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The Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit, launched in 2010, has established itself as a unique, invitation only event for the top leaders and decision makers in the MENA and international renewables sector.

Over the past 12 years, the annual summit has been a forum to discuss the progress of Dii’s work and some of the key topics to accelerate the energy transition in MENA and beyond. It presents a platform for Dii partners and stakeholders to share experiences, expectations, and perspectives in the transforming energy markets in MENA and beyond. The summit forms part of Dii’s wider roadmap of accelerating the energy transition in the Arab world by connecting regions, people and continents sharing Dii’s mission ‘No Emissions!’

The 12th edition was hosted in Cairo to honor Egypt as a leader in the energy transition and to showcase Egypt as a future trading hub for green electrons and molecules. Ahead of COP27, the Summit brought together over 230 global visionaries, regional and international industry leaders and political forces to discuss and debate the perspectives and how to move quickly from announcement to projects implementation.

“The event has been perfectly organized. Interesting topics have been raised and discussed. The world energy leaders were there, which has opened the door for great networking opportunities and enlightening discussions.”

Hania Abou El Oyoun
CEO Legal and Commercial Counsel, Enara Group
HIGHLIGHTS
IN NUMBERS

- 250+ attendees
- 30+ countries represented
- 150+ companies attended
- 10+ sessions including panel discussions and presentations
- 8+ interactive roundtables across the emission-free energy value chain
- 60+ C-Suite speakers
AMONG OUR HEADLINE SPEAKERS

Paddy Padmanathan
Vice-Chairman & CEO
ACWA Power

H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin
UN Climate Change
High-Level Champion for Egypt
COP27

H.E. Waleid Gamaleldien
Chairman
Suez Canal Economic Zone

Ayman Mohamed Soliman
Chief Executive Officer
Sovereign Fund of Egypt

Layla El Hares
Managing Director
Siemens Energy

Sherif Magdy El Gabaly
Chairman & CEO
Enara Group

Amir Sharifi
Chief Investment Officer
Hy24 Partners

François Dao
Vice-President
Middle East & Africa
EDF Renewables

Frank Yu
Global Vice President
Power to X Business
Envision Group

Alicia Eastman
President
InterContinental Energy

Chris Antonopoulos
Chief Executive Officer
Lekela

Katherina Reiche
Chairwoman
National Hydrogen Council
Chairwoman
Westenergie AG

Harry Boyd-Carpenter
Managing Director
Green Economy and Climate Action
EBRD, UK

Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim
Chief Executive Officer
GCC Interconnection Authority
A SNIPPET OF SOME OF OUR HEADLINE SESSIONS

Award Ceremony: Leading an Accelerated Green Energy Transition in MENA and beyond

On the occasion of the 12th Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit, Paddy Padmanathan, CEO and Vice-Chairman at ACWA Power was honored with the “Dii Lifetime Award” in recognition of a bold vision to spearhead the energy transition in MENA and beyond.

Country Focus: Egypt as a Green Energy Hub

- Shaping strategies ahead of COP 27: Egypt’s national action plan and international partnerships
- The Green energy corridor and Suez Canal Economic Zone as a strategic industrial hub
- The road to net-zero: the Sovereign Fund of Egypt’s project-focused strategy to attracting private investments to Egypt to unlock value and create wealth for future generations and contribute to the growth of Egypt’s economy.

Spotlight Concrete Projects

- How MENA can accelerate the energy transition and fast move towards net zero
- Hydrogen valleys to speed up pilot projects across the hydrogen value chain
- Challenges in the supply chain across all emission free technologies.

CEO Panel discussion: The Momentum of the Energy Transition

- The asks for policy makers to create an international market for green molecules
- What needs to be done to create the right infrastructure for transport and storage for green electrons and molecules
- How new projects in MENA encourage sustained prosperity and stability through local value creation and future proof jobs.

With the Middle East region becoming an attractive hub for Green Hydrogen projects, Dii has successfully put together an excellent event on this topic. Well-organized forum, with timely agenda topics and C-suite speakers with hands-on knowledge. A must-attend event for those seeking an updated view on what’s happening in the region while networking with key Hydrogen market players.

Sami Kamel, PhD
CEO, Dutco Cleantech
SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS ADDRESSED DURING THE "Dii'S STYLE INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLES"

Local value creation and new green jobs
Certification, transportation and storage of green molecules
Wind and Storage Solutions
Carbon Trading
Green energy trade

Fast-track levelized costs of green hydrogen through focused CAPEX/OPEX cost minimization
Concrete Opportunities for off-take of green hydrogen
The convergence between electricity and gas market
Human capital and technology development
The Future of Clean Mobility

DESERTEC 3.0: MENA AS AN EMISSION-FREE POWER HOUSE FOR ITSELF AND THE WORLD

Thanks to a holistic approach and leveraging our international industry-led network, we address green ‘Electrons’ and ‘Molecules’ along the Emission-Free Energy Value Chain to achieve lowest cost, secure, emission free and local benefits.
HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

The 12th edition of the Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit took place over 4 days. It combined high-level and strategic discussions about concrete projects, unique networking receptions and site visits.

It started with the Strategic Partners’ meeting and the Advisory Board meeting, followed by the exclusive reception hosted by AMEA Power for the Dii’s network.

The second day featured the main Summit and the third day marked the ‘Dii Partner meeting’ and the memorable dinner reception with Pyramids view hosted by ENARA. The last day was the opportunity to visit the Lekela’s West Bakr Wind Farm and Fertiglobe’s green molecules project.

A big thank you to our Partners for such memorable and unique experiences.
13th Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit

COP28 for IMPACT: TIME FOR ACTION
From Announcements to Tangible Projects

28 November 2023  |  The W Dubai – The Palm

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