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ARAB ENVIRONMENT 2013 Sustainable Energy in Arab Countries

6th Annual Conference of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED)
American University of Sharjah (AUS)
Sharjah, 28-29 October 2013

AGENDA

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

08:00 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 10:00

Opening Ceremony

Under the Patronage and Attendance of H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi

Member of the Supreme Council of UAE, Ruler of Sharjah, President of AUS

- Curtain-Raiser: **Powering Arab Future** (*Documentary on Energy Options*)
- Welcome, AUS
- Welcome AFED: **H.E. Dr. Adnan Badran**, Chairman, AFED Board of Trustees
- AFED 2013 Report: **Najib Saab**, Secretary General, AFED

H.E. Dr. Rashed Ahmad bin Fahad, Minister of Environment & Water, UAE

Keynote Speakers

H.E. Mr. Suleiman Al-Herbish, Director General, OPEC Fund- OFID; UN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY 4 ALL

Majid Jafar, CEO Crescent Petroleum, Co-Host of AFED Conference in Sharjah

10:00 - 10:30

Coffee Break- Networking

10:30 - 11:30

SESSION I

REPORT PRESENTATION

Transition to Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Challenges in Arab Countries

Moderator: Dr. Adnan Shihab Eldin, Director General, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS)

- **Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry**, AFED report's co-editor; VP AFED Board of Trustees, Former CEO, GEF
- **Dr. Ibrahim Abdel Gelil**, Report's co-editor; Zayed Chair for Energy and Environment, Arabian Gulf University (AGU)

11:30 – 12:30

Comments on the report by High-Level Panel

HE Dr. Salih Hassan Summii, Minister of Electricity and Energy, Yemen

HE Malek Kabariti, Former Minister of Energy, Chairman, National Electric Power Company (NEPCO), Jordan

Ministers/CEOs will also join the session. Followed by general discussion

12:30 - 13:00

SESSION II

Energy for Sustainable Development- *OFID Perspective*

Special debate hosted by OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID)

- Faris Hassan, Head of Research, OFID (Moderator)
- Rachid Bencherif, Head of Grants Unit, OFID
- Souhad Khriesat, Grants officer, OFID
- Dr. Leila Dagher, Professor of Economics, Energy Economy, AUB

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break, networking

14:00 – 15:00

SESSION III

Energy-Water Nexus and Future Initiatives

Moderator: H.E. Khaled Irani, Chairman, RSCN, Former Minister of Energy and Environment, Jordan

- H.E. Dr. Ayman Abu Hadid, Minister of Agriculture, Egypt
- H.E. Dr. Rashed Ahmad Bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water, UAE
- H.E. Dr. Ali Al Tkhais, Water and Public Works Committee, Shura Council, Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Walid Zubari, Chairman, Water Management Program, Arabian Gulf University (AGU), Bahrain

15:00 – 16:30

SESSION IV

Energy and Growth: Alternative Approach & Management

Renewable Energy, Nuclear Power, and Energy Efficiency

Moderator: Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry

- Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Director, REN 21, Paris
- Dr. Holger Rogner, Former Head of Nuclear Planning, IAEA, Vienna
- Dr. Tareq Emtairah, Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (RCREEE), Cairo
- Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UAE
- Dr. Saed Dababneh (Professor of Nuclear Physics, Former Vice Chairman, Jordan Nuclear Regulatory Authority)

16:30 – 17:00

GENERAL DISCUSSION

20:00-23:00

Gala Dinner, Hilton Sharjah (by invitation only)

DAY 2

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER

9:00-10:00

SESSION V

Future of Oil and Gas in a Changing Global Outlook

Moderator: Bill Farren-Price, CEO, Petroleum Policy Intelligence

- Dr. Bassam Fattouh, Director, Oil and Middle East Program, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES)
- Mr. El Habib El Andaloussi, Chief of the Energy Section, ESCWA.
- Mr. Majid Jaafar, CEO, Crescent Petroleum, Sharjah, UAE
- Robin Mills, Head of Consulting, Manaar Energy Consulting and Project Management, Abu Dhabi

10:00-11:00

SESSION VI

PPP and Financing the Transition to Sustainable Energy

Moderator: Nabil Habayeb, President & CEO, GE Middle East, North Africa & Turkey

-**Dr. Shihab Al-Borai**, Senior Associate, Booz & Co.

-**Dr. Manfred Hafner**, CEO, International Energy Consultants (IEC), Professor of international energy studies at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

-**Taher Diab**, Director Strategy & Planning, Dubai Supreme Council for Energy, Secretary General, Emirates Energy Award

-**Dr. Mazen Soueid**, Chief Economist, BankMed, Beirut

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break / Networking

11:30 – 13:00

SESSION VII

Sustainability Initiatives in the Context of Efficient Resource Management

Moderator: Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP

- **Saudi Energy Efficiency Center: Dr. Naif Al-Abbadi**, Director General, Riyadh

-**Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council: Mohamed Al-Khadar Al Ahmad**, Executive Director, Development Review and ESTIDAMA

-**MASDAR: Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany**, Director of Sustainability and Director of Zayed Future Energy Prize

-**GIZ, Germany: Dr. Albrecht Kaupp**, Senior Adviser, Mediterranean Solar Plan

-**ACWA Power: Michael Nates**, Director, CSR, Riyadh/Dubai

-**Cristal Global: Rob McIntyre**, Director, Performance Chemicals R&D

13:00-14:00

Lunch Break and Networking

14:00-15:30

(Concurrent, 3 sessions)

- 1- **Sustainable Energy: Example of the GCC countries.** Special session in cooperation with ESCWA. **Moderator: Roula Majdalani**, Director, Sustainable Development & Production Division, ESCWA. **Manfred Hafner**, CEO, International Energy Consultants (IEC), Professor of international energy studies at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University; **Jamila Matar**, Director of Energy, League of Arab States; **Maher Aziz**, Author of the Mitigation chapter in AFED Energy report, Former Under Secretary of Electricity and Energy, Egypt; **Glada Lahn**, Research Fellow, Energy, Environment and Resources Division, Chatham House, UK; **Emmanuel Bergasse**, Energy Policy Expert, IEA, EC and AFD, France; **El Habib El Andaloussi**, Chief of Energy Section, ESCWA.
- 2- **Waste to Energy-** Challenges and Options - **Moderator: Dr. Ibrahim Abdelgelil**. Overview by **Aisha Al-Abdouli**, Under-Secretary, Head of Waste, Ministry of Environment and Water, UAE. Panelists: **Firas Arakji**, Managing Director, AVERDA. **Najib Faris**, Chief Commercial Officer, Bee'ah
- 3- **Future Leaders Forum** Arab youth speak out on the right of future generations to sustainable energy and resources- Students from Arab universities. Preparing statement for plenary closing session.

15:30 – 17:00

Closing debate involving ministers, key speakers and delegates. discussion of draft recommendations

Moderated by: H.E. Dr. Adnan Badran, Former Prime Minister, Jordan and **H.E. Dr. Abdelrahman Al-Awadi**, Executive Director, ROPME, Kuwait. **Ministers and Representatives of Authors, Speakers, Students.**