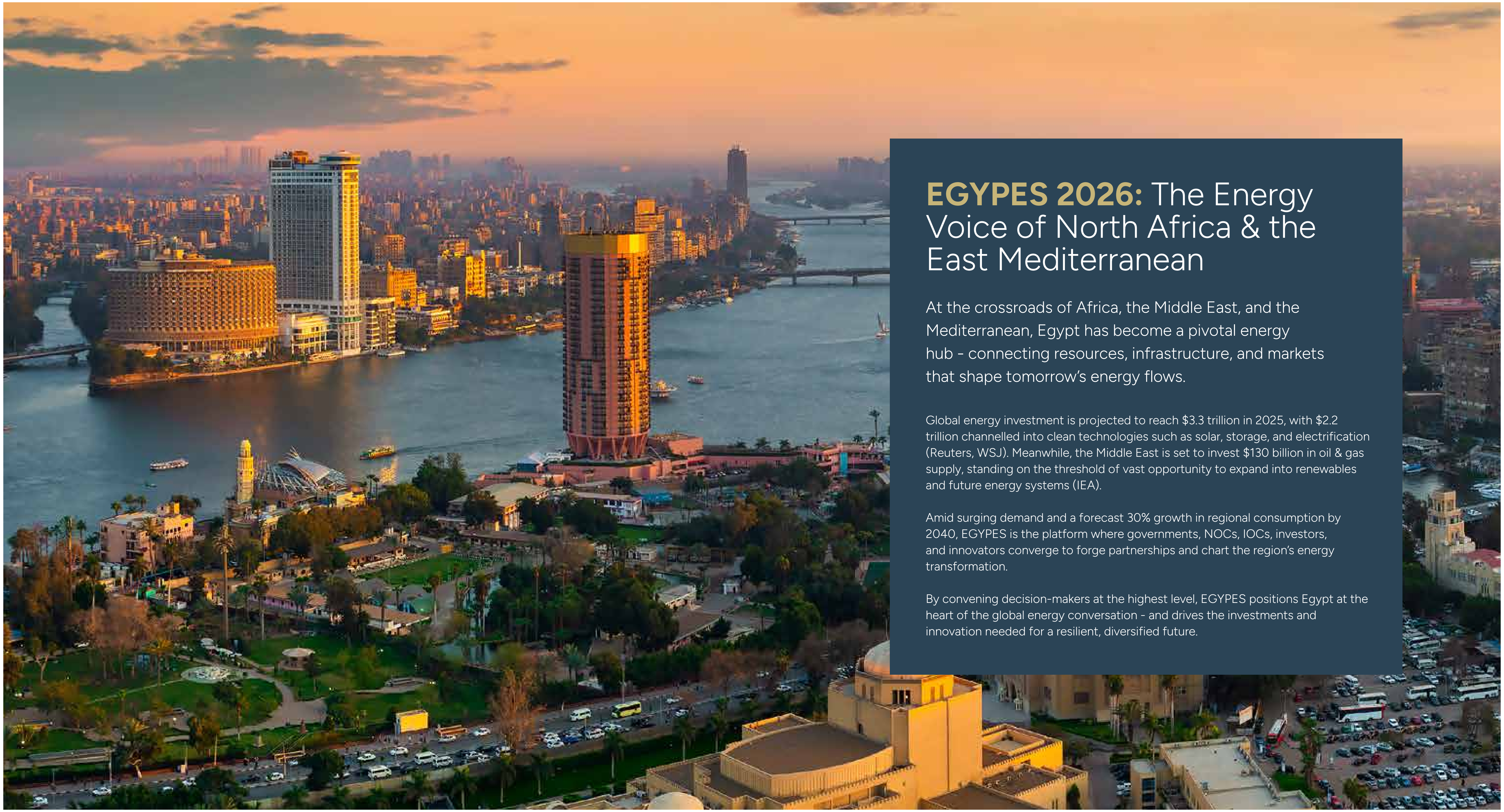

EGYPES 2026: The Energy Voice of North Africa & the East Mediterranean

At the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean, Egypt has become a pivotal energy hub - connecting resources, infrastructure, and markets that shape tomorrow's energy flows.

Global energy investment is projected to reach $3.3 trillion in 2025, with $2.2 trillion channelled into clean technologies such as solar, storage, and electrification (Reuters, WSJ). Meanwhile, the Middle East is set to invest $130 billion in oil & gas supply, standing on the threshold of vast opportunity to expand into renewables and future energy systems (IEA).

Amid surging demand and a forecast 30% growth in regional consumption by 2040, EGYPES is the platform where governments, NOCs, IOCs, investors, and innovators converge to forge partnerships and chart the region's energy transformation.

By convening decision-makers at the highest level, EGYPES positions Egypt at the heart of the global energy conversation - and drives the investments and innovation needed for a resilient, diversified future.

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The EGYPES 2026 Conferences bring together the world's energy decision-makers to address defining issues shaping the future of the industry, from regional security and capital investment to digital transformation and low-carbon innovation.

Two comprehensive conferences, Strategic and Technical, this new multi-track programme will feature over 100 sessions including ministerial dialogues, investment debates, technical deep dives and innovation showcases, all designed to drive development through insight and action.

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94	High-level sessions
2	Strategic Roundtables
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> Egypt's goal is to play a prominent role in global energy trade flows and foster an environment that simulates better trade and business links among regional countries to ensure collaboration and alliance.

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The need for open dialogue on the energy trilemma of security, affordability, and sustainability remains constant. Concerns around geopolitical tensions, trade constraints, and global crises do not simply evaporate with a new renewables-rich energy system.

Now more than ever, it is clear that more still needs to be done, and at scale, by our industry, our companies, and our people. Similarly, to support the pace of change and a just and equitable transition, aligned and coherent climate policy remains a key driver.

As work continues towards sustainable energy development, the EGYPES 2026 Strategic Conference provides thought leadership through keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interviews, providing insights into future energy strategies and top industry issues.

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PROGRAMMES

- Global Energy Markets
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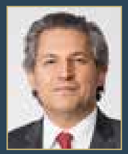

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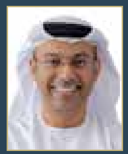

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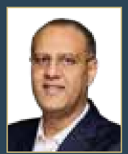

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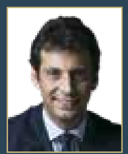

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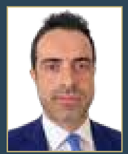

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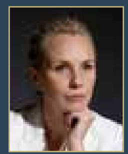

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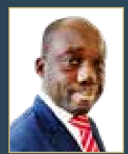

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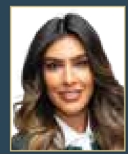

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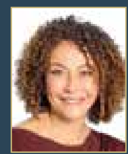

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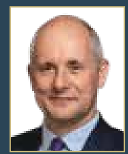

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STRATEGIC CONFERENCE PROGRAMMES

Explore 40 high-level sessions across 11 programmes, delving into critical themes shaping the global energy agenda - from investment and policy to security, leadership, and resilience.

GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS

With increased geopolitical tensions globally, integrated energy ecosystems based on realistic and multifaceted energies remain central to energy and national security. The Global Energy Markets programme will drive the conversation on energy strategy and reframing the energy narrative through pragmatic collaboration and action.

GAS AND LNG

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Reliable, available, affordable and flexible, natural gas remains the fuel of choice across African continents and emerging markets. The Gas and LNG programme will champion the continued use of gas and LNG to support decarbonisation by reducing carbon footprints, supporting renewables intermittencies, reinforcing the move away from coal and monitoring of GHG, flaring and methane emissions.

ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION

With increased power consumption from energy intensive data centres and with progressive industry wide electrification decarbonisation strategies, electricity demand continues to soar at unprecedented and never-before-seen levels. The Electricity and Power Generation programme will drive focus on the importance of generation, transmission and distribution of electricity from network integration and interconnection, turbines and storage, powerlines and grids harnessing both low-carbon gas and renewable energy sources.

MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE

Nations developing energy corridors and trading hubs rely on critical energy infrastructure that provides global connectivity for pipeline import-export, regasification terminals with network and grid interconnection, and tie-in to offshore exploration and production platforms. The Maritime, Ports and Offshore programme will support the development of regional offshore expansion, cross-border trade partnerships, logistical supply chains and security of key shipping routes.

AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS

Many African nations are leading the way in developing their natural resources to provide domestic energy, creating available, affordable and secure supply, whilst simultaneously reinforcing and growing their economies. The African Emerging Energy Markets programme will promote African continents globally, supporting development of both low-carbon fossil fuel and renewable energy projects through foreign direct investment with North-South collaboration and South-South cooperation to secure their future and alleviate energy poverty.

HYDROGEN

Scaling up hydrogen cooperation and integration remains key to developing a strong industry and business strategy for trade and infrastructure buildout. The Hydrogen programme will address pathway challenges and opportunities across the value chain to accelerate scalability, support affordability, trade and transport in line with policy frameworks, national roadmaps, regional hydrogen infrastructure partnerships and pilot projects with offtake contracts and additionality as core components.

TECH, INNOVATION AND AI

The relationship between tech, AI and innovation is a powerful force, which together is reshaping the energy landscape, accelerating transformation and unlocking new possibilities. The Tech, Innovation and AI programme will empower strategic-led discussions across the sector, from the control room to the board room, highlighting how leaders are creating value-add, improving operational efficiencies and redefining productivity whilst at the same time, producing lower-carbon oil and gas and deploying tech to support a multi-faceted energy ecosystem.

DOWNSTREAM

As downstream operators continue to diversify and transform their businesses, value creation across refining, chemicals production and marketing and distribution remains key to improving trade and generating greater profitability. The Downstream programme will showcase the importance of flexibility, agility, integration and diversification to support resilience and boost operational efficiency, renewable feedstock integration, crude processing and fuels distribution, emissions control and waste management, recycling and circularity.

RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Renewable energies to power our future continue to gain traction, driven by supportive policies, lower costs and industry commitment to harnessing a realistic 'energy addition' approach to meeting the world's energy needs. The Renewable Energies programme will embrace commitment to developing a diversified, renewables led, low-carbon economy with environmental stewardship to combat climate change and a balanced, cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

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In redefining the future of energy, navigating today's demands for transformation, balanced with creating future resilient and profitable business strategies, leaders need to be agile, innovative and focused, all the while supported by diverse high performing teams. The Leadership and Development programme will facilitate dialogue across all industry disciplines, fostering a collaborative environment to showcase leaders who are making decisions with impact and employees who are achieving personal growth as they drive energy progress through shared ambition.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

In building a secure, resilient and balanced energy future, mobilising capital and funding for investment in traditional, renewable and alternative energies remains essential to accelerate project breakthroughs and unlock opportunities to meet growing energy needs. The Finance and Investment programme will spotlight national policies, public and private sector collaboration, project bankability and final investment decisions driving energy access and economic growth.

STRATEGIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS PREVIEW

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

09:00-12:00

OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURATION

Transforming energy through collaboration, action and realism

14:00-14:40	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Energy priorities, geopolitical realities and national security
14:40-15:20	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Reframing the energy narrative
15:20-16:00	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Oil markets, supply and demand, trade and tariffs
16:00-16:40	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Redefining the renewed upstream E&P agenda
14:00-14:40	AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS	Harmonising energy policies to connect North and Sub-Saharan African markets
14:40-15:20	ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION	A new era of interconnected electricity
15:20-16:00	GAS AND LNG	Positioning East Med gas in the global energy security equation
16:00-16:40	DOWNSTREAM	Capturing untapped opportunity in downstream - a critical window for value creation

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

10:00-10:40	MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE	Unlocking the Mediterranean Sea offshore potential
10:40-11:20	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Global energy transition – the next phase
11:20-12:00	MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE	Redrawing global trade flows
12:00-12:40	ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION	Electrifying energy: from molecules to electrons
13:40 - 14:40	STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE	Gas & LNG as a strategic lever – East Med, North Africa and Europe in a fragmented energy system
14:40-15:20	GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS	Securing critical minerals for energy security
15:20-16:00	TECH, INNOVATION AND AI	Taking action against carbon and methane
16:00-16:40	RENEWABLE ENERGIES	Advancing nuclear energy for a low-carbon future
16:40-17:20	LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT	Integrating sustainability into business models and organisational leadership
10:00-10:40	AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS	Scaling solar, wind and hydro projects in Africa
10:40-11:20	GAS AND LNG	LNG global supply and demand outlook
11:20-12:00	FINANCE AND INVESTMENT	Mobilising capital into oil and gas exploration and production
12:00-12:40	DOWNSTREAM	Petrochemicals – transformative growth and innovation
14:40-15:20	HYDROGEN	Hydrogen: moving from intent to action
15:20-16:00	TECH, INNOVATION AND AI	Turning AI into ROI
16:00-16:40	FINANCE AND INVESTMENT	Developing and financing energy infrastructure projects
16:40-17:20	ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION	Powering the data centre boom

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026

10:00-10:40	AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS	Propelling Africa's gas market expansion
10:40-11:20	MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE	Shaping offshore energy frontiers
11:20-12:00	GAS AND LNG	Monetising natural gas through value-add
12:00-12:40	DOWNSTREAM	Reinventing marketing and distribution in the low-carbon era
13:40 - 14:40	STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE	From resource to resilience – industrial value creation across gas, power, petrochemicals and hydrogen
14:40-15:20	FINANCE AND INVESTMENT	M&A trends, risks and rewards in upstream deals
15:20-16:00	GAS AND LNG	Supporting energy continuity, security and decarbonisation with LNG
16:00-16:40	HYDROGEN	Solving the hydrogen storage and transportation challenge through ammonia
16:40-17:20	TECH, INNOVATION AND AI	Accelerating digitalisation across the energy sector
10:00-10:40	LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT	The power of accountability and action centred leadership
10:40-11:20	ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION	Leveraging gas-to-power for reliable and sustainable electricity supply
11:20-12:00	HYDROGEN	Assessing MENA's potential as a green hydrogen hub
12:00-12:40	RENEWABLE ENERGIES	Unlocking renewable potential through hybrid PV systems
14:40-15:20	AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS	Expanding Africa's refining capacity to reduce import dependence
15:20-16:00	RENEWABLE ENERGIES	Increasing the production of renewable biofuels for transport and aviation
16:00-16:40	TECH, INNOVATION AND AI	Driving commercial scale-up of CCUS
16:40-17:20	LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT	Building a people-first health and safety culture across the energy sector

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL OPENING CEREMONY AND INAUGURATION

Opening Ceremony Hall

09:00-12:00	**Transforming energy through collaboration, action and realism**

GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS

Opening Ceremony Hall

14:00-14:40	**Energy priorities, geopolitical realities and national security**

Intrinsically linked and at the heart of the world's energy future, resilience in energy ecosystems, irrespective of fossil fuels, renewables, or both, is vital to ensuring reliable and continuous supply. Future energy scenarios, similar to global geopolitical risks, have already proven to be complex, and this will only increase, making difficult choices necessary to ensure functioning energy markets, as irrespective of whether a country is an importer or exporter, energy security is now national security.

Attendee Insights: At a time of unprecedented uncertainty, destabilisation of any kind, albeit political, economic, pandemic, cyber or environmental, has the potential to impact energy systems and disrupt global markets making this a candid and timely discussion on the importance of monitoring and modifying national energy policies and economic priorities with the anticipation of providing energy continuity and minimal disruption when needed.

14:40-15:20	**Reframing the energy narrative**

With the overarching reality that 'no one size fits all' and with the need to keep energy moving to supply the growing demands of global markets, the fundamental shift of advancing a multifaceted evolution of energy will make a significant impact on how we produce, distribute and consume energy that is more sustainable, affordable and resilient in the future.

Attendee Insights: The energy reset with the new energy addition narrative of 'and-and' not 'either-or' is enabling nations and companies to reappraise their energy priorities on how best to achieve a lower-carbon future making this a vital discussion on how energy leaders are taking realistic action, from vision to execution, with more achievable and inclusive 'all of the above' strategies and roadmaps.

15:20-16:00	**Oil markets, supply and demand, trade and tariffs**

Following the OPEC+ members meeting in July 2025, September saw a gradual return of the 2.2 million barrels per day voluntary adjustment based on global market outlooks and current low oil inventories. According to OPEC projections, global oil demand in 2025 increased by 1.3 million barrels per day. As the market rebalances and absorbs the additional barrels, renewed trade uncertainties, US tariff implications, global sanctions and growing protectionism are also impacting fragile oil markets.

Attendee Insights: With weaker than expected economic growth affecting demand and new EU and US sanctions further impacting trade flows, plus continued global expansion, oil markets continue to face volatility. However, amidst these uncertainties are unfolding shifts in demand and new emerging supply options outside traditional trade allies making this a crucial discussion on the importance of stable and balanced oil markets at the nexus of energy and politics.

16:00-16:40	**Redefining the renewed upstream E&P agenda**

Whether a slogan or a strategy, the drill baby drill calls for expanding oil and gas exploration and production have been heard with many countries and companies revisiting their energy strategies to encompass 'energy addition' exploring for and developing more oil and gas, but responsibly, with less emissions. As the industry becomes better at decarbonising, the E&P narrative will continue to evolve, allowing oil and gas and renewables to share the stage, helping nations deliver their own pathway to energy access, affordability and prosperity for their industries and people.

Attendee Insights: As upstream leaders redefine their portfolios to accelerate exploration investment, this reinforces the recognised importance of oil and gas in the evolving global energy mix to meet the world's growing demands in the years ahead. A critical discussion on responsible hydrocarbon exploration, with insights on global projects and asset opportunities, cutting-edge technologies and proven partner capabilities to produce and develop affordable and reliable energy with lower emissions.

AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS

Plenary Hall

14:00-14:40	Harmonising energy policies to connect North and Sub-Saharan African markets

Africa's energy potential is vast, but its markets remain highly fragmented. North Africa benefits from well-established infrastructure, export-oriented renewable and gas projects, and strong interconnections with Europe, while Sub-Saharan Africa holds abundant natural resources and fast-growing energy demand. Yet differences in policy frameworks, technical standards, regulatory environments, and market readiness limit the flow of electricity, natural gas, and fuels between the two regions. Creating a unified, rules-based energy market across North and Sub-Saharan Africa, can strengthen resilience against price volatility and supply disruptions, ultimately laying the foundation for a connected, competitive, and sustainable pan-African energy system.

Attendee Insights: As the African Continental Free Trade Area and the African Union's Agenda 2063 drive greater economic integration, aligning energy policies is vital to unlock large-scale cross-border trade making this an important discussion on how harmonising grid codes, fuel standards, tariffs, and regulations across North and Sub-Saharan Africa has the potential to enhance project bankability and attract investment in critical infrastructure.

ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION

Plenary Hall

14:40-15:20	A new era of interconnected electricity

In today's connected world, where people are united in just a few taps or clicks, and in the age of electricity's escalating demand globally enabling this instant connectivity, expanding power grids and supporting infrastructure that connect the electricity systems and markets of bordering and nearby countries, are critical building blocks to allowing electricity to flow freely and be where and when it is needed, fast. However, the development of a seamless regional network has been held back by policy and economic challenges resulting in a need for more significant coordination.

Attendee Insights: Electrical interconnectors, those that support gas, solar and wind generation sources, allow for flexible power flows and increased generation efficiency to better serve industry demands, export market needs and domestic consumption in peak summer or winter months, making this a well-timed discussion on building super grids of the future, today, where multi-source transnational interconnection can support intermittency and efficiency, renewables deployment and create a win-win shared and unified market for cooperating nations.

GAS AND LNG

Plenary Hall

15:20-16:00	Positioning East Med gas in the global energy security equation

The East Med is fast emerging as a gas hub, with several LNG projects underway, many recent gas discoveries, and more expected. Politically, the region remains prone to conflict, and competing national objectives, further compounded by recent geopolitical events, have often slowed or stalled progress. Yet, with rising investment and encouraging signs of diplomatic cooperation, the East Med has a real opportunity to ease global energy shortages and strengthen energy security. As the region's gas sector continues to grow, both companies and governments are stepping up efforts to improve infrastructure, particularly pipelines and electricity interconnectors to deliver energy from the Eastern Mediterranean to major demand centres in Europe.

Attendee Insights: The East Med has seen a surge in exploration activities in recent years, drawing increased attention from the global energy industry. With significant gas reserves and new projects underway, the region has the potential to become a key supplier to Europe, making this a timely conversation as Europe works to diversify its energy sources and enhance supply security.

DOWNSTREAM

Plenary Hall

16:00-16:40	Capturing untapped opportunity in downstream - a critical window for value creation

As downstream operators look at improving refinery margins and profits across their portfolios, aligning and adjusting production with market demand signals remains key in generating value. The source of value differs for fixed or flexible refiners, however, coordination between operator owned assets and those of joint venture partners could remove inefficient and somewhat rigid silo operations leading to closer integration and value capture through an optimised assets approach providing for example, additional processing capacity and optionality with the ability to become more agile and chase markets offering the highest product margins.

Attendee Insights: As markets continue to challenge refiners, capturing untapped opportunities that provide higher margins and greater profitability remain a constant. An insightful discussion on how flexible planning and integrating facilities, that could otherwise, over time, have the potential to become stranded assets are creating greater synergy and value-add across the downstream supply and value chains.

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MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE

Plenary Hall

10:00-10:40 | **Unlocking the Mediterranean Sea offshore potential**

With renewed drilling campaigns by international partners, natural gas discoveries in the Mediterranean continue at pace with major announcements in July including the Cypriot new gas discovery at Pegasus 1 Block 10 and final investment decision (FID) being reached to develop Egypt's offshore Mina West gas field. Supporting these announcements is a wave of activity to develop and connect neighbouring infrastructure, utilising Egypt's extensive facilities for gas processing and export from the offshore Cronos and Aphrodite fields, frameworks of which were both signed in February during EGYPES 2025.

Attendee Insights: Holding substantial untapped offshore acreage, the East Mediterranean continues to attract international attention, which despite regional complexities, investment in offshore exploration remains strong making this a significant discussion on the importance of regional cooperation to develop and exploit its import-export infrastructure and tie-in to offshore platforms for the benefit of all neighbouring countries and international partners.

GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS

Plenary Hall

10:40-11:20 | **Global energy transition – the next phase**

The energy transition is well underway, however, navigating the transition has been far from orderly, with fragmentation across policy, pathway and geography hindering unified progress. As the next phase of the transition unfolds, realism is at the forefront, with decarbonisation of all energies, both hydrocarbons and renewables, central to a multi-faceted low carbon energy system, one that is equitable, affordable and supports different routes, economies and geographies.

Attendee Insights: The next phase of the transition will be just as complex, the switch to the flexible 'and-and' narrative, the simultaneous demise of legacy and rise of new technologies to cut emissions will require methodical integration, large-scale investment and infrastructure recalibration. Likewise, climate action remains imperative to global calls for combatting the impacts of climate change and global warming. A climate centric and time sensitive discussion on accelerating the next stage of transition with extensive analysis on tracking progress against leading industry energy scenarios.

MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE

Plenary Hall

11:20-12:00 | **Redrawing global trade flows**

Geopolitical influences continue to dominate creating security threats to key shipping routes, import-export pipeline networks, and broader energy infrastructure, disrupting global trade flows along key energy corridors, impacting transit times, creating energy shortages and raising costs. As regions and nations adapt their alliances to form new trade partnerships, reduce their dependence and vulnerability, enhance their agility and improve operational continuity and flexibility, energy security becomes a central focus.

Attendee Insights: According to the IGU, LNG accounted for over 7,000 sea trade voyages in 2024, underscoring the importance of shipping routes in the movement of energy across international markets. However, as the threat landscape evolves, we take a deep dive on how geopolitical tensions and conflicts are disrupting global energy shipping routes, cross-border pipeline systems and trade corridors, creating the emergence of alternative routes with multimodal options to ensure supply chain resilience and counteract increased energy security risks and transport costs.

ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION

Plenary Hall

12:00-12:40 | **Electrifying energy: from molecules to electrons**

With electrification supporting the displacement of fossil fuels and altering how electricity is used in the energy system, the shift from molecules to electrons remains key to achieving a sustainable and decarbonised energy future, especially when green molecules and electrons are factored into the mix. Electrification and renewables each have their own clear-cut advantages, and each are redefining distinct components of the future energy system, that when integrated, will change how energy is produced and used across industries and domestic consumers.

Attendee Insights: Having already made notable progress with electric vehicles, heat pumps and industrial processes, electrifying energy facilities, particularly in the context of oil, gas, refinery and offshore platforms, can lead to reduced GHG emissions, enhanced operational efficiencies and cost reductions, however, to unlock these benefits, investment in infrastructure and policy action is needed, making this a fitting discussion on advancing decarbonisation and the displacement of fossil fuels and legacy technologies through electrification, renewables, molecules and electrons.

STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable Hall

13:40 -14:40	Gas & LNG as a strategic lever – East Med, North Africa and Europe in a fragmented energy system

Global gas markets are increasingly characterised by fragmentation, capital discipline, and geopolitical risk. Procurement approaches, contracting structures, and risk management practices in key import markets have evolved, altering how gas is priced, contracted, and supplied, and placing greater emphasis on delivery reliability and operational flexibility. East Med and North Africa occupy a strategically important position within global gas markets, combining upstream resources, LNG assets, and proximity to major demand centres. Their role in supply chains is shaped not only by resource availability, but by how effectively projects are delivered, systems are operated, and commercial frameworks function in practice. In a more volatile and risk-aware gas environment, these practical realities increasingly influence how the region is perceived by buyers and investors.

Attendee Insights: To build a shared understanding of the upstream, infrastructure, and policy conditions required for East Med and North African gas to remain credible, competitive suppliers to Europe and global markets.

GLOBAL ENERGY MARKETS

Plenary Hall

14:40-15:20	Securing critical minerals for energy security

As witnessed by the recent US-Ukraine minerals deal, critical minerals are of strategic geopolitical importance, with secure and resilient supply chains a top priority for strengthening national manufacturing processes and technology innovation across industries. Intrinsically linked, critical mineral strategies now sit hand in hand with energy, national security and economic prosperity. At the same time, critical minerals are essential for today's energy transformation, which to meet the growing demand for clean technologies will require significant investment to increase mineral exploration, extraction and processing.

Attendee Insights: According to the IEA's 2025 Global Critical Minerals Outlook report, continued investment is vital to offset shortfall risks for supply of key energy minerals, namely lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese, graphite, aluminium, copper and rare earth elements over the next decade, especially as spending in 2024 grew by just 5%, down from 14% in 2023. A critically important discussion on why energy and mining leaders must join forces and lead the charge in shaping the interlocking future of energy and mining.

TECH, INNOVATION AND AI

Plenary Hall

15:20-16:00	Taking action against carbon and methane

The Global Methane Pledge calls for collective action across 159 countries to reduce global methane emissions by at least 30% by 2030 compared to 2020 levels, whilst the Climate Pledge, with 567 signatories calls for the world's top companies to accelerate joint action to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2040. At the heart of these pledges lies government policy and cross industry collaborative technical innovation and investment to accelerate the removal of both carbon and methane GHG.

Attendee Insights: According to the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI) since 2017, its members have alone collectively invested $95.8 billion in low-carbon technologies and solutions. As progress continues across the industry, we take a look at changes to policy frameworks to support technical breakthroughs, in particular, how Direct Air Capture (DAC) and Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS) are driving progress on CO2 management and at the same time, how new techniques for detecting and managing methane abatement such as remote sensing drones and satellites continue to advance.

RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Plenary Hall

16:00-16:40	Advancing nuclear energy for a low-carbon future

Nuclear energy continues to hold a great stake in meeting growing electric power needs, accounting for 10% of the world's electricity. While adoption of nuclear energy continues to grow in different countries, with over 413 nuclear power reactors and 398.9 GW(e) in net installed capacity worldwide, the technology currently supplies only 11% of the world's electricity, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Beyond decarbonising baseload generation, nuclear can support diverse applications such as industrial heat, hydrogen production, and desalination, helping to cut emissions in sectors that are difficult to electrify. However, realising this potential will require progress on key challenges, including regulatory readiness, supply chain capacity, financing, and public acceptance.

Attendee Insights: For more than 60 years, nuclear energy has provided the world with reliable electricity, currently powering 31 countries. As energy demand rises and climate concerns intensify, more nations are exploring nuclear energy as part of their energy mix, making this a timely and important discussion on what is required to scale new projects, streamline regulation, secure financing, and build public trust.

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Plenary Hall

16:40-17:20	**Integrating sustainability into business models and organisational leadership**

In the energy sector, embedding sustainability into corporate strategy is no longer optional, it's a competitive necessity, especially with the rise of ESG. Sustainability-driven business models are increasingly recognised by investors, regulators, and customers as indicators of long-term resilience, operational efficiency, and effective risk management. Across industries, sustainability has become a key focus, but without a clear, actionable corporate strategy, it risks being perceived as greenwashing. For the energy sector, embracing sustainability requires a shift in both mindset and practice. Integrating it into the core business models demands strong backing from the board and senior leadership to ensure that public commitments are supported by measurable actions and long-term objectives.

Attendee Insights: As ESG standards become central to corporate strategies, we look at how companies can embed them into business models with full board and leadership support, ensuring environmental goals align with profitability, investment decisions, and measurable performance.

AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS

Spotlight Hall

10:00-10:40	**Scaling solar, wind and hydro projects in Africa**

Africa's renewable energy potential is immense, yet only a small share is currently in use, around 13 GW of total capacity. Hydropower alone accounts for 37 GW, providing roughly one-fifth of current electricity generation, but less than 10% of its overall potential has been tapped. A balanced mix of solar, wind, and hydro could reduce dependence on imported fuels, diversify supply, create jobs, lower emissions, and increase energy security. However, adoption has been slow. Solar power contributes less than 5% of the continent's electricity, while wind and hydro project developments have taken place only in select countries. Across Africa, nations are at varying stages of policy reform, seeking to reshape regulatory frameworks to attract investment and accelerate the scale-up of renewable energy deployment.

Attendee Insights: Electrification in Africa is hindered by infrastructure gaps, insufficient infrastructure, financing challenges, regulatory and policy uncertainty, making this a crucial conversation on how Governments and private sector are working together to deliver reliable, affordable and sustainable energy, while driving green industrial growth.

GAS AND LNG

Spotlight Hall

10:40-11:20	**LNG global supply and demand outlook**

Amid ongoing market uncertainty, LNG contracting trends are shifting towards more flexibility, optionality, and diversification. Portfolio players and intermediaries who buy LNG under long-term deals and increasingly resell on spot or short-term markets, now account for a larger share of contracted volumes, providing added adaptability in supply. Although more than 80% of contracts remain long-term, there is a clear move toward pricing diversity, with oil-indexed contracts declining in favour of hub-based pricing as oil and gas prices decouple. At the same time, new market entrants are pursuing innovative strategies and alternative funding models, particularly for floating LNG projects, as the financing landscape evolves towards more sustainable, flexible, and policy-aligned approaches to support the industry's growth.

Attendee Insights: An evaluation of the global LNG supply and demand outlook, assessing the potential impact of geopolitical risks, shifts in contracting and financing options, and the operational constraints shaping the market.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Spotlight Hall

11:20-12:00	**Mobilising capital into oil and gas exploration and production**

Since the Paris Agreement in 2015, shifting environmental policies and investor expectations pushed upstream oil and gas investment to the sidelines, leading to significant underinvestment and constrained supply. By 2026, the focus has become more pragmatic, balancing emissions goals with affordability, reliability, and energy security. According to the International Energy Forum, upstream oil and gas capital expenditure rose by $63 billion in 2023 compared to 2022 and was expected to increase by around $26 billion in 2024. This momentum, combined with a more pragmatic approach, presents an opportunity to secure new supplies and advance exploration and production while ensuring upstream projects remain competitive, resilient, and aligned with market dynamics and long-term energy security.

Attendee Insights: Annual upstream oil and gas capital expenditures will need to rise by 22% by 2030 to ensure adequate supplies due to growing demand and cost inflation, making this an important discussion to address how to mobilise funding, streamline E&P project delivery, and secure long-term energy stability.

DOWNSTREAM

Spotlight Hall

12:00-12:40 **Petrochemicals – transformative growth and innovation**

Regionally, growth in the petrochemical industry remains strong with a range of projects either underway or recently announced. Saudi Arabia's oil-to-chemicals project in Yanbu is slated for completion in 2028, expansion of the Borouge 4 project in the UAE is on track for completion by the end of 2026 with Qatar's Ras Laffan petrochemical complex also expected to commence production in 2026. Whilst in Egypt, plans are gathering pace for the newly announced $7bn petrochemical complex in New Alamein, the first of its kind in the country, looking to capitalise on around 3 million tonnes of production capacity across 8 specialised petrochemical products.

Attendee Insights: Petrochemical production regionally is driven by product innovation, flexible chemical supply chains, strategic partner led value-add investment and environmental sustainability with the added benefit of playing a pivotal role in supporting local industrialisation and economic growth, making this an important conversation on these transformative projects and cluster developments.

HYDROGEN

Spotlight Hall

14:40-15:20 **Hydrogen: moving from intent to action**

Egypt's 2024 National Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy is the country's roadmap to becoming a major hydrogen exporter and with the signing in 2025 of a €30mn grant agreement, there exists a considerable opportunity for Egypt to export hydrogen to the EU as part of the EU's REPowerEU Plan targeting imports of 10 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen by 2030. Similarly, in July 2025, Greece signalled becoming hydrogen ready by passing its first national hydrogen law positioning the country as a clean molecules export hub.

Attendee Insights: With many nations developing their own hydrogen strategies, a pivotal discussion building on current momentum to fast-track hydrogen from intent to action, gaining market dominance and addressing pathway challenges fast through pilot projects with negotiated offtake contracts and additionality core components, supported by accelerated scale-up and infrastructure buildout to strategic import markets.

TECH, INNOVATION AND AI

Spotlight Hall

15:20-16:00 **Turning AI into ROI**

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According to the World Economic Forum, AI could generate up to $1.3 trillion alone in economic value by 2030 through energy efficiency measures and smart grid technologies. From the control room to the board room, AI continues to drive efficiency gains and competitive advantage throughout the energy value chain. With early adopters continuing to prioritise AI strategies and investments that drive productivity and growth, the business value of AI across the energy sector remains on the rise.

Attendee Insights: An executive discussion looking beyond the hype, examining AI's transformative potential and its likely return on investment (ROI). From the benefits of AI frameworks to leverage and unlock innovation across the business, ensuring scalability, affordability and alignment of company data and security protocols to roadmaps for technology selection, rollout and management.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Spotlight Hall

16:00-16:40 **Developing and financing energy infrastructure projects**

As countries race to build sustainable and resilient energy systems, investment is surging and with it, a shift in how projects are financed and developed. At a global level, project finance plays an important role in the development of energy infrastructure projects, particularly in economies where public capital is limited. While investment banks, along with private credit and equity remain key players in oil and gas, policy incentives and investor priorities are driving a longer-term shift toward clean energy. In 2024, of the $3 trillion in global energy investment, approximately $2 trillion went to clean energy technologies, with just over $1 trillion to fossil fuels, according to IEA reports.

Attendee Insights: Insights on why achieving a widespread rollout of energy infrastructure is complex, requiring not only significant capital but also well-structured financing models and close coordination between governments, investors, and project developers.

ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION

Spotlight Hall

16:40-17:20	**Powering the data centre boom**

With global demand for data centres surging due to rapid AI business integration and government digital transformation agendas, power and water requirements beyond standard grid capabilities continue to experience unprecedented demand. Requiring 100% uptime, with backup power to ensure grid stability and the latest water-cooling systems, data centre operators and developers continue to invest in innovative technologies and infrastructure supporting gas and onsite renewables simultaneously to gain strategic advantage.

Attendee Insights: A spotlight discussion addressing the geographical advantage, at the crossroads of Europe, Africa and Asia, for regional operations serving customers from both emerging and established markets with insights on the latest power generation solutions to support 24/7 continuous operations whilst using less energy.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2026

AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS

Plenary Hall

10:00-10:40	**Propelling Africa's gas market expansion**

Natural gas has been identified as a key transition fuel worldwide. In Africa, its role is even more critical to meeting urgent energy access needs, power industrial growth and create the capacity needed for long-term investment in renewable energy. The continent holds an estimated 620 trillion cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves, yet much of this potential remains underdeveloped due to infrastructure gaps, limited market access, and regulatory hurdles. Unlocking these reserves will require coordinated action from governments and investors, along with long-term commitments to build the pipelines, processing plants, and export terminals which can take years to complete. For investors to commit capital at the necessary scale, they will need confidence in clear policies, stable regulations, and predictable returns.

Attendee Insights: While much of Africa's gas is targeted for export, there's a growing need to develop domestic gas markets to meet local energy demands. Insights on how with careful planning, natural gas can drive economic growth across the continent while building the foundation for a cleaner, more resilient future.

MARITIME, PORTS AND OFFSHORE

Plenary Hall

10:40-11:20	**Shaping offshore energy frontiers**

As operators expand their regional presence and accelerate offshore exploration, the capital intensity of deepwater drilling, combined with increasing technical complexity, continues to elevate operational costs, directly influencing commercial project planning and investment decisions. In this environment, success increasingly depends on a strategic, portfolio-wide approach that integrates long-range resource planning, enhanced subsurface insight, and optimal use of existing infrastructure and export routes. Offshore projects grounded in this alignment will be best positioned to influence the region's evolving strategic landscape in the years ahead.

Attendee Insights: an important discussion on how improved subsurface understanding across complex multi-territorial waters, and the wider region, can enable operators to more effectively evaluate, prioritise, and sequence offshore exploration and development opportunities, aligning technical decisions with broader commercial and strategic objectives.

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GAS AND LNG

Plenary Hall

11:20-12:00	**Monetising natural gas through value-add**

As nations look towards energy diversification, expanding revenue streams and monetising natural resources can lead to increased economic growth. Natural gas when used as a feedstock, provides opportunity to produce higher value-added products like chemicals and petrochemicals, LNG, GTL and electricity generation through gas-driven development resulting in a more diversified product portfolio with higher market value.

Attendee Insights: With an already lower-carbon footprint and recognised by many as the transitional fuel of choice, a crucial discussion on how monetising natural gas through value-added refining and petrochemical processes provides a win-win strategy for governments, operators and industrial and consumer-led domestic and export markets.

DOWNSTREAM

Plenary Hall

12:00-12:40	**Reinventing marketing and distribution in the low-carbon era**

As global economies demand cleaner energy, from the plant to the forecourt, the downstream sector is providing innovative refined products alongside traditional fuels and lubricants, but with a lower-carbon footprint. With the need to lock in customer loyalty and meet growing needs for more sustainable solutions, operators are investing in and modernising their retail stations with EV charging outlets and hydrogen refuelling dispensers all with enhanced AI customer centric performance. At the same time, smart distribution networks, often to remote locations, for commercial and industrial fuels such as SAF, biofuels, GTL and synthetic fuels are supporting industries with their alternative fuels of choice to lower emissions and meet their decarbonisation targets.

Attendee Insights: Globally, demand for refined products and alternative fuel options is evolving and low-carbon technologies and AI are supporting transformation of fuel and energy choices through wholesale and retail channels making this a timely discussion on how operators are building resilient and profitable operations influenced by fluctuating market conditions and consumer appetites.

STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable Hall

13:40 -14:40	**From Resource to Resilience – Industrial Value Creation Across Gas, Power, Petrochemicals and Hydrogen**

As global energy systems evolve and capital becomes more selective, the emphasis is shifting from export volumes towards the durability and quality of economic value generated from energy resources. Gas is increasingly positioned as a platform fuel supporting power generation, industrial growth, petrochemicals, and emerging hydrogen pathways, rather than as a standalone export commodity. This shift is taking place against a backdrop of tighter capital markets, rising competition, and increasing scrutiny of long-term competitiveness and resilience. Governments and companies are navigating how policy, infrastructure, finance, and markets interact across the energy and industrial value chain, shaping the pace and direction of downstream development under volatile market conditions and transition pressures.

Attendee Insights: To examine how gas-producing countries can maximise economic returns by developing integrated downstream and industrial value chains across gas, power, petrochemicals, and hydrogen.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Plenary Hall

14:40-15:20	**M&A trends, risks and rewards in upstream deals**

Upstream M&A enters 2026 with continued momentum from the past two years of high-value transactions and portfolio reshaping. Early signals point to sustained buyer interest, but the path ahead remains challenging. Price volatility, a tighter pool of quality assets, and more cautious valuation assumptions are shaping deal strategies. While large-scale transactions may still emerge, current conditions are likely to favour more selective, targeted acquisitions. Buyers and sellers will need to focus on timing, strategic fit, and clear value creation to succeed in a market that rewards precision over volume. Through 2026, deal activity is expected to remain steady, but at a slower pace than the record-setting levels of the past two years.

Attendee Insights: After fluctuations in oil prices through 2025 and continued uncertainty into early 2026, this discussion will examine how price instability, shifting market fundamentals, regulatory and fiscal changes, and evolving energy transition strategies are reshaping corporate approaches to upstream M&A. The session will explore how companies are adjusting deal structures, risk allocation, and investment horizons to navigate volatility while protecting returns.

GAS AND LNG

Plenary Hall

15:20-16:00	**Supporting energy continuity, security and decarbonisation with LNG**

With growing populations, surging AI power demands, renewed energy transition agenda's, including the move from coal to gas, access to reliable and affordable energy sources has never been greater. With the widely acknowledged energy addition narrative, LNG has emerged as a reliable and credible lower-carbon solution, offering flexible storage and transportation for fluctuating supply and demand cycles, plus gaining recognition as a realistic enabler of decarbonisation.

Attendee Insights: Producing 40% less CO2 than coal and 30% less than oil, LNG is a recognised component of energy transformation, transition and security for supply and demand dynamics, making this is a crucial discussion on LNG's growing importance and its integral role in the energy mix as a lower-carbon fuel for industrial processes and domestic use for future generations.

HYDROGEN

Plenary Hall

16:00-16:40	**Solving the hydrogen storage and transportation challenge through ammonia**

As momentum grows around hydrogen as a clean energy source, one of the biggest hurdles to its large-scale adoption remains transportation, how to move it efficiently and safely from the point of production to the end user. Much like natural gas, hydrogen production opportunities are abundant in remote areas with plenty of sun, wind and water to manufacture green hydrogen. Yet, demand will be concentrated in urban and industrial hubs, creating a need for transport and distribution networks. One solution gaining traction is the conversion of hydrogen into ammonia, which can be shipped more easily and then converted back to hydrogen upon arrival. However, despite its potential, this process is energy-intensive, and clear policies are needed to address safety concerns such as leaks and toxicity, while also promoting the infrastructure required for ammonia-to-hydrogen conversion and the direct use of ammonia as a fuel.

Attendee Insights: Many industrial project owners are already viewing ammonia as the most efficient way to move large quantities of hydrogen as a liquid. However, for ammonia to play this role at scale, the industry must tackle challenges in conversion efficiency, transport safety, and infrastructure development, making it an important conversation on building a safe, scalable hydrogen transport system.

TECH, INNOVATION AND AI

Plenary Hall

16:40-17:20	**Accelerating digitalisation across the energy sector**

Digitalisation is reshaping how energy is being produced and managed, making energy systems more connected, efficient, reliable and sustainable. Through digital transformation, energy companies are enabling real-time emissions tracking, predictive maintenance of assets, and energy system optimisation, all while improving safety and operational costs. However, to realise its full potential, the sector must overcome challenges around digital infrastructure, data integration, cybersecurity, and workforce readiness to ensure these innovations can be deployed at scale and deliver meaningful impact on decarbonisation.

Attendee Insights: For energy companies, the focus is no longer whether to embrace digitalisation, but how to accelerate its adoption in ways that deliver real impact. A spotlight discussion taking a closer look at the opportunities and challenges of digital transformation, and how quickly digital solutions can scale across the sector.

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Spotlight Hall

10:00-10:40	**The power of accountability and action centred leadership**

In a cyclical industry such as the energy sector, businesses require teams that are gender-balanced, agile, creative, and productive with the ability to collaborate and make change fast. An insightful discussion with leaders from across the energy spectrum who are owning their role with accountability, planning and influencing across all levels of their organisation and making a positive and powerful impact on their business growth through empowered employees.

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ELECTRICITY AND POWER GENERATION

Spotlight Hall

10:40-11:20	**Leveraging gas-to-power for reliable and sustainable electricity supply**

Power generation is integral to modern day society, from lighting homes to running complex industrial sectors. As the world's energy needs continue rising, there is an increasing focus on finding power generation methods that are reliable, affordable, and sustainable. While renewable energy remains the cleanest option for power generation, it cannot yet deliver the scale, stability, and 24/7 supply needed to meet rising global demand. Serving as a vital bridge, gas-to-power provides dependable, sustainable electricity as its flexible technologies adjust output to balance variable renewables, ensuring grid stability and supporting the transition to a low-carbon future.

Attendee Insights: Natural gas is a more efficient choice for power generation than coal or oil, offering higher efficiency, lower emissions, and a dependable supply. These factors make this an important discussion on how gas-to-power solutions can deliver reliable, sustainable electricity, enhance energy security, and support the transition to cleaner power systems.

HYDROGEN

Spotlight Hall

11:20-12:00	**Assessing MENA's potential as a green hydrogen hub**

MENA is well positioned to become a major producer of green hydrogen, thanks to its abundant solar and wind resources, established energy value chains, and growing project pipelines across both North Africa and the Middle East. Its proximity to Europe, alongside access to key shipping routes linking Europe and Asia, also makes the region a strong candidate for exporting green hydrogen and low-carbon products such as ammonia, e-fuels and green steel. Several countries across the region have launched national hydrogen strategies and flagship projects aimed at scaling production in recent years. This has helped accelerate proposed export routes such as the Southern Hydrogen Corridor, as well as seaborne supply chains from Gulf and Red Sea hubs into European and Asian markets.

Attendee Insights: MENA's hydrogen ambitions could play a defining role in cross-regional energy trade, supplying Europe and scaling seaborne exports to Asia, while supporting decarbonisation across domestic markets. Yet significant obstacles remain to establishing a competitive regional hydrogen hub, making this an important discussion on the barriers that continue to hinder the development of a full-scale hydrogen economy.

RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Spotlight Hall

12:00-12:40	**Unlocking renewable potential through hybrid PV systems**

Scaling up solar, wind, and energy storage solutions can help industries reduce dependence on fossil fuels, stabilise energy costs, and enhance resilience against volatile energy markets. Hybrid renewable projects, combining solar, wind, and battery storage are gaining traction as a practical way to optimise availability and ensure reliable supply even in high-demand periods. Within this, hybrid photovoltaic (PV) systems play a key role, blending solar with complementary sources such as battery storage, wind, or gas-based backup to address the intermittency challenge, improve grid stability, and enhance overall efficiency.

Attendee Insights: A vital discussion on how the urgency to reduce emissions while meeting growing electricity demand has increased the focus on hybrid PV systems. Insights into how solar power, storage, and complementary energy sources can work together and provide a reliable way to overcome intermittency, a challenge that has long constrained renewable energy at scale.

AFRICAN EMERGING ENERGY MARKETS

Spotlight Hall

14:40-15:20	**Expanding Africa's refining capacity to reduce import dependence**

Africa's population is expected to reach 2.5 billion by 2050, with energy needs projected to double. Despite producing more than five million barrels of crude oil each day, Africa imports over 70 per cent of its refined petroleum products. Many nations remain heavily reliant on imported refined petroleum products, leaving them vulnerable to global price volatility, supply chain disruptions, and foreign currency pressures. Africa has more than 40 refineries, yet many are outdated, underutilised, or idle. With several large-scale refinery projects under construction or planned, there is an increased focus on boosting local refining capacity to meet domestic demand, support regional trade, and fuel the continent's industrial ambitions.

Attendee Insights: With Africa's energy needs projected to double, heavy reliance on fuel imports undermines economic growth and hampers industrialisation. Here we delve into urgent actions to expand refining capacity, harmonise fuel standards, attract investment through transparent frameworks, and develop human capital to strengthen the downstream sector.

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RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Spotlight Hall

15:20-16:00	**Increasing the production of renewable biofuels for transport and aviation**

Transport and aviation remain some of the most challenging sectors to decarbonise, largely due to their reliance on high-energy liquid fuels and the limited alternatives available at scale. While electrification and hydrogen show long-term promise, biofuels, especially sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and advanced biofuels are currently among the most viable options to reduce emissions in the short to medium term. Although airlines, shipping companies, and logistics operators are increasingly turning to biofuels to meet climate commitments, scaling production remains a major hurdle, with feedstock availability, refining capacity, and higher costs compared to fossil fuels continuing to challenge widespread adoption.

Attendee Insights: Challenges of scaling biofuels production as a viable renewable energy source point to hurdles such as feedstock availability, high production costs, and limited supply chain infrastructure. Key insights on how these challenges are being addressed to unlock their full potential for the transport and aviation industries.

TECH, INNOVATION AND AI

Spotlight Hall

16:00-16:40	**Driving commercial scale-up of CCUS**

As governments and organisations step up their commitments to near net zero emissions, carbon capture is becoming a fundamental part of global climate targets. By capturing emissions at source, CCUS can reduce the carbon footprint of oil and gas and help hard-to-abate industries decarbonise their operations. However, based on existing projects, only 110 million tonnes per annum of CCUS capacity is expected by 2030. Scaling CCUS will require coordinated action by governments, investors and industrial players to create clear commercial frameworks, de-risk investment, and accelerate project deployment across high-emitting sectors.

Attendee Insights: A spotlight discussion exploring how the industry can address the challenges of deploying carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) at scale and fast enough to meet global climate targets

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

Spotlight Hall

16:40-17:20	**Building a people-first health and safety culture across the energy sector**

Workers in the energy industry are exposed to a wide range of potential hazards at different stages of production, whether they're working in oil fields, operating heavy equipment, or handling flammable gases. In working environments that can place employees at risk, it's imperative to ensure that safety is not just about compliance and prevention, it's also a foundational value that is embedded in an organisation's culture. When safety becomes a check-the-box exercise, companies are more likely to experience stagnant or incremental safety improvements. A people-first approach builds trust across the workforce and, for governments, reassures current and potential investors that their energy sector offers a safe and secure working environment.

Attendee Insights: To embed a people-first health and safety culture, energy companies and regulators must engage stakeholders across the board, from employees to executive leadership, through open dialogue making this vitally important discussion.

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