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TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

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Pathways to an Energy Future for All

In a rapidly evolving world, the need for sustainable, equitable, and innovative energy solutions has never been more urgent. “Pathways to an Energy Future for All” is a Congress that brings together leaders, industry experts, policymakers, and innovators to explore the challenges and opportunities of transitioning to a global energy system that is accessible, reliable, and environmentally responsible. The Congress will delve into the latest advancements in all energy technologies, while addressing critical issues such as energy equity, climate change, and policy frameworks. Participants will engage in dynamic discussions, collaborative workshops, and insightful keynote presentations, all aimed at forging a clear and inclusive path towards a sustainable energy future.



Technical Blocks

Future Pathways to

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**Primary
Energy Supply**

Block 1

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**Energy
Infrastructure**

Block 2

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**Energy Fuels
and Molecules**

Block 3

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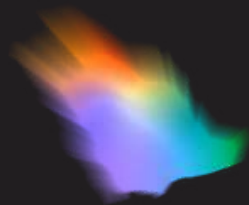
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**Energy
Leadership**

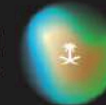
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BLOCK 1

Primary Energy Supply - Future Pathways

The global energy landscape is at a critical juncture, with the need to balance growing energy demands, environmental sustainability, energy security and energy affordability. This block will explore the future pathways for primary energy supply, focusing on the future mix of energy supply sources, including the growth in renewables in the transition to a lower carbon energy system, the role of emerging technologies, and the implications for global energy markets.

Forum 01
Energy Supply and Demand Outlook:
Navigating the Future

Forum 02
Opportunities for Oil & Gas Supply
Growth - Shales, Oil Sands, New
Basins Other Unconventionals

Forum 03
New Exploration & Production
Technologies to Extend Supply

Forum 04
Natural Gas as a Transition Fuel

Forum 05
Advances in Geoscience

Forum 06
The Role of Biofuels as a Feedstock

Day 1, Monday, 12 October 2026
13:00 - 13:30 | Hall 9 - Technical Programme 1

BLOCK 1 Forum Keynote

Forum 01 - Energy Supply and Demand Outlook: Navigating the Future

An exploration of the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in the energy sector, including the impact of geopolitical tensions, the transition to an energy sector with lower GHG emissions, and the economic factors shaping the market. The implications of these dynamics on achieving climate goals and ensuring a sustainable energy future and topics to gain a deeper understanding of the evolving energy landscape.

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Technical Papers

Day 1, Monday, 12 October 2026
| 13:30 - 15:00 | Hall 9 - Technical Programme 1

African oil in the new global energy order: Transition, sovereignty, diversification and diplomacy

Presenter: Eng. Mahaman Laouan Gaya, Consultant, Niger

A different perspective on global energy trends and the oil industry

Presenter: Oguzhan Akyener, Advisor, Turkish Petroleum, Türkiye

Imagining a better tomorrow: Scenarios for renewable growth, grid stability, and the future of energy

Presenter: Pavan Kumar Pillalamarri, Market Insights Leader, GE Vernova, India

Deepening strategic competition among major powers jeopardizes the global energy transition

Presenter: Mouyuan Wu, Vice President, CNPC Economic & Technology Research Institute, China

Technical Posters

Day 1, Monday, 12 October 2026
| 15:30 - 17:30 | Hall 5 - Digital Poster Plaza 1

Leadership in transition: MENA NOCs and the future of global energy

Presenter: Aditya Saraswat, Research Director, MENA, Rystad Energy, United Arab Emirates

Energy transformation in Nigeria: Pathways from petroleum dependence to a renewable energy future

Presenter: Dr. Ismaila Haliru Zarma, Secretary General, World Energy Council - Nigeria National Committee, Nigeria

Integrating small modular reactors, renewables, and digital grids: A Saudi pathway to net zero 2060

Presenter: Abdulelah Alqahtani, Researcher | Sustainability & Energy Systems, Deakin University, Saudi Arabia

Iran's position in the global oil market: A comparative analysis with Saudi Arabia and Iraq, lessons and future energy perspectives

Presenter: Amirhossein Ghasemi, Master's in Chemical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Iran

Energy transition and China's pivotal role

Presenter: Jiawei Gao, Reservoir Engineer, CNOOC International Limited, China

Toward an integrated hydrogen supply chain: Lessons from the NEOM project

Presenter: Reem Alhethlain, Project Management Specialist, Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia

Transformation of NOCs to IOCs: Implications for global gas & LNG trade

Presenter: Siamak Adibi, Director, Global LNG Supply Analytics, and Head of ME Gas, FGE, Singapore

Creating Clean Energy Solutions For A Sustainable Future By Addressing The Intersection Of Energy Transition And Social Justice

Presenter: Aniekeme Edet, Young Professional, Oil Quest International Limited, Nigeria

Forum 02 - Opportunities for Oil & Gas Supply Growth-Shales, Oil Sands, New Basins, other Unconventionals

As the world continues to consume oil and natural gas as a critical component of energy supply to fuel economic growth, improve standards of living, and support the development of ever-cleaner energy technologies, there remains a need to offset production reduction from existing sources. Where do we find these new oil and natural gas resources? Which basins have remaining exploration potential? How do we tap the remaining potential in shales, oil sands, and other unconventional petroleum resources?

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Technical Papers

Day 2, Tuesday, 13 October 2026
| 10:00 - 11:30 | Hall 9 - Technical Programme 1

Integrated technical applications for production enhancement and recovery improvement in mature low-permeability oilfields of the Ordos Basin

Presenter: Dr. Yushuo Zhang, Petroleum Engineer, Oil & Gas Technology Research Institute, PetroChina Changqing Oilfield Company, China

Petrobras' reserve replacement program: Enhancing recovery and unlocking asset value

Presenter: Rafael Leone Da Cunha, Corporate Reservoir Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

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Optimized decision-making in critical fracturing operations based on a comprehensive workflow of friction pressure calibration.

Presenter: Alexey Yudin, Senior Technical Manager, TAQA, Saudi Arabia

In Kingdom synthesized nanomaterials for upstream oil & gas applications

Presenter: Eng. Fatema Alelg, Reservoir Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Integrating geophysical-engineering technology and innovation boost exploration and development of unconventional reservoirs

Presenter: Dr. Yongzhen Ji, Associate Researcher, Sinopec Geophysics Research Institute, China

Gas-Bearing to Oil and Gas Reservoirs (Conventional and Unconventional) in the Middle East

Presenter: Dr. Payam Hassanzadeh, Senior Geochemist-Project Manager, National Iranian Oil Company-Exploration Directorate, Iran

Analysis of the EOR mechanisms of multi-component composite steam flooding based on image recognition algorithm

Presenter: Dr. Qingjing Hong, China University of Petroleum, China

Application of proppant high-efficiency placement technology in wells deeper than 7000 m: A case study of ultra-deep fractured tight sandstone reservoirs in the Kuqa Foreland Basin, Tarim, China

Presenter: Xinggui Yang, Doctoral Student, Southwest Petroleum University, China

Production enhancement workflow unlocks the potential of tight carbonate Middle Murrat reservoir, South Kuwait

Presenter: Eng. Mosab Shamsaldeen, Senior Reservoir Engineer, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait

A new workflow to extract poroelastic coefficient for permeability in source rock samples

Presenter: Eng. Fatema Alelg, Reservoir Engineer, Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 03 - New Exploration and Production Technologies to Extend Supply

New exploration and production technologies are revolutionising the oil and gas industry, enabling access to previously untapped resources, improving efficiency, and reducing the environmental impact of exploration and production activities. By leveraging these advancements, the industry can extend the supply of hydrocarbons while addressing environmental and sustainability concerns.

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Technical Papers

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New carbon insights into old dog reservoirs: Life-cycle assessment on global 140+ CO₂-EOR projects

Presenter: Dr. Bo Ren, Scientist, Aramco Americas, United States of America

A comprehensive development mode for a heterogenous super-tight carbonate reservoir in the Middle East

Presenter: Chenji Wei, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, PetroChina, China

Leveraging legacy hydrocarbon infrastructure to accelerate energy transition

Presenter: Walid Hussein, Geologist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Buzios field: Looking to the future of the world's largest ultra-deepwater oil field

Presenter: Fabiano Rosa, Buzios Field Reservoir Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

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A systematic artificial intelligent based decision-making framework for selecting optimal pilot areas: A case study in a giant sandstone heavy oil reservoir

Presenter: Mohammad Chahardowli, Associate Professor, Amirkabir University of Technology, Iran

Integrated surface-subsurface microbial-enhanced oil recovery technology and pilot test in China

Presenter: Dr. Lina Yi, Petroleum Development Engineer, China National Petroleum Corporation, China

Nanoparticle-stabilized foams for enhanced oil recovery and CO₂ sequestration in carbonate reservoirs: A multivariable experimental perspective

Presenter: Seyed Mojtaba Hosseini Nasab, Assistant Professor, Iran University of Science and Technology, Iran

AI-based optimization approach for co-management of gas storage and EOR in depleted gas condensate

Presenter: Dr. Lidong Mi, Senior Engineer, Sinopec Petroleum Exploration and Production Research Institute, China

Porous nanocarbon-based approaches to geochemical exploration of hydrocarbon microseepage

Presenter: Dr. Vera Solivyeva, Technology Thrust Champion, Aramco Innovations, Russia

CO₂ energized hydraulic fracturing: A new pathway for green and efficient development of unconventional resources

Presenter: Xuhao Fan, Phd Student, China University of Petroleum, State Key Laboratory of Petroleum Resources and Engineering, Waterjet Drilling & Completion Lab, China

Toward sustainable drilling: Biodegradable food waste additives for water-based mud systems

Presenter: Eng. Alanoud Al-Eid, Petroleum Engineer, Ministry of Kuwait, Kuwait

Heat generation by chemical reaction underground to assist steam towards heavy oil recovery enhancement

Presenter: Dr. Zheyu Liu, Associate Professor, China University of Petroleum, China

Development and application of Ti/Zr-USY containing hydrocracking catalysts in Aramco refineries

Presenter: Dr. Faisal Almulla, Team Leader, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 04 - Natural Gas as a Transition Fuel

Natural gas holds a pivotal role in the transition to a lower-carbon energy landscape due to its lower GHG emissions, when compared with other fossil fuels. It is a reliable, abundant and adaptable energy resource, and can also support the growth in electricity production from wind and solar by bolstering grid stability and energy security. Moreover, technological advancements and infrastructure development, such as liquefied natural gas (LNG) and pipeline networks, enhance the accessibility and efficiency of natural gas utilization. This session will delve into the potential of natural gas in facilitating a sustainable energy future. The exploration of opportunities to expand natural gas applications for technological purposes, including the production of renewable energy, will also be a focal point of discussion.

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Natural gas with carbon capture and storage can lower the cost of decarbonizing the power sector in Saudi Arabia

Presenter: Dr. Nixon Sunny, Senior Research Scientist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

The changing role and development strategy of natural gas in China's energy transition towards a low-carbon future

Presenter: Dr. Jinze Li, Engineer, China National Petroleum Corporation, China

Harnessing natural gas for a low-carbon future: Balancing short-term gains and long-term risks

Presenter: Collins Chukwuonye, Associate, Templars, Nigeria

Towards net zero with natural gas and thermocatalytic decomposition technology

Presenter: Kaisa Nikulainen, CEO, ROTOBOOST Finland Oy, Finland

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Carbon intensity estimates for global liquefied natural gas supply chain

Presenter: Dr. Liang Jing, Head of Energy Sustainability Analysis, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Optimization and feasibility analysis of an integrated solar-wind-natural gas energy system in oil and gas industry: A case study of China

Presenter: Eng. Jihong Hang, Engineer, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development (RIPED), PetroChina Co Ltd., China

Global route-level carbon intensity of liquefaction-shipping-regasification of liquefied natural gas supply chains

Presenter: Dr. Diego Moya, Scientist, Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Challenges and strategic pathways for natural gas production in Iran and the Persian Gulf: Reserves, constraints, and energy transition outlook

Presenter: Dr. Saeed Abassi, Assistant Professor, RIPI (Research Institute of Petroleum Industry)-NIOC, Iran

Natural gas in the energy transition: Evolving from transition fuel to system stabilizer

Presenter: Dr. Zhang Jianping, Senior Economist, PetroChina, China

Advances in liquefied methane storage and transportation: Environmental impacts and technological innovations

Presenter: Dr. Soheila Zandi Lak, Researcher in Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

Elasticity of energy substitution in Saudi Arabia's industrial sector

Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Javid, Senior Fellow, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, Saudi Arabia

Comprehensive 4E analysis and multiple objectives optimization of five LNG production processes and feasibility study of LNG plant in Iran

Presenter: Dr. Hassan Aghdasinia, Associate Professor, University of Tabriz, Iran

Forum 05 - Advances in Geoscience

Advances in geoscience are pivotal in revolutionising energy supply, improving resource management, and addressing environmental challenges. By integrating cutting-edge technologies and innovative methods, geoscientists are paving the way for a more sustainable and efficient future in energy production and resource utilisation.

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Technical Papers

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Fiber and OBNs: Flexible monitoring approaches for coastal CCS

Presenter: Dr. Takao Nibe, Manager, JAPEX, Japan

The future of seismic monitoring over a supergiant oilfield: Buzios challenges & opportunities

Presenter: Carlos Abreu, Senior Advisor, PETROBRAS Petróleo Brasileiro SA, Brazil

Assessment of 3D virtual core plug acquisition as a tool for predicting porosity in reservoir cores

Presenter: Ibrahim Olgun Ugurlu, Senior Geologist, Turkish Petroleum Corporation, Türkiye

Digital transformation in geoscience: Leveraging technologies for new insights

Presenter: Dr. Ivan Deshenenkov, Geological Consultant - Digital Transformation Lead, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Technical Posters

Day 4, Thursday, 15 October 2026
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Hall 5 - Digital Poster Plaza 1

Enabling the energy transition: How robotics and artificial intelligence are reshaping the future of exploration

Presenter: Nouf Alsaad, Geophysicist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Exploration strategy development for Paleozoic clastic prospects in the Persian Gulf: A regional geological perspective

Presenter: Dr. Mehrangiz Naderi Khujina, Head of Research and Technology, Pars Oil and Gas Company, Iran

Shaly-sand analysis for optimal well placement in deep gas sandstone reservoirs

Presenter: Mohd Azizi Ibrahim, Senior Petrophysicist Consultant, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Advanced logging while drilling and surface data logging solutions enable real-time formation evaluation in high-temperature drilling environments and ultra-slim hole

Presenter: Mohamed Hashem, Lead Petroleum Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

AI assisted borehole image interpretation case study

Presenter: Sharon Finlay, Technology & Innovation Advisor, North Oil Company, Qatar

Best practices in characterizing carbonate reservoirs using thru-the-bit imaging technology

Presenter: Mustafa Al Mubarak, Geology Domain Champion, SLB, Saudi Arabia

A novel DSI waveform-based attribute for improved permeability estimation using joint analysis with NMR log data

Presenter: Eng. Vahid Bolandi, Petrophysicist, Pasargad Energy Development Company (PEDC), Iran

A review of the innovative implementation of horizontal wells in marginal reservoirs which paves the way of enhanced oil recovery

Presenter: Hongfu Shi, Senior Reservoir Engineer, CNOOC, China

Innovations in geosciences for increasing the efficiency and safety of exploration and production of hydrocarbon fields in the Arctic

Presenter: Aleksei Kishankov, Senior Researcher, Oil and Gas Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Forum 06 - The Role of Biofuels as a Feedstock

This session delves into the innovative use of biofuels as a feedstock in various industries, emphasising their potential to contribute to sustainable production processes. The session will explore the latest advancements in biofuel technologies, feedstock optimisation, and the role of biofuels in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, with insights into the scientific principles, engineering challenges, and economic considerations involved in the utilisation of biofuels as a versatile feedstock.

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Technical Papers

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Biodiesel fuel production from algae as a renewable, environmentally friendly and fast-growth feedstock: A comparison study

Presenter: Seyyed Hadi Pourhoseini Hesari, Faculty Member (Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering), University of Gonabad, Iran

Circular economy in the oil and gas sector: Scaling up waste-based biofuels for sustainable energy

Presenter: Dr. Altaf Albaho, Senior Civil Engineer, Ministry of Oil, Kuwait

Gas-to-biomethane transformation index: A conceptual framework for repurposing residual gas fields into biomethane hubs

Presenter: Kamil Klejna, Plenipotentiary for Biomethane, SITPNIG, Poland

Optimizing petroleum refineries with biogas integration: Leveraging biofuels as a sustainable feedstock

Presenter: Srivardhan Grandhi, Senior Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

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Innovative approaches in sustainable bioethanol purification for enhanced biofuel production

Presenter: Dr. Fatemeh Haghghatjoo, Researcher in Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

Novel heterogeneous catalysis in selective oxidation of H₂S to elemental S in bio-gas purification

Presenter: Dr. Ritesh Mittal, Asst. General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

Advancements in syngas conversion for biofuel production and catalytic pathways

Presenter: Mohammad Reza Rahimpour, Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

Clean energy policies for India: The case of second-generation ethanol

Presenter: Dr. Gaurav Kumar, Senior Manager, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Advancements in bioenergy conversion through microbial fuel cells: Efficient approaches for wastewater treatment and biohydrogen production

Presenter: Dr. Soheila Zandi Lak, Researcher in Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

Microbial valorization of lignocellulosic waste: A sustainable route to next-generation materials

Presenter: Dr. Sharareh Harirchi, Assistant Professor, Iranian Research Organization for Science and Technology, Iran

Untapped potential of agro-waste in India towards affordable & clean energy.

Presenter: Kiran Kothari, Senior Manager-Biofuel Operations, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India



BLOCK 2

Energy Infrastructure

- Future Pathways

The energy sector is undergoing a transformation, driven by the increasing contributions from lower carbon energy sources, the decentralisation of energy systems, and the integration of new technologies. This block will explore the critical role of energy infrastructure in this transition, examining the challenges and opportunities in modernising and expanding the infrastructure to support a sustainable, reliable, and resilient energy future.

Forum 07
Navigating the Future: Innovations &
Market Dynamics in LNG, FLNG, & CNG

Forum 08
Pipelines, Storage and SPRs

Forum 09
CCS Hub Facilities

Forum 10
Hydrogen Transportation

Forum 11
Supply Chain Management

Forum 12
Water Management in the Energy Industry:
Innovations for Sustainability & Efficiency

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BLOCK 2 Forum Keynote

Forum 07 - Navigating the Future: Innovations & Market Dynamics in LNG, FLNG and CNG

This session aims to explore the evolving landscape of natural gas, focusing on the future prospects of LNG, FLNG, and CNG technologies. As the global energy market shifts towards cleaner alternatives, natural gas is poised to play a pivotal role in the energy transition. The session will bring together discussions on the latest technological advancements, market opportunities, and challenges in the LNG, FLNG, and CNG sectors.

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Technical Papers

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LNG peak-shaving plant for sustainable steel production in Iran: A case study

Presenter: Dr. Laleh Shirazi, Assistant Professor, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry (RIPI), Iran

Application research on key technologies of large-diameter and super-long energy pile of LNG storage tank

Presenter: Dr. Li Xiao, Director of Research and Development Center, CNOOC Gas & Power Group Co, Ltd, China

Intrinsic versus extrinsic value in LNG asset valuation

Presenter: Dr. Matthias Pickl, Senior Investment Advisor, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Optimizing LNG pretreatment: Honeywell UOP's hybrid solutions for enhanced contaminant removal

Presenter: Anindita Sharda, Principal Chemical Engineer, Honeywell UOP, United States of America

Technical Posters

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FLNG in the South China Sea: A review of technical challenges and innovation pathways under harsh conditions

Presenter: Dr. Fangqiu Li, PhD/Engineer, CNOOC Gas & Power Group, China

Global LNG shipping costs: voyage-level benchmarking and cost-minimising reallocations

Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Yousuf Jabbar, Senior Scientist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Innovative research and engineering practice of CNOOC's gas-liquid helium co-production unit

Presenter: Hao Cheng, President of the Liquid Technology Research Institute, CNOOC Gas & Power Group, China

Comparative studies of deep-drying adsorbents for natural gas in LNG production

Presenter: Eliza Gafarova, Associate Professor of the Department of Oil and Gas Processing Equipment, National University of Oil and Gas (Gubkin University), Russia

Presenting a numerical approach to estimate boil-off and rollover in closed two-phase hydrocarbon (like LNG) storage tank: CFD simulation and experimental validation

Presenter: Dr. Mohammad Irani, Project Manager, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Optimizing LNG regasification infrastructure through operational excellence to support a resilient energy transition

Presenter: Fendy Yuseva Pratama, Senior Engineer I Piping & Mechanical Engineering, PT Nusantara Regas, Indonesia

Forum 08 - Pipelines, Storage and SPRs

Effective management of pipelines, storage facilities, and Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPRs) is paramount for ensuring energy security and market stability. As global energy demand exhibits fluctuations, the infrastructure required for oil transportation and storage must adapt to guarantee a reliable supply. This forum will examine advancements in pipeline technology, storage solutions, and the strategic significance of SPRs in mitigating supply disruptions. Key areas of discussion encompass enhancing pipeline safety, optimising storage capacity, and the role of SPRs in emergency response and market stabilisation, thereby contributing to a resilient energy system within a dynamic global context. The geopolitical relevance of this topic is undeniable, as the diversification of pipeline routes emerges as a cornerstone of energy security for entire regions.

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Reflective middleware for AI-augmented leak detection in oil and gas pipelines

Presenter: Dr. Mohammed Alnemari, Assistant Professor, University of Tabuk, Saudi Arabia

Derisking future fuels pipelines

Presenter: Razwan Arshad, Business Development Manager E&C. ROSEN, United Kingdom

Large-scale underground energy storage solutions: Low-pressure liquids to high-pressurized gases

Presenter: Dr. Altaf Usmani, DGM Technical, Engineers India Limited, India

AI-integrated pipeline risk management: Cross-system coordination and intelligent decision support

Presenter: Dr. Fei Xiao, Senior Engineer, Southeast Oil & Gas Field Company, PetroChina, China

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A predictive AI-IoT framework for girth weld defect detection in strategic petroleum pipelines

Presenter: Eng. Ali Masoumi, Independent Researcher, MSC in HSE Engineering 2025, Iran

Investigation of rock property evolution and predictive methodologies through cyclic operating condition simulations in sandstone gas storage reservoirs

Presenter: Yajun Song, PhD Candidate, School of Petroleum Engineering, China University of Petroleum (East China), China

Theoretical study on welding structure failure of high-grade steel pipelines for oil and gas transportation

Presenter: Dr. Lianshuang Dai, Deputy Director of Production Department, China Oil & Gas Pipeline Network Corporation, China

Functionalization of Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles by polyvinyl pyrrolidone as a recyclable and economical gas hydrate inhibitor

Presenter: Reyhaneh Pouryousef, Master of Science Student, College of Engineering, University of Tehran, Iran

Damage detection in fuel transfer pipelines caused by ground subsidence using electro-mechanical impedance method

Presenter: Mahnaz Shamshirsaz, Professor, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Iran

Enhanced underground hydrogen storage in salt caverns using microporous carbon materials

Presenter: Rajesh Goteti, Geological Resources Team Lead, Aramco Americas, United States of America

Forum 09: CCS Hub Facilities

As industry and governments pursue the technology of carbon capture and storage to reduce the emission of CO₂ into the atmosphere, a growing number of nations and jurisdictions are establishing CCS hubs to support industrial scale deployment of these technologies. These hubs are specific geographic regions with the geological, technological, and regulatory regimes in-place to support the capture and storage of anthropogenic carbon emissions. The purpose of this session is to present case-studies, highlight challenges and opportunities, and identify pathways to accelerate CCS activities worldwide.

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Technical Papers

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Strategic development of CO₂-EOR-based CCS hubs in Iran: A technical and economic assessment

Presenter: Dr. Sohrab Fathi, Faculty Member, Kermanshah University of Technology, Iran

A Comparative Investigation on the CO₂ Sequestration Potential in a Heavy Oil Reservoir and Low-Permeability Reservoir

Presenter: Dr. Zheyu Liu, Associate Professor, China University of Petroleum Beijing, China

Pioneering a Global CCS Hub: A Vision for Secure Carbon Storage in Saudi Arabia

Presenter: Nizam Din, Geological Consultant, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

CO₂ injection at QatarEnergy LNG: A case study on performance, challenges, and lessons learned from a landmark CCS project

Presenter: Eng. Julius Bacani, Lead of Environmental Operations, QatarEnergy LNG, Qatar

Technical Posters

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Advancing carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies in hydrocarbon-producing countries: Infrastructure readiness and strategic deployment

Presenter: Dr. Afshin Emamikhah, Research and Technology Specialist, Iranian Gas Engineering and Development Company (IGEDC), Iran

Quantifying the potential for waste-to-energy to generate zero-carbon electricity and negative emissions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Presenter: Dr. Nixon Sunny, Senior Research Scientist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

From power plants to oil reservoirs: Engineering flue gas purification for enhanced recovery and sustainability

Presenter: Dr. Mahdi Zeinali Hassanvand, Researcher and Academic Staff, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Green tailings: Surface CO₂ mineralization into industrial wastes for residual minerals recovery

Presenter: Egor Vasilchenko, Geochemical Scientist, Aramco Innovations LLC, Russia

A review of net-zero carbon initiatives and energy efficiency enhancement projects across continents: Evidence of their effectiveness in reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Presenter: Dr. Abbas Bahreini, Senior Oil Consultant, Pars Special Economic Energy Zone (PSEEZ), National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Iran

Integrating seaweed-based carbon capture and utilization (CCU) into petroleum industry: A scalable photobioreactor system

Presenter: Dr. Sayeed Rushd, Associate Professor, King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia

Application of CO₂ foam in optimizing carbon storage (CCUS) processes: An effective solution for flow control and enhanced efficiency in heterogeneous reservoirs

Presenter: Mohammad Simjoo, Associate Professor of Petroleum Engineering, Sahand University of Technology, Iran

Towards net-zero: Comprehensive study on a large-scale CCS geological storage hub in Saudi Arabia

Presenter: Maaath Alghamdi, Geophysicist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 10: Hydrogen Transportation

Hydrogen is an energy source to become the key for the carbon neutral. Since its utilisation and application are expanding out not only as fuel but also as a raw material, hydrogen is expected to be utilised in the wide industrial fields. For promoting the utilisation of hydrogen, construction of the hydrogen supply chain is indispensable, and in recent years the development of marine transportation technology to enable a long-distance and mass transit, various techniques about pipelines and trailers delivering hydrogen to the demand place, and technologies for storage of a large quantity of hydrogen are attracting attention. This forum is focused on the current situation of technologies and the infrastructure necessary for hydrogen transportation and future challenges.

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Various underground storage techniques to store massive quantities of hydrogen

Presenter: Pascal Baylocq, President and CEO, Geostock, France

The influence of hydrogen on the long-term strength of special materials for HDPE gas pipelines

Presenter: Dr. Zhang Wei, Senior Engineer, Sinopec Research Institute of Chemical Industry Co Ltd, China

Honeywell LOHC – Unlocking Middle East’s role in the global hydrogen economy

Presenter: Valentina Di Mauro, Global Director Business Development LOHC, Honeywell UOP, Italy

Hydrogen permeation testing of thermoplastic composite pipes

Presenter: Dr. Abderrazak Traidia, R&D Specialist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

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Technology and Cost Analysis of offshore wind-to-hydrogen with LOHC for Transportation to Land: A Case Study of Eastern Guangdong Region

Presenter: Pengfei Song, Senior Engineer, CNOOC Gas and Power Group, China

Common regulatory frameworks for hydrogen transportation pipelines

Presenter: Dr. Roman Samsonov, Research Lead of the Youth Laboratory, Moscow State Construction University, Russia

West-to-east hydrogen transmission: Bridging the energy gap

Presenter: Yuchen Wang, Technical Engineer, Sinopec Research Institute of Safety Engineering Co., Ltd, China

Hydrogen energy systems: An integrated review of production, storage, transport, and utilization pathways

Presenter: Eng. Saeid Salimi, Process Engineer, Persian Gulf Star Oil Company (PGSOC), Iran

Leveraging oil and gas infrastructure for hydrogen transport: AI-assisted leak detection and monitoring

Presenter: Arman Aryanzadeh, Project Engineer, Nargan Amitis Energy Development Company, Iran

Forum 11: Supply Chain Management

In the context of global energy landscape reshaping and energy transition acceleration, it is important that oil and gas companies manage their supply chain smarter and greener with digital technology and artificial intelligence. Better infrastructure, optimal process and closer partnership is also essential. This forum will discuss the latest research and best practices on supply chain management, including strategic planning, infrastructure, process management, partnership, risk management and artificial intelligence.

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Decarbonizing oil supply chains with blockchain-verified carbon credits

Presenter: Dr. Erfan Afazeli, Secretary General, Iranian Federation of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Driving sustainability through vendor management transformation at Pertamina

Presenter: Hilma Martha, Expert of Change Management Transition & Implementation, PT Pertamina (Persero), Indonesia

Digital transformation in procurement and its impacts at Petrobras

Presenter: Roberta Nobre Damiani Pereira, General Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

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Dynamic scheduling and automation system (DSAS) for the best Pertamina supply chain

Presenter: Fitria Lisdiyanti, Sr. Analyst III IT System Solution, PT Pertamina (Persero), Indonesia

Blockchain-driven transformation of natural gas supply chain finance: Architecture design and implementation pathways

Presenter: Dr. Zhang Jianping, Deputy Director, Institute for Natural Gas Economics, PetroChina Southwest Operations, China

Supply chain management and localization: A case study from hydraulic fracturing project in Saudi Arabia.

Presenter: Alexey Yudin, Senior Technical Manager, TAQA, Saudi Arabia

Optimizing shipping efficiency & accuracy with Integrated Logistics Optimization (ILO) mobile

Presenter: Fitria Lisdiyanti, Sr. Analyst III IT System Solution, PT Pertamina (Persero), Indonesia

Towards a low-carbon petrochemical product supply chain: A multi-refinery optimization framework for integrated energy enterprises

Presenter: Dr. Qing Li, Senior Engineer, PetroChina Planning and Engineering Institute, China National Petroleum Cooperation, China

An IoT-based greenhouse gas emissions assessment system with a focus on carbon tax in the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries

Presenter: Abbas Ahmadi, Professor, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Iran

Smart and sustainable supply chain management in the oil and gas industry using quality infrastructure data and artificial intelligence

Presenter: Mojtaba Babaei, Director, Iranian Petroleum Institute Accreditation Body (IPIAB), Iran

Research on the operation optimization of domestic-receiving terminals under the uncertainty of LNG trade caused by global energy turmoil

Presenter: Dr. Kai Wen, Associate Professor, China University of Petroleum (Beijing), China

Research on the evaluation of industrial chain resilience of international oil companies and its impact on stock price

Presenter: Jiajia Du, Master's Student, China University of Petroleum (Beijing), China

Forum 12: Water Management in the Energy Industry: Innovations for Sustainability and Efficiency

As the petroleum industry focuses on sustainable and efficient operations, effective water management remains a critical priority. This forum will explore the latest technologies and strategies for handling produced water, with the aim of minimising environmental impact and optimising water usage in extraction and refining processes. Key topics will include advanced water treatment, reuse, and disposal methods, as well as regulatory compliance. Industry experts will discuss innovative solutions for reducing the water footprint, presenting case studies and best practices to provide valuable insights into the current state of water management and the future advancements essential for sustainable operations.

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An environmentally friendly and low-cost technology for treating emulsified shale gas flowback fluid

Presenter: Dr. Jie Yang, Senior Engineer, Institute of PetroChina Southwest Oil & Gasfield Company, China

Optimizing asset integrity for a more resilient and sustainable energy future

Presenter: Eng. Abdulrahman Bahashwan, Maintenance Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Performance and viability of capacitive deionization for sustainable water treatment

Presenter: Dr. Reza Khoshbouy, Assistant Professor, Green Carbon Research Center, Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Sahand University of Technology, Iran

Bio-electrochemical systems for produced water management in the oil sector: A Kuwaiti case study toward sustainable energy-water integration

Presenter: Dr. Altaf Albaho, Senior Civil Engineer, Ministry of Oil, Kuwait, Kuwait

Electrochemical desalination pretreatment: A green innovation for water and energy challenges

Presenter: Miquel Blasi Roma, CEO, e-Watts Technologies, Spain

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Cleaning produced water with chemical-free plasma technology

Presenter: Dr. Sayeed Rushd, Associate Professor, King Faisal University, Al-Ahsa, Saudi Arabia

Modeling the hydrate-based desalination process of produced water using tree-based machine learning technique

Presenter: Dr. Maryam Sadi, Associate Professor, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Produced water treatment in the oil and gas industry: The potential of MXene membranes

Presenter: Isam Aljundi, Director, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Integration of Reservoir Geosciences and Production Technology to Achieve Zero Overboarding in Giant Offshore Field, Qatar

Presenter: Anthony Paul O'Connell, Head Reservoir Management & Opportunities, North Oil Company, Qatar

Turning produced water into carbon stone: Global progress in CO₂ mineralization within oilfield brines

Presenter: Eng. Mohammed Alyousef, Associate Petroleum Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Achieving effective water control in low-viscosity oil reservoirs: A case study with RCP AICDs in offshore China

Presenter: Dr. Mojtaba Moradi, Subsurface Engineering Manager, TAQA, United Arab Emirates

An experimental and simulation comparison investigations of water injection compatibility tests for managing the available resources

Presenter: Seyed Alireza Mostafavi, Reservoir Engineer, NIOC, Iran

Advanced Industrial Wastewater Treatment Using Solar-Based Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) Technology

Presenter: Dr. Elham Heydari, PhD Student in Chemical Engineering, Islamic Azad University, Yazd Branch, Iran

A novel methodological approach for identifying the origin of produced water using ion-specification analysis

Presenter: Eng. Babak Dehghani, Petroleum Engineer, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran



BLOCK 3

Energy Fuels & Molecules - Future Pathways

The energy transition is driving the need for innovative energy fuels and molecules that can replace or complement traditional fossil fuels. This block will examine the various pathways for developing and integrating these new energy carriers, focusing on their technological, economic, and environmental aspects.

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Fueling the Future: Innovations &
Strategies for Tomorrow's Electricity
Supply

Forum 16 -
Pathways to Net-Zero Refining and
Petrochemical Facilities

Forum 14 -
Hydrogen (green and blue); Ammonia;
Methanol

Forum 17 -
Helium, Lithium, and Trace Metals
Extraction

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Alternative Fuels - E fuels, Biofuels
and SAF

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Forum 13 - Fueling the Future: Innovations & Strategies for Tomorrow's Electricity Supply

As the world transitions to a lower carbon energy future, the electricity supply system is undergoing significant changes. This session will explore the key trends, technologies, and challenges in ensuring a reliable and sustainable electricity supply. Topics will include renewable energy integration, advancements in grid technology, energy storage solutions, and the role of emerging technologies like hydrogen and CCS. The session will look at how different energy sources and technologies can work together to fuel the future of electricity.

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Subsurface hydrogen storage in depleted reservoirs: A strategic framework

Presenter: Ali Alshuwaikhat, Research Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Sustainable electricity generation in the Ordos Basin: Cold water injection in enhanced geothermal systems (EGS) using abandoned gas wells

Presenter: Dr. Yushuo Zhang, Petroleum Engineer, Oil & Gas Technology Research Institute, PetroChina Changqing Oilfield Company, China

Blending renewable hydrogen into natural gas networks: Innovative solutions for future electricity grids and carbon reduction

Presenter: Dr. Sohrab Fathi, Faculty Member, Kermanshah University of Technology, Iran

Dynamic coupled THMC analysis of hydrogen injection–production cycles in depleted gas reservoirs

Presenter: Dr. Qinzhuo Liao, Professor, China University of Petroleum, China

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Deepwater gas-to-power: Sustainable energy from FPSO-based combined cycle and supercritical CO₂ systems

Presenter: Behrooz Golestani Khalilabad, Reservoir Engineering Expert, Khazar Exploration and Production Company (Subsidiary of NIOC), Iran

Intelligent solar–diesel hybrid energy system for remote oilfield operations using smart power prioritization

Presenter: Dr. Shores Shokoochi, Executive Director of Sanandaj Oil Pipelines and Telecommunication Terminal Facilities, National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Iran

Novel PANI-based composite solid electrolytes for room-temperature sodium-sulfur battery

Presenter: Hind Al-Amri, Lecturer, College of Engineering, King Khalid University, Saudi Arabia

Strategic integration of 200 MW utility-scale solar power in Nouri Petrochemical operations

Presenter: Dr. Gholamreza Jamshidi, CEO, Nouri Petrochemical Company, Iran

High-power, low-temperature tolerant, long-life, and high-safety electrochemical energy storage systems at oilfield well sites in the oil and gas industry

Presenter: Dr. Xiaoqi Wang, Senior Expert, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development (RIPE), CNPC, China

Dual functionality of microbial fuel cells: Leveraging oil and petrochemical wastewater for renewable energy production

Presenter: Mostafa Rahimnejad, Professor, Babol Noshirvani University of Technology, Iran

Solar, wind, and nuclear integration: Alternative energy sources to supplement oil and gas

Presenter: Eng. Abdullah Alatani, Technical Training Advisor, Technical Training Advisor, Saudi Arabia

Comparative analysis of mixing and steep-pressing methods for producing carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC): Reducing energy consumption in small-scale industries

Presenter: Dr. Shirin Shokoochi, Assistant Professor, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Solid-state sodium-sulfur batteries with PANI-PEG composite electrolytes: Toward safer and efficient energy storage

Presenter: Dr. Basem Al Alwan, Associate Professor, King Khalid University, Saudi Arabia

Forum 14 - Hydrogen (Green and Blue); Ammonia, Methanol

This forum will explore the evolving landscape of hydrogen production, focusing on green (renewable) and blue (low-carbon) hydrogen technologies. It will delve into the role of ammonia and methanol as hydrogen carriers and their applications in energy storage, transportation, and industrial processes. The session will also cover the latest advancements in production methods, infrastructure development, and the integration of these fuels into existing energy systems. Participants will gain insights into the economic, environmental, and technological aspects of these key components in the transition to a lower carbon energy future.

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Catalyzing ammonia cracking: Enhancing efficiency and sustainability

Presenter: Rajesh Inder Singh, Principal Technical Professional, KBR, India

A novel electrolysis technology for a green hydrogen supply chain using methylcyclohexane

Presenter: Koki Yamada, Chief Staff, ENEOS Corporation, Japan

Exploring CO₂ conversion to methanol: Direct and indirect routes for sustainable production and their role in a low-carbon future

Presenter: Dr. Fatemeh Haghighatjoo, Researcher in Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

Technology developments for green ammonia production and cracking by JGC

Presenter: Yohei Shimada, Manager, Digital Solutions, Sustainability Co-Creation Unit, JGC Holding Corporation, Japan

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Decentralized production of green hydrogen via modular electrolysis units: Flexibility, infrastructure and integration

Presenter: Marcos López Járraga, Andalusian Green Hydrogen Valley Project Development, Moeve, Spain

Split-flow reactor: Optimized catalyst converters for high-capacity ammonia plants

Presenter: Shailesh Mudaliar, Technical Advisor, KBR, India

Optimization design for 10,000-ton/y-scale green ammonia production via water electrolysis and H-B process

Presenter: Dr. Yue Wang, Senior Engineer, PetroChina Company Limited, China

Electrolyzer technologies for green hydrogen production with reduced CAPEX and OPEX: In-house development and demonstration

Presenter: Dr. Bharati Panigrahy, Senior Scientist, HP Green R&D Center, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), India

The future of upstream technologies: Techno-economic assessment of hydrogen production from upstream wastewater

Presenter: Dr. Hassan Alqahtani, Program Lead, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Hourly time-matching requirement for electrolytic hydrogen production: Is the added cost justifiable?

Presenter: Dr. Marwan Sendi, Senior Engineer, Life Cycle Assessment Group, Technology Strategy & Planning Department, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Ammonia as an alternative to store hydrogen: Toxic hazards from large storage accidental releases

Presenter: Leonardo Cotrufo, Operations Specialist Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 15 - Alternative Fuels - E fuels, Biofuels and SAF

Alternative fuels such as e-fuels, biofuels and SAF are attracting attention as a sustainable energy source for the future. Efforts to improve the production efficiency of these alternative fuels and reduce their carbon intensity will be an important part of realising a lower carbon energy system. This forum will introduce economically rational production technologies that apply innovative and existing technologies, the contribution of low-carbon fuels to achieving net zero, and the status of preparations for fuel standards and certification for practical use. It will also discuss cooperation with local communities and stakeholders, and the building of mutually beneficial relationships

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Brazilian experience with alternative fuels: Achievements from Petrobras

Presenter: Patricia Carneiro dos Santos, Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

HP-TriJet: Revolutionizing waste-to-fuel with a single-step SAF & green diesel process

Presenter: Srinivasa Rao Ganagalla, Senior Manager- R&D, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Designing market-based mechanisms to accelerate the uptake of alternative drop-in fuels in Saudi Arabia's aviation sector

Presenter: Ahmed AlJameel, Energy & Climate Policy Researcher, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Eco-friendly skies and roads: Practical insights into SAF and biodiesel production through hydrocracking units

Presenter: Filip Stancl, Subject Matter Expert, SLOVNAFT, Slovakia

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A modular solution for converting associated gas into low-carbon fuels

Presenter: Dr. Ali Mansouri, Technology Leader for Low Carbon Fuels, Baker Hughes, Germany

Techno-economic analysis of intensified E-kerosene production

Presenter: Ali Ghaffari, Head of the Department of Engineering and Refining Technologies, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Advances and challenges in sustainable aviation fuel production: Focus on methanol-to-jet pathways

Presenter: Dr. Fatemeh Parvizi, Senior Technologist, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry, Iran

Direct CO₂ Fischer-Tropsch synthesis using water-selective ZSM-5 type-zeolite membrane

Presenter: Masahiko Matsukata, Professor, Waseda University, Japan

Scaling e-fuels: Deep decarbonization of the mobility sector

Presenter: Martin Hablutzel, Head of Sustainable Energy Systems Middle East Africa and Asia Pacific, Siemens Energy, Australia

Feasibility study of the optimal option for municipal waste disposal in Pars Special Economic Energy Zone, Iran

Presenter: Dr. Mehdi Tanha Ziyarati, Head of Environmental Department, Pars Special Economic Energy Zone, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran

Comparison of portfolio non-edible feedstock for HVO co-processing production

Presenter: Dr. Martina Slezáčková, R&D Coordinator, VÚRUP, Slovakia

NRL diversifying energy basket by integration with nearby petrochemical and fertilizer plant - Building future growth through dimethylamine

Presenter: Geetali Kalita, Head and DGM (ESG), Numaligarh Refinery Limited, India

Optimizing sustainable aviation fuels: Machine learning models for predicting and enhancing critical fuel properties

Presenter: Dr. Balaji Mohan, Lead Scientist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 16 - Pathways to Net-Zero Refining and Petrochemical Facilities

Work towards achieving net-zero emissions at assets by discovering leading-edge technologies and processes. As the refining and petrochemical sector responds to emerging carbon policies and regulations around the world, learn how to integrate renewable energy, carbon capture and storage (CCS), and process optimisations to reduce environmental impacts. Conversations will also highlight successful case studies, opportunities and challenges to enhancing operations, and balancing both economic and environmental interests.

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Petrobras' experience about the use of renewable feedstocks at refining and petrochemical facilities

Presenter: Patricia Carneiro dos Santos, Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

Towards net-zero refining with thermocatalytic decomposition technology

Presenter: Wei Wang, Director, ROTOBOST Finland Oy, Finland

Integrating detailed petrochemical processes in global energy system models for robust decarbonization pathways

Presenter: Dr. Olivier Durand-Lasserve, Principal Fellow, KAPSARC, Saudi Arabia

Decarbonization of refining and petrochemical processes through advanced molecular composition control

Presenter: Dr. Ryuzo Tanaka, Chief Associate, Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd., Japan

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Research and application of low-carbon technologies in international cooperation natural gas development projects

Presenter: Eng. Ze liang Li, Engineer, South Sulige Operating Company of CNPC Changqing Oilfield, China

From waste to wealth: The economic and environmental case for plastic recycling in the GCC

Presenter: Julio Arboleda, Senior Fellow, KAPSARC, Saudi Arabia

Transforming plastic waste into fuel by demonstration of plastic pyrolysis oil co-processing in FCCU with environmental gains

Presenter: Ramanathan Arunachalam, Chief Manager - Technical, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Valorization of waste plastics into light olefins through thermochemical routes

Presenter: Muhammed-Jamiu Umar, Master's Student, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Pathways to decarbonize refining operations through process optimization and integrated carbon mitigation technologies

Presenter: Forouzan Arash Nezhad, PhD Candidate, Department of Chemistry, Shahid Chamran University of Ahvaz, Iran

SASREF decarbonization strategy

Presenter: Abdulrahman Nasser Alhatlani, Advanced Process Control Engineer, Saudi Aramco Jubail Refinery (SASREF), Saudi Arabia

Innovative HFO-Plastic co-gasification for cost-competitive hydrogen: A techno-economic study

Presenter: Ali Abdullah Al Qadri, Ph.D Candidate, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Optimizing refinery CO₂ emissions

Presenter: Prerana Saha, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

TASNEE's phased decarbonization and circular economy strategies toward Saudi Arabia's net zero 2060 target

Presenter: Dr. Sulaiman Al-Khattaf, Vice President, Technology & Innovation (T&I), TASNEE, Saudi Arabia

Enhancing energy efficiency in lube oil refinery targeting energy saving and CO₂ emission reduction

Presenter: Dr. Mohamed Abdo, Senior Process Specialist, Saudi Aramco Base Oil Company (Luberef), Saudi Arabia

Forum 17 - Helium, Lithium and Trace Metals Extraction

The evolution of global energy systems toward renewable and clean energy technologies, as well as the continued electrification of many industry sectors, particularly transportation, are creating significant new demand for helium, lithium, and trace metals. This session will explore the global resource base of these elements and the current and emerging technologies to extract these resources.

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Advancing helium separation: Multi-cycle PSA optimization for high-purity supply

Presenter: Dr. Sayed Alireza Hosseinzadeh Hejazi, Assistant Professor, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Iran

High-performance Mg²⁺/Li⁺ separation membrane: Overcoming critical technical barriers in lithium extraction from oilfield-associated brines

Presenter: Guoke Zhao, Associate Professor, Sinopec, China

Mineral extraction from produced water

Presenter: Dr. Sehmus Ozden, Scientist, Aramco Americas, United States of America

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Research and field test of lithium extraction technology for low-grade lithium-containing gas field produced water

Presenter: Wei Ji, Senior Engineer, PetroChina Changqing Oilfield Company, China

Helium recovery from Iran's natural gas fields: Feasibility assessment, challenges, and strategic opportunities

Presenter: Dr. Farzad Bahadoran, Senior Researcher and Scientific Staff, Research Institute of Petroleum Industry (RIPI), Iran

Saline soils as an unconventional source of lithium

Presenter: Andrey Kovalskii, Research Science Specialist, Aramco Research Center Aramco Innovations LLC, Russia

Prospective applications of high-power lasers in mineral extraction and geothermal energy

Presenter: Dr. Damian San Roman Alerigi, Research Science Specialist, Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Sustainable approach to battery metal recycling: A green method for rare-earth elements recovery using deep eutectic solvents and biopolymeric hydrogel

Presenter: Anahita Kazemi Kia, Research Assistant, Chemistry & Chemical Engineering Research Center of Iran, Iran

Laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy towards minerals exploration in sedimentary rocks

Presenter: Khalid AlQubaisi, SME Mud Logging and PE Specialist, Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Benchmarking machine learning algorithms for lithium-bearing alteration mapping using remote sensing and legacy geological data

Presenter: Zahra Al Mualem, Associate Geophysicist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Helium Enrichment Mechanism and Favorable Exploration Direction in the Peripheral Rift of Ancient Craton

Presenter: Dr. Yiping Wu, Senior Geologist, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development (RIPED), PetroChina, China

Evaluation of Helium Resource Potential in Ordovician Strata of Gucheng Area, Tarim Basin: An Integrated Approach Incorporating Uranium-Thorium Geochemistry and Gamma-Ray Spectrometry Logging

Presenter: Yan Bo, Senior Engineer, Exploration and Development Research Institute of Daqing Oilfield Company Limited, PetroChina, China

Two decades of QatarEnergy LNG helium recovery: Operational challenges, solutions and learnings

Presenter: Yudi Siswadi, Lead of Process Engineering - South LNG, QatarEnergy LNG, Qatar



BLOCK 4

Energy Technologies - Future Pathways

This block will explore the technologies that are enabling the energy transition, from renewable energy generation and storage solutions to advancements in energy efficiency and smart grids. Focused expert panels will provide insights into current trends, emerging innovations, and strategic pathways for accelerating the adoption of these technologies.

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Smart Infrastructure for the Future
Energy Industry: Digitalisation &
Innovation

Forum 19 -
Research, Technology Start-ups and
Funding

Forum 20 -
GHG Emissions (Scope 1&2) Abatement
(CO₂, Methane) - Detection; CO₂ Capture;
CCUS; DAC; Carbon Products

Forum 21 -
Solar, Wind and
Nuclear Integration

Forum 22 -
Advancing the Circular Economy &
Value of Life Cycle Analyses

Forum 23 -
The Energy Transition: The Role of
Digitalisation, AI, and Cybersecurity

Forum 24 -
Powering Mobility: The Energy Transition
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Forum 18 - Smart Infrastructure for the Future Energy Industry: Digitalisation & Innovation

As the energy industry evolves to meet the demands of a sustainable future, smart infrastructure is playing a crucial role in transforming the sector. This session will explore the cutting-edge technologies and strategies that are enabling smarter, more resilient, and adaptive energy systems. It will cover the latest developments in smart grids, intelligent energy management systems, IoT applications, AI-driven analytics, and the role of big data in optimising energy infrastructure. The session will bring together experts to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and future trends in smart energy infrastructure.

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Designing a data-driven blockchain-based business model for smart energy management and efficiency: A generalizable solution for energy transition and creating an inclusive innovation ecosystem

Presenter: Amir Abedpour, Innovation & Institutional Transformation Strategist | Doctoral Researcher, University of Tehran | Advisor to CEO, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran

Ruaa RoboEnergy (an intelligent electric robotic system designed to autonomously monitor, inspect, and maintain renewable energy installations, enhancing operational efficiency and reducing maintenance costs)

Presenter: Duaa Ibrahim Alluwaimi, Electrical Engineer, KBR AMCDE, Saudi Arabia

Real-time 4E optimization framework for energy-intensive industries: An integrated digital twin approach for simultaneous energy, exergy, economic, and environmental performance enhancement

Presenter: Reza Azin, Academic, Persian Gulf University, Iran

Experience of secure interoperable routable goose communication at the UCA international users group interoperability tests

Presenter: Supratik Pathak, Senior Product Manager, OT Cybersecurity, GE Vernova, UAE

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A geothermal screening model for closed-loop systems: Enabling early-stage techno-economic assessment
Presenter: Meshal Alshalan, Research Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

AI-based autonomous operation of crude distillation unit

Presenter: Masayoshi Kinoshita, Deputy General Manager, Engineering & Capital Planning Department, ENEOS Corporation, Japan

Case analysis: The pilot test of wellbore wireless communication of pumping unit well (WWCTP) in high water cut oil field

Presenter: Dr. Zhongxian Hao, Manager, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration & Development, PetroChina, China

Data and mechanism-driven real-time closed-loop optimization method for crude distillation unit

Presenter: Dr. Tao Liu, Technology Planning Coordinator, Dalian West Pacific Petrochemical Co., Ltd, China

Maximizing renewable utilization on existing power transmission corridors with dynamic system rating

Presenter: Dr. Balakrishna Pamulaparthi, Senior Engineer – Emerging Technologies, GE Vernova, India

The digital edge: Virtual flow metering vs. conventional flow measurement systems in gas wells – a QatarEnergy LNG case study

Presenter: Meshaal Ahmed Al Rashid, Senior Production Engineer, QatarEnergy LNG, Qatar

Transforming stranded gas into adaptable digital infrastructure through smart gas-to-power and hydro-cooled data centers

Presenter: Thi Nhut Suong Le, Ph.D Student/Business Development Manager, Gubkin University/Winchain Group, Russia

Caspian Offshore Energy: A Strategic Nexus for Security, Transition and Sustainable Innovation

Presenter: Majid Sajadian, Senior Drilling Engineering Executive, Strategic Scenario Architect, Khazar Exploration & Production Company, Iran

Transforming Sustainable Oil and Gas Operations through Digitalization and Nanotechnology

Presenter: Majid Sajadian, Senior Drilling Engineering Executive, Strategic Scenario Architect, Khazar Exploration & Production Company, Iran

Forum 19 – Research Technology Start-ups and Funding

Technology and innovation are the key to energy transition. Significant advancements have been achieved for conventional energies production in terms of efficiency and emission reductions. New energies such as solar, wind, hydrogen, nuclear, hydro, biomass etc. together with energy storage and complementary technologies, have boomed and are playing more and more important roles in energy transition. This forum will discuss the latest progress and achievements including research, experiments, applications, management and investment, with a particular focus on the roles of start-ups and venture capitals in projects initiation, planning and commercialisation.

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Reservoir simulation for underground LOHC storage using pore network-derived flow functions

Presenter: Eng. Mutaz Alsubhi, Ph.D Candidate, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia

Case study on the low-carbon transformation of China's oil and gas sector

Presenter: Dr. Baohua Zhao, Engineer, PetroChina Tarim Oilfield Company, China

Range anxiety gone: Portable, off-grid EV charging – anytime, anywhere

Presenter: Jayasurya Tsunduru, DGM-Business Development, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

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Cobalt-engineered MnO₂ nanowires for high-performance aqueous zinc-ion batteries: A scalable electrodeposition strategy

Presenter: Dr. Bayan Baatiyah, Ph.D Student, King Fahad University for Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Production of hydrogen and in-situ upgraded oil from heavy oil reservoirs: Status and future pathways

Presenter: Dr. Alexandru Turta, CEO, A T EOR Consulting, Inc., Canada

Unlocking potential for Mauddud Carbonate Formation in the Greater Burgan Field, Kuwait

Presenter: Huda Al-Enezi, Senior Reservoir Engineer, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait

Progress in stimulation technologies for ultra-deep, HTHP reservoirs in Tarim

Presenter: Zhanwei Yang, Engineer, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration & Development, PetroChina, China

Value of information and the degradation of the mineral resource base in the context of the optimal management model of the company

Presenter: Dr. Oleg Zhdaneev, Head, Technological Development Centre of the Fuel and Energy Complex, Russia

Well completion and production strategies for natural hydrogen: Technical considerations and operational pathways

Presenter: Anand Kumar, Production Engineer, ONGC, India

Energy saving & combustion optimization achieved by Emerson analyzers

Presenter: Remon Anwar, Business Development Manager, Emerson, Egypt

Forum 20 - GHG Emissions (Scope 1 & 2) Abatement (CO₂, methane) Detection; CO₂ Capture; CCUS; DAC; Carbon Products

This forum will explore innovative approaches and technologies for the detection and abatement of Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions, including CO₂ and methane. Topics will cover advanced detection methods, CO₂ capture techniques, and carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) strategies. Additionally, the forum will delve into direct air capture (DAC) technologies and the development of carbon products. Attendees will gain insights into the latest advancements and practical applications in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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Membrane-based tail gas treatment and CO₂ capture from tail gas of sulfur recovery plant

Presenter: Ahmed Ameen, Lead Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Greenhouse gas management and reduction at the world's largest LNG company

Presenter: Afzal Subedar, Environmental Specialist, Qatar Energy LNG, Qatar

AN optical gas imaging (OGI) system enhanced for real-time flare efficiency monitoring

Presenter: Bryan Chao, VP of International, Ningbo Oiler Technology Co. Ltd, China

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Miniaturizing the carbon capture technology through process intensification

Presenter: Madan Kumar Kumaravelan, Chief Manager - R&D, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Seaward-dipping reflectors (SDR): New play for carbon sequestration

Presenter: Dr. Jakub Fedorik, Senior Structural Geologist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Brazilian Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System (SBCE)

Presenter: Alessandra Plaga, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Petrobras S.A., Brazil

Technical and economic assessment of CO₂ storage with enhanced oil recovery in Iran: Reservoir prospectivity for CCUS-EOR applications

Presenter: Eng. Milad Ghafoori, Petroleum Engineer, National Iranian South Oil Company (NISOC), Iran

Abatement of CO₂ emissions in 'integrated VGO & diesel hydrotreater' with energy reduction strategies & innovations

Presenter: Neeraj Singh, Chief Manager, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, India

World's leading CCUS to food-grade product: Lessons learned from concept to sustainable operations, featuring innovative improvements and optimization of existing CCUS technologies to maximize sustainability.

Presenter: Eng. Muhammad Farooq Fareed, Process Engineer, SABIC, Saudi Arabia

High-resolution supercritical CO₂ flooding simulation and 4D seismic modeling of an outcrop-based reservoir model

Presenter: Dr. Andika Perbawa, Geologist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Hybrid energy solutions for off-grid oilfields: Powering operations where the grid can't reach

Presenter: Eng. Yagya Ahuja, CEO, GET Global Group, United Arab of Emirates

Forum 21 – Solar, Wind and Nuclear Integration

This forum will delve into challenges and opportunities of integrating these diverse energy sources into a cohesive power supply system. It will explore the latest advancements in grid technology, storage solutions, and policy frameworks that enable seamless integration. Participants will learn about the roles of solar and wind in complementing nuclear energy, the importance of balancing supply and demand, and strategies for maximising efficiency and reliability. The session will also address the environmental impacts and regulatory considerations associated with each energy source, offering a comprehensive overview of their synergistic potential in a sustainable energy future.

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Compositional and interfacial engineering for highly efficient and stable indoor perovskite solar cells

Presenter: Faisal Alabdulkarem, Academic Researcher, KSU, Saudi Arabia

Advantages in integration of concentrated solar (thermal) technology (CST) & captive power plant (CPP)

Presenter: Anoop Dimri, General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

Aging management of nuclear research reactors: A regulatory approach for sustainable integration

Presenter: Valéria Alves, Regulatory Affairs Expert, Vale S.A., Brazil

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Energy supply for onshore and offshore drilling rigs using wind & recycled energy from drawworks

Presenter: Dr. Ali Gholami, Principal Engineering Specialist (PhD), National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), Iran

Advantages of integration of concentrated solar thermal (CST) & photovoltaic (PV) for RTC power generation

Presenter: Sampada Bajaj, Deputy General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

Hybrid wind and hydropower systems for integrated renewable energy generation

Presenter: Mohammad Reza Rahimpour, Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Shiraz University, Iran

UccUS Energy- A Triple Synergies Integration in Aquifer for Underground-Carbon-Capture, Energy Storage and Liquid Mining for Trilemma

Presenter: Jinfang Wang, Deputy Director, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration & Development, China National Petroleum Corporation, China

Continuous GHG emission monitoring and reporting systems using solar power: Advancing sustainability solutions in the oil & gas fields

Presenter: Raid BuKhamseen, Geosciences & Engineering Director, TAQA Well Solutions, Saudi Arabia

Flexible operation of nuclear power plants for enhanced grid stability and renewable integration

Presenter: Dr. Abdulaziz Almathami, Senior Researcher, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

Design and optimization of hybrid smart microgrids for sustainable urban energy systems

Presenter: Dr. Abolfazl Nateghi, Assistant Professor, Kharazmi University, Iran

Forum 22 - Advancing the Circular Economy and Value of Life Cycle Analyses

Life Cycle Analyses (LCA) are an essential step in designing more sustainable products and processes, which begin at resource extraction and reach end-of-life disposal. Experts will explore how LCAs inform sustainable decision-making and promote efficiencies to reduce waste. The forum will address innovative strategies for designing products and other benefits of transitioning to circular models with the support of LCAs.

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Innovative sustainability: Utilizing a local volcanic ash for cement substitution and carbon footprinting reduction

Presenter: Ahmad Atef Hashmi, Lead Drilling Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

A novel process for maximizing efficiency and eliminating irreversible degradation in caustic sweetening units

Presenter: Saurabh Agarwala, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

Pioneering circular economy in LNG industry

Presenter: Arben Ferati, Environmental Specialist, QatarEnergy LNG, Qatar

Integrating life cycle assessment into refinery planning for low-carbon product development

Presenter: Dr. Jinyang Zhao, Engineer, PetroChina Planning and Engineering Institute, China National Petroleum Cooperation, China

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Fuzzy MCDA method for surface system engineering of tight gas fields based on LCA-LCCA: A case study of Sulige gas field

Presenter: Bo Feng, Deputy Director, Changqing Engineering Design Co., Ltd., Changqing Oilfield, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), China

Comparative eco-environmental assessment of energy supply for the Larestan water treatment system: Fossil fuels versus solar energy

Presenter: Dr. Mohsen Nowrouzi, Associate Professor, Shiraz University, Iran

Evaluating the sustainability of SAF production from crude palm oil for NRL's proposed bio-ATF plant

Presenter: Geetali Kalita, Head (ESG), Numaligarh Refinery Limited, India

Advancing the circular economy through life cycle analysis of bioethanol production from rice straw

Presenter: Srivardhan Grandhi, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Ltd, India

Application of circular economy framework within oil and gas construction project management

Presenter: Dr. Kurmanbek Yeshmagambetov, Head of Standards and Innovation Department 'R&D', KazTransOil JSC, Kazakhstan

Innovative anaerobic digestion of sludge and municipal waste for sustainable energy production

Presenter: Murad Attiah, Chemical Engineering, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Refinery transformation strategies from the perspective of product carbon footprint

Presenter: Wenjia Xu, Senior Engineer, CNPC Research Institute of Safety & Environment Technology, China

Recycling of industrial titanium dioxide waste from Claus process of gas refineries for development of a sustainable hybrid nano-photocatalyst for chromium(VI) reduction in wastewater: A life cycle assessment approach

Presenter: Dr. Nader Bahramifar, Professor, Tarbiat Modares University, Iran

Forum 23 – Digitalisation, AI and Cyber Security

Digitalisation, AI, and cybersecurity are key enablers of this transition, providing the tools and frameworks needed to manage complex energy systems, optimise operations, and protect against cyber threats. AI offers a broad scope including the creation of virtual replicas of physical assets, processes and systems, using real-time data and simulations and can help to automate complex and repetitive tasks, such as drilling and production, which improves the efficiency, quality, and consistency of operations and reduces costs. This session will explore the latest advancements in these areas and discuss how they are transforming the energy industry to meet future challenges.

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AI-assisted borehole image interpretation

Presenter: Sharon Finlay, Technology & Innovation Advisor, North Oil Company, Qatar

Powering tomorrow: The future of energy generation and storage

Presenter: Jard van Ingen, CEO & Co-Founder, GetFocus, Netherlands

Unlocking new frontiers for operational excellence: Quantum machine learning applications in the oil and gas industry

Presenter: Norah Alsunaidi, Petroleum Engineering Systems Analyst, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Leading the Governance & Performance of Digital Programs

Presenter: Eng. Mais Taha, DBS Digital, Governance & Performance Lead, North Oil Company, Qatar

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Large-scale benchmarking and deployment of subsurface graph network simulator

Presenter: Dr. Marko Maucec, PE Consultant, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Leveraging AI-driven analytics to optimize oil field production and operational excellence

Presenter: Dr. Huda Al-Mutairi, Senior Systems Analyst, Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait

AI-driven industrial diagrams automation

Presenter: Omar Aljefri, Associate AI Scientist, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

AI-Augmented Fiber-Optic Sensing for Real-Time Fracture Monitoring: A Transformative Approach to Advancing Sustainable Energy Transitions

Presenter: Dr. Jin Tang, Senior Engineer, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, PetroChina, China

Novel reservoir history matching workflow using Bayesian inversion and coarse-grid network models: Validation on 100-million COSTA model

Presenter: Dr. Xupeng He, Petroleum Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Forum 24 - Powering Mobility: The Energy Transition and Future of Transportation

The energy transition is fundamentally changing the landscape of mobility, with a growing focus on reducing GHG emissions and improving energy efficiency in transportation. This session will examine the critical role of sustainable energy sources, electric vehicles, and alternative fuels in driving the future of mobility. Experts will discuss the latest technologies, infrastructure developments, and policy frameworks that are shaping a new era of transportation, where energy and mobility intersect more closely than ever before.

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Strategic evaluation of low-carbon trucking pathways

Presenter: Dr. Ziming Yan, Research Scientist, Aramco Americas, **United States of America**

Expectations for CNF (synthetic fuels, biofuels) in achieving a CN (carbon-neutral) society

Presenter: Hitoshi Hayashi, Chair of Fuel & Lubricant Sub-Committee, Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA), **Japan**

Assessment of hybrid renewable-powered EV charging infrastructure in urban areas: Technical, economic, and environmental perspectives

Presenter: Dr. Abolfazl Nateghi, Assistant Professor, Kharazmi University, **Iran**

Enabling dendrite-free lithium metal batteries for electric vehicle applications: A constrained phase-field approach

Presenter: Dr. Guy Olivier Ngongang Ndjawa, Assistant Professor, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, **Saudi Arabia**

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Powering future e-mobility via development of high-voltage, fast-charging sodium-ion battery

Presenter: Dr. Binitha G, Manager, Hindustan Petroleum Green R&D Center, **India**

Comparative analysis of different alternate fuel powertrains with differentiated products (Green Combo Solution) for sustainability & future mobility options in India for heavy duty vehicle

Presenter: Dr. Prashant Kumar, Chief Research Manager, Research & Development Centre, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, **India**

Hydrogen internal combustion engine: Bridging the use of hydrogen in transport

Presenter: Dr. Abdullah Alramadan, Engine Combustion Group Lead, Aramco, **Saudi Arabia**

Carbon nanotubes for high-performance energy storage applications

Presenter: Abhishek Bansal, Assistant Manager (Research), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, **India**

Transforming land transport in Saudi Arabia: Modeling energy, emissions, and policy futures to 2060

Presenter: Yagyavalk Bhatt, Fellow, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, **Saudi Arabia**

Powering green mobility with green fuels: A decentralized energy vision for sustainable mobility

Presenter: Srivardhan Grandhi, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Ltd, **India**

Powering mobility: The energy transition and the future of transportation

Presenter: Dr. Nujud Badawi, Assistant Professor, University of Hafr Al-Batin, **Saudi Arabia**

Resilience enhancement of cyber-physical power systems with mobile energy resources

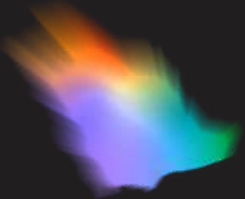
Presenter: Dr. Mohammad AlMuhaini, Associate Professor, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, **Saudi Arabia**

Design and techno-economic analysis of a supercapacitor-based solar train for low-carbon transport in Saudi Arabia

Presenter: Eng. Mussab Aleraij, Chief Industrial Engineer, Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, **Saudi Arabia**

A combination of hydrophobic gel-organic electrolyte improved the practical cycle life and bifunctional activity of Co/Co₃O₄ integrated N-doped carbon in hybrid Li-air battery

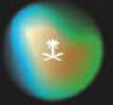
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Block 5

Energy Leadership - Future Pathways

This block focuses on the role of leadership in driving the global energy transition towards a more sustainable energy future. It will explore how leaders across various sectors— government, industry, academia, and finance —can guide and accelerate the shift from traditional energy systems to innovative, lower carbon energy solutions. It would address the strategies, challenges, and opportunities for effective leadership in this transformative period.

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Energy Access for All

Forum 26 -
Public Policy (Global and Local) - Climate
Change, Transition Management, Supply
Security and Energy Affordability

Forum 27 -
Financing the Future Energy
Supply

Forum 28 -
ESG and Governance

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Forum 25 - Energy Access for All

Through the continued expectation of increased energy demand on a worldwide scale in the next few decades, the challenge of providing reliable, sustainable, affordable energy for everyone is growing. On the one side the world is transitioning to a lower carbon energy future, on the other side, the cost of new energy sources and new energy supply channels face the challenge of affordability. Balancing these in the future will require additional effort to ensure access to energy for all by 2030. With the added consideration of geopolitical developments we will have to reconsider energy strategies worldwide to achieve this.

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Financing clean cooking transitions in Africa: Unlocking carbon markets for universal energy access

Presenter: Dr. Aayushi Awasthy, Fellow, KAPSARC, Saudi Arabia

Biomethane in Brazil: Opportunities, challenges, and policy pathways for a just energy transition

Presenter: Rodrigo Cabral, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Petrobras, Brazil

Sustainable energy transition: What are the technology options and cost of achieving universal electricity access in Nigeria

Presenter: Dr. Salisu Isihak, Senior Technical Assistant to the Managing Director, NNPC Retail, Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd., Nigeria.

Bridging fossil fuels with the future: Insights into sustainability roadblocks for UAE's oil and gas service providers.

Presenter: Dr. Shihab Alkattab, Operations Support Manager, TAQA, UAE

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Futuristic bio-fuel technologies: Addressing India's CO₂ footprint reduction, women health and energy poverty alleviation

Presenter: Dr. Ritesh Mittal, Asst. General Manager, Engineers India Ltd, India

Independent energy village: Enhancing livelihood of rural communities through empowerment in sustainable and cleaner energy sources

Presenter: Ahmad Adi Suhendra, Officer | CSR & SMEPP, PT Kilang Pertamina Internasional, Indonesia

Cooling-first energy access: Designing microgrids around "safe-sleep hours" to protect vulnerable communities in hot climates

Presenter: Eng. Hatim Altarteer, Associate Drilling Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Affordable energy for all: Lessons from transition economies in Southeast Europe

Presenter: Goran Radosavljevic, Vice Dean, Metropolitan University, Serbia

Optimising upstream gas production: An integrated approach to enhancing LNG supply reliability and operational efficiency

Presenter: Muhsen Elhaddad, Head of Upstream Gas Production, QatarEnergy LNG, Qatar

Priced watt: Energy as the ultimate global currency

Presenter: Eng. Abdullah Alshehri, Founder, Mutoon Technology, Saudi Arabia

The energy transition pattern and the impact on environment security and quality of life

Presenter: Valentina Vasile, Director, Institute of National Economy - Romanian Academy, Romania

The impact of net-zero policies on energy access in developing countries

Presenter: Seyed Ali Alenabi, Researcher, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran

From Remote Villages to a Sustainable Future: PT KPI's Renewable Energy Program for Empowered Communities

Presenter: Edward Siahaan, Manager CSR & SMEEP Management, PT Kilang Pertamina Internasional, Indonesia

Determinants of Adoption of Electric Cooking Appliances in Lusaka, Zambia

Presenter: Dr. Salisu Isihak, Senior Technical Assistant to the Managing Director, NNPC Retail, Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd., Nigeria

Forum 26 - Public Policy (Global & Local) - Climate Change, Transition Management, Supply Security and Energy Affordability

The energy trilemma – the balance of energy sustainability, energy affordability, and energy security – is a challenge facing policy makers across the globe at both the national and local levels. The challenge is rooted in a reality that shifting any of these elements require difficult trade-offs in the others. This challenge is compounded by the fact that the impact of these decisions are not evenly distributed for stakeholders in a local community, nation, or planet, and the stakeholders have varying degrees of understanding of the issues. Providing leadership in these situations is difficult, and this session will explore case studies of what has worked or not worked and what skills and knowledge policy makers need to be effective in these situations.

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A matter of sensitivity: Maximising the impact of energy transition policy

Presenter: Oliver Iskandar Banks, Energy Transition Policy Researcher, Peking University, China

Leading strategic capital and public policy to accelerate a just global energy transition

Presenter: Kira Negron, CEO, GLTRCORE, Spain

Decarbonizing the Brazilian O&G sector: Integrating biofuels, co-processing, low-carbon fuel and national policies

Presenter: Rodrigo Cabral, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, Petrobras, Brazil

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The economic costs of climate mitigation: Strategic pathways for Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030

Presenter: Hassan Alzain, Professional Graduate, Yale University (Nationally Sponsored), United States of America

Global energy security evaluation: From a perspective of accessibility, sustainability, affordability and resilience

Presenter: Pengcheng Zhang, Senior Analyst, Economics and Technology Research Institute of China National Petroleum Corporation, China

Enabling cost-effective emissions policy implementation through site-level measurement and operational intelligence

Presenter: Marwa Hassan, Chief Growth Officer, Aeromon, Egypt

Natural gas as a transition fuel: A policy and regulatory framework for West Africa's energy future

Presenter: Fredrick Sekle, Executive Director, Oilmac Limited, Ghana

Actor dynamics and transition pathways: A mapping of Iran's energy system

Presenter: Amirhossein Ghasemi, Master's in Chemical Engineering, Sharif University of Technology, Iran

Forum 27 - Financing the Future Energy Supply

Experts will discuss investment trends, risk management, and the role of public and private sectors in an evolving energy industry amidst a dynamic global transition. The panel will also address challenges in financing the energy transition, policy and market uncertainties, and adaptation to technological advancements. Join us to gain insights into innovative financing models, opportunities for growth, and how to ensure a stable and sustainable energy future.

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Transfer pricing in the hydrogen energy industry chain

Presenter: Dr. Xiangying Zhang, Associate Consultant, Sinopec Economics & Development Research Institute Company Limited, China

Virtual barrels and real markets: Bridging physical trading and financial speculation in oil and LNG markets through system dynamics and machine learning

Presenter: Fabian Vera, Corporate Reserves Consultant, Mire Petroleum Consultant, United States of America

Stablecoins in motion: A digital catalyst for financing the energy transition

Presenter: Dr. Jin Tang, Senior Engineer, Research Institute of Petroleum Exploration and Development, PetroChina, China

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Green hydrogen economics in India: Strategies for cost reduction & market growth

Presenter: Harshal Talele, Deputy General Manager, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Enhancing strategic investment decisions in the petroleum sector with AI

Presenter: Dr. Mohammad Alami Bayat, Head of the Office of American Countries Affairs, Ministry of Petroleum, Iran

Global oil industry investment outlook in 2050

Presenter: Eng. Mohsen Haerinejad, CEO, Axone Operation & Maintenance Company, Iran

A novel just transition financing framework for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) projects using CO₂ injection

Presenter: Dr. Mahdieh Askarian, Head of Technology Policy Making, Ministry of Petroleum, Iran

A technical-regulatory framework for integrating photovoltaic systems into mine closure plans (PFM) in Brazil

Presenter: Valéria Alves, Senior Regulatory Specialist, Vale S.A., Brazil

Green financing for the global energy transition: Challenges and innovations

Presenter: Mohammad Sajjad Erfani, Senior Expert of the Research and Development, Iran Energy Exchange (IEE), Iran

Identification of connected fractures and gas layers with resonant Stoneley waves

Presenter: Yongjin Shen, Engineer, China University of Petroleum, China

Empowering sustainable futures: Company-managed sustainability investment platforms (CMSIP) for inclusive innovation and community development

Presenter: Srivardhan Grandhi, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Limited, India

Forum 28 - ESG and Governance

This forum will delve into the integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria into corporate governance frameworks. Discussions will cover the importance of ESG factors in driving sustainable business practices and long-term value creation. The panel will explore best practices for ESG reporting, stakeholder engagement, and the role of governance in ensuring transparency and accountability. The forum will also highlight case studies demonstrating successful ESG implementation and its impact on corporate reputation and performance.

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Day 2, Tuesday, 13 October 2026
| 14:30 - 16:00 | Hall 10 - Technical Programme 5

Understanding sustainable business models in the oil and gas industry: A case study in the Basque Country region (Spain)

Presenter: Jaime Menéndez-Sánchez, Researcher, Orkestra - Basque Institute of Competitiveness, Spain

Synergizing energy law and global ESG standards: A behavioral game theory approach to ESG risk management in emerging markets

Presenter: Ye Xiong, Deputy Director of the Business Management Research Office, PetroChina Southwest Oil & Gasfield Company, Research Institute of Natural Gas Economy, China

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Day 3, Wednesday, 14 October 2026
| 11:30 - 13:30 | Hall 5 - Digital Poster Plaza 5

Limbic Risk: The Neuroscience of Inattention and Human Error in High-Risk Environments

Presenter: Nada Wentzel, CEO, Jonah Group, Australia

Evaluating the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into the Iran petroleum contract (IPC): Legal frameworks for sustainable energy development

Presenter: Dr. Ruhollah Nasrollahi, Assistant Professor, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Iran

Business risk analysis and legal responses in Russian Arctic area: Case from an upstream oil project

Presenter: Li Ding, Senior Engineer, China National Petroleum & Gas Corporation, China

Evaluating Environmental Governance: The Need For Stricter Noise Regulations In PSEEEZ

Presenter: Dr. Mehdi Tanha Ziyarati, Head of Environment Department, Pars Special Economic Energy Zone, National Iranian Oil Company, Iran

Advanced blockchain-enabled architecture for carbon management and tokenization: Integrating federated learning for microgrid carbon accounting

Presenter: Dr. Morteza Heidariannoghondar, Author and Speaker, Maham-Vista Energy Consulting Engineers Group, Iran

Human reliability: The missing link in ESG and governance

Presenter: Nada Wentzel, CEO, Jonah Group, Australia

Strategic foresight and ESG integration: Building resilient pathways in the global energy transition

Presenter: Muhammad Waqas Hamid, Senior Manager, SG, Saudi Arabia

Embedding ESG into corporate governance strengthening FOCUS board decision-making quality in the energy sector

Presenter: Isobel O'Connell, Strategic Partner and ESG Expert, Metagnosis Consulting, Canada

Tailoring ESG governance for impact: Balancing standardization with company-specific strategy

Presenter: Alireza Taheri, Sustainability Specialist, Pasargad Energy Development Company, Iran

Renewable Energy and ESG Metrics in U.S. E&P Companies: Strategic Implications for MENA Oil Producers

Presenter: Lamyaa AlGhofaili, Student, Aston University, United Kingdom

Forum 30 – Human Capital – Attracting Training and Retaining

Our industry is working on strategies in harsh markets to attract the best talent, in competition with other key industries striving for the same goal. The main aim of this forum is to discuss the practices and solutions required to attract the best talent and ensure we develop and retain that talent in our industry. How can we make the oil, gas and energy sector more attractive for talent development? What are the tools required to provide the best training is a question we must regularly consider. Demonstrating that we are focused on talent management is essential in this competitive market to guarantee development of the next generation.

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Investing in people: Leadership and human performance development as a catalyst for talent attraction and retention across the energy sector

Presenter: Leo Luft, Vice President of Business Development, CAVU International, Germany

Women in energy: Leveraging the Women 10x ecosystem to attract, train, and retain talent in the energy sector

Presenter: Yuka Abe, Business Planner, Japan Petroleum Exploration Co, Ltd, Japan

Attracting and developing talent in the oil, gas, and energy sector: A strategic imperative

Presenter: Maroš Čunta, Director of Crude Oil & Gas Purchase, ORLEN Unipetrol, Czech Republic

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Day 4, Thursday, 15 October 2026
| 10:00 - 12:00 | Hall 5 - Digital Poster Plaza 5

Strategic talent development through a competency-driven approach

Presenter: Kapil Gakhar, Deputy General Manager (Vigilance), HPCL, India

From missed opportunities to inclusive pipelines: Attracting women graduates to the energy sector in Japan

Presenter: Moeko Sakata, Project Coordinator, Japan Petroleum Exploration Co, Ltd, Japan

AI-enhanced learning ecosystem for the energy transition

Presenter: Dr. Jafar Shayan, CEO, Sustainova Tech, Netherlands

Psychological and social dimensions of energy literacy: A framework for public trust and engagement

Presenter: Jafar Nejat, Industrial Psychology Expert, Iran-Pars Oil and Gas Company, Iran

Beyond the barrel: Winning the war for manager in oil & gas through strategic learning investments

Presenter: Elena Raevskaya, Training Efficiency Manager, Gazprom Neft, Russia

LLM-driven research collaboration: A socio-technical intervention to solve the prisoner's dilemma of knowledge sharing

Presenter: Eng. Kun Tan, Ph.D. Candidate in Oil and Gas Engineering, China University of Petroleum (East China) | Senior Engineer, CNPC Research Institute of Safety & Environment Technology, China

Optimizations on new hire onboarding program utilizing mass data analysis

Presenter: Abdulaziz Al Humood, Senior HSE Officer Quality Health Safety and Environment, TAQA, Saudi Arabia

Human Intelligent (HI) 5.0: Innovation, AI, and inclusion in talent development for the energy industry

Presenter: Srivardhan Grandhi, Assistant General Manager, Engineers India Ltd, India

Fueling the future: Transforming oil wealth into global human capital

Presenter: Aysel Sadigli, Senior Specialist, State Oil Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan

Transforming the energy landscape: Saudi women's leadership in innovation and safety

Presenter: Dr. Ibtesam Badhrees, Chief Researcher, Nuclear Technology Institute, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Saudi Arabia

Forum 31 - Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholder engagement is an expectation of responsible business conduct. While the energy industry provides critical benefits to society, it can have a significant social and environmental footprint and often risks causing or contributing to adverse impacts. Laws and regulations place obligations on industry and other stakeholders but going beyond these and meaningfully engaging with stakeholders to understand issues and opportunities makes good business sense and is a key to attaining and retaining a “social licence to operate”. This forum will explore best practices and benefits of effective stakeholder engagement, including case studies in diverse jurisdictions.

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Securing the social license to operate: Centering stakeholder & indigenous voices in joint venture agreement

Presenter: Isobel O'Connell, Strategic Partner, Metagnosis Consulting, Canada

Integrating stakeholder perspectives in EIA processes: A pathway to sustainable petroleum industry operations in Iran

Presenter: Eng. Mostafa Tasbandi, Head of Sustainability Development, Ministry of Petroleum, Iran

From national dialogue to global imperative: Reclaiming the power of stakeholder engagement in the energy transition

Presenter: Eng. Sean Trainor, CEO, SCG, United Kingdom

Turning satellite emission data into action: Stakeholder engagement for methane mitigation

Presenter: Dr. Irina Semykina, Senior Consultant, Carbon Limits AS, Norway

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A review of legal and experiential gaps in stakeholder participation: In the context of climate change and the transition to clean energy

Presenter: Eng. Maryam Ghafouri, Climate Change Expert, Department of Environment of Iran, Iran

Petrobras socio-environmental program: Regenerating ecosystems, empowering communities

Presenter: Dr. Gregorio da Cruz Araujo Maciel, Environmental Projects Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

Integrating stakeholders' perspective into complexity assessment for oil & gas projects

Presenter: Eng. Tulio Quijada, Lead Engineer, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia

Stakeholder engagement at HPCL – A key imperative for business continuity

Presenter: Gopi Krishna Morathoti, Deputy General Manager - Human Resources, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, India

Long-term stakeholder engagement for ocean conservation: The Biomar network as a strategic pathway for the UN Decade of Ocean Science

Presenter: Dr. Gregorio da Cruz Araujo Maciel, Environmental Projects Manager, Petrobras, Brazil

Legal frameworks for future energy transition – Focus on low-carbon energy systems (case study: Hydrogen storage in Iranian law)

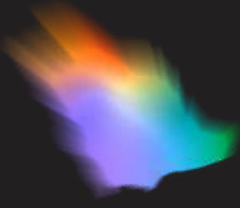
Presenter: Delara Heidari, Oil and Gas Lawyer, Iranian Offshore, Engineering and Construction (IOEC), Iran

Commitment to decarbonization: Petrobras' strategy with suppliers

Presenter: Marcelo Barbosa Ferraz, Sustainable Procurement Specialist, Petróleo Brasileiro S/A - Petrobras, Brazil

Stakeholders dispute avoidance strategies in upstream petroleum contracts

Presenter: Ensieh Mohajeri, Legal Directorate, MAPNA Group Co., Iran



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