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# 13th Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit

*TIME FOR CLIMATE ACTION –  
From Announcements to Tangible Projects*

28 November 2023 | The W Dubai – The Palm



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### AGENDA AT A GLANCE

#### Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at the W Dubai – The Palm

- **08:00 – 10:00** | ZETA Breakfast Roundtable
- **10:00 – 13:30** | A Global Hydrogen Future workshop, hosted by KAPSARC/EFI/MENA Hydrogen Alliance
- **14:00 – 16:00** | Internal Dii Company Meeting
- **16:00 – 16:30** | Networking Coffee
- **16:30 – 18:30** | Advisory Board Meeting
- **18:30 – 21:00** | Welcome Drinks reception hosted by  **BLACK & VEATCH**

Invitation Only

#### Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at the W Dubai – The Palm

- **08:00 – 18:00** | **13<sup>th</sup> Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit**
- **18:00 – 20:00** | Drinks Reception at the Secret Garden hosted by
- **20:00 – 22:00** | Dinner Reception at Torno Subito



#### Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at the W Dubai – The Palm

- **08:00 – 18:00** | **Dii Partner Meeting:** ‘Bundling The Forces of Dii Partners for the Benefits of Emission Reduction, Energy Security, Affordability And Local Content’.

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*The ‘Dii Partner Meeting’ brings together Strategic, Lead and Associated Partners of Dii Desert Energy & MENA Hydrogen Alliance in a closed-door and focused gathering of leaders with the joint mission of advancing tangible projects and forging new partnerships.*

#### LEADERS OF CLIMATE ACTION 29<sup>th</sup> November | W Dubai – The Palm Exclusive High-level VIP Reception & Dinner (RSVP)

- **18:00 – 20:00** | Exclusive Drinks Reception at the SoBe Terrace
- **20:00 – 22:00** | Exclusive Dinner Reception at Akira Back

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*\*All timings refer to the local time in Dubai  
\* Agenda subject to changes*

08:00-09:30	<p><b>Registration Opens &amp; Dii Leadership Summit Breakfast Reception</b></p> <p><i>All participants are invited to attend this breakfast to get together and exchange before a full day of conference</i></p>
09:10-09:15	<b>Welcome Speech: Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy</b>
09:15-09:20	<b>Welcome Address: Towards 100% Renewables for Localization and Job Creation</b>
09:20-09:35	<p><b>Welcome Address: Powerhouse MENA, the Emerging ‘Net-Zero Emission’ Giant!</b></p> <p>Paul van Son, President, Dii Desert Energy</p>
09:35-09:45	<b>Keynote Address: The Energy Quadrilemma</b>
	<b>Speaker: Marco Arcelli, CEO, ACWA Power</b>

09:45-10:00	<b>Fireside Chat: UAE’s Federal Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Strategy to Achieve Net-Zero 2050: Energy Mix, Energy Transition and Hydrogen Strategy</b>
	<b>His Excellency Eng. Sharif Al Olama</b> , Undersecretary for Energy and Petroleum Affairs, <b>Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates</b>
10:00-10:40	<b>Invited Keynote Addresses: How to Make the Energy Transformation Happen for Sustainable Development and Local Benefits</b>
	<p>Impulse presentation and moderator: <b>Frank Wouters</b>, Chair, Advisory Board, <b>Dii Desert Energy</b> and <b>MENA Hydrogen Alliance</b>, Senior Vice President, <b>Reliance Industries</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin</b>, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for Egypt, <b>COP27</b> Department of Energy, Abu Dhabi</p> <p><b>Tarik Hamane</b>, Acting CEO, <b>Masen</b></p>
10:40-10:45	<b>Keynote Address: Investing into Climate Action: walk the talk with Hydrogen</b>
	<p>Speaker: <b>Amir Sharifi</b>, Chief Investment Officer, <b>Hy24</b></p>
10:45-11:30	<b>High-level Panel: Renewables and Green Energy Connecting Continents for Energy Security and Affordability</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry players provide an update on current renewable energy projects development in the MENA region</li> <li>• MENA as green energy hub for energy security at lowest cost through electrons and molecules</li> <li>• Project localization and job creation</li> </ul> <p>Impulse Presentation and moderator: <b>Cornelius Matthes</b>, CEO, <b>Dii Desert Energy</b></p> <p>Special address: <b>Dr. Guo Qiang</b>, Executive Vice President, <b>CEPRI/State Grid Corporation of China</b></p> <p>Speakers:  <b>Peter Terium</b>, CEO, <b>ENOWA</b>  <b>Miguel Ángel López Borrego</b>, CEO, <b>thyssenkrupp AG</b>  <b>Thomas Brostrom</b>, Chief Investment Officer, <b>ACWA Power</b>  <b>Mohammad Abdelqader El Ramahi</b>, Chief Green Hydrogen Officer, <b>Masdar</b></p>
11:30-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee Networking Break</b></p>
12:00-12:45	<b>Top Executives Panel Discussion: Tackling Obstacles for Project Bankability and Off-take Schemes</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bankable projects offtake schemes (case studies)</li> <li>• What needs to happen on the regulatory and infrastructure side?</li> <li>• Which off takes are ready to engage in long term contracts?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Alex Sarac</b>, Partner, Head of Middle Infrastructure, Projects and Energy, <b>Addleshaw Goddard</b></p> <p>Speakers:  <b>Frank Yu</b>, Global Vice President, Hydrogen Energy Business, <b>Envision Group</b>  <b>Ebubekir Koyuncu</b>, CEO, <b>Air Products Qudra</b>  <b>Dr. Hans-Dieter Hermes</b>, Vice President Hydrogen, <b>Worley</b>  <b>François Dao</b>, Vice-President, Middle East &amp; Africa, <b>EDF Renewables</b>  <b>Hussain Matar</b>, Senior Director, Business Development, <b>AMEA Power</b></p>

<p><b>12:45-13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Top Executives Panel Discussion: Carbon Credits and Climate Products: Towards a Green Premium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As harmful emissions become more and more a liability, how can this be turned into a business opportunity?</li> <li>From certification schemes to new trading platform: the Zero Emission Energy Traders Alliance (ZETA)</li> <li>Case study on new products and business models</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Vatche Kourkejian</b>, Senior Partner &amp; Head of Energy Middle East, <b>Roland Berger</b></p> <p>Speakers:  <b>Naveed Tariq</b>, CEO, <b>Seagrass</b>  <b>Naheed Memon</b>, CEO, <b>Oracle Power</b>  <b>Harry Boyd-Carpenter</b>, Managing Director, Climate Strategy and Delivery, <b>European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)</b>  <b>Sherif El Gabaly</b>, Founder &amp; Chairman, <b>Enara Group</b>  <b>Nicole Vermeulen</b>, Chief Industrial Officer, <b>Hy24</b></p>
<p><b>13:30-13:35</b></p>	<p><b>World Hydrogen MENA 2024: Special Announcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revealing research findings, programme highlights and World Hydrogen Leaders-Dii Desert Energy partnership collaborations</li> <li>Personal invitation for Dii's network to World Hydrogen MENA, the flagship event of Dubai's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hydrogen Week</li> <li>Announcing the World Hydrogen MENA complimentary passes winners for a guest pass!</li> </ul> <p><b>Hannah Reeve</b>, Director, <b>World Hydrogen Leaders</b></p>
<p><b>13:35-14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch in the Great Room Foyer</b></p>
<p><b>14:30-14:40</b></p>	<p><b>Fireside chat: Exclusive insights on ENOWA - The Line, Neom Green Hydrogen and Oxagon</b></p> <p>Interviewee: <b>Peter Terium</b>, CEO, <b>ENOWA</b>  Interviewer: <b>Frank Wouters</b>, Chair, Advisory Board, <b>Dii Desert Energy and MENA Hydrogen Alliance</b>, Senior Vice President, <b>Reliance Industries</b></p>
<p><b>14:40-14:50</b></p>	<p><b>Fireside chat: NEOM Green Hydrogen Project</b></p> <p>Interviewee:  <b>Driss Berraho</b>, Vice President Business Development - Green Hydrogen (Head), <b>ACWA Power</b></p>
<p><b>14:50-15:40</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Time for Climate Action at COP28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New initiatives, key actions and political decisions needed between COP27 and COP28: MENA in the lead</li> <li>Industrial demand, political decisions and green finance to speed up the transition and enabling a paradigm shift</li> <li>Infrastructure and storage of renewables in energy policy making beyond energy production and end use</li> <li>Hydrom: how to structure a successful green molecules program at a country level</li> <li>Green hydrogen potential to bring forth an inclusive climate action through industry decarbonization and the development of domestic industries in developing countries through the implementation of policies, standards, financial instruments, investment promotion and innovation programmes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Impulse Presentation: Green Molecules Driving Climate Action at COP28 and Beyond</b>  <b>Prof. Christopher Hebling</b>, Director – Hydrogen Technologies, <b>Fraunhofer ISE</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Dan Feldman</b>, Partner, <b>King &amp; Spalding</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<p><b>Rumaitha Al Busaidi</b>, Business Development Manager, <b>Hydrom</b>  <b>Prof. Dr. Ad van Wijk</b>, Professor of Future Energy System, <b>TU Delft</b>, Advisory Board Member, <b>Dii Desert Energy</b>  <b>Luis Umazor Hernandez</b>, Industrial Development Officer, <b>UNIDO</b>  <b>Ramy Lotfy</b>, Chief Commercial Officer, <b>CWP Global</b>  <b>Bruce Douglas</b>, Chief Executive Officer, <b>Global Renewables Alliance</b></p>
<b>15:40-15:50</b>	<p><b>Keynote Address: The Significance of Innovation Ecosystem</b></p> <p><b>Thomas Altmann</b>, Executive Vice President Innovation &amp; New Technology, <b>ACWA Power</b></p>
<b>15:50-16:30</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: MENA as a Renewable Transport Hub for the Energy Transformation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The race to clean up global shipping: opportunities and limitations between low emission ammonia and methanol. Which will be the main use cases beyond shipping?</li> <li>• Success factors for competitive production of e-fuels in different parts of the world and the evolution of regulatory trends</li> <li>• Leveraging the full potential of sustainable aviation fuels</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Reid Larson</b>, Vice President of Global Decarbonization, <b>Chart Industries</b>  Speakers:  <b>Thorsten Herdan</b>, CEO, <b>HIF EMEA</b>  <b>Emile Hoogsteden</b>, CEO, <b>SOHAR Port and Freezone</b>  <b>Tony Nieman</b>, Head of Middle East, <b>InterContinental Energy</b>  <b>Andrès Isaza</b>, Chief Commercial Officer, <b>Smartenergy</b></p>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Coffee Networking Break</b>
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	<p><b>Interactives 'Dii Style' Roundtables: the interactive roundtables along the emission-free energy value chain</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Roundtable 1: Grids &amp; Infrastructures for the Integrated Energy System</b>  Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Antonio Illiceto</b>, Chairman, <b>CIGRE Study Committee C1, Power System Development &amp; Economics</b></li> <li>○ <b>Dr. Ahmed Ebrahim</b>, CEO, <b>GCC Interconnection Authority</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Roundtable 2: Regulation and Incentives: IRA vs EU</b>  Co-moderators:</li> <li>• <b>Roundtable 3: Hydrogen Storage and Transport</b>  Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Pascal Baylocq</b>, President &amp; CEO, <b>Geostock</b></li> <li>○ <b>Paul Baan</b>, CEO, <b>Proton Ventures</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Roundtable 4: Bankability and Off-takers</b>  Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Laura Phillips</b>, Chief of Staff EMEA, <b>Black &amp; Veatch</b></li> <li>○ <b>Yusuf Macun</b>, Partner, <b>Cranmore Partners</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Roundtable 5: Creating a Tradable Market for Zero Emission Energy</b>  Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jan Haizmann</b>, Chief Executive Officer, <b>Zero Emission Energy Traders Alliance (ZETA)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Reda Hamedoun</b>, Executive Vice President - Power-to-X &amp; Strategy, <b>NAREVA</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Roundtable 6: The hottest near-term markets in MENA</b>  Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dr. Malcolm Robert Cook</b>, Senior Vice President, Chemicals &amp; Process Technologies - Middle East &amp; Turkey, <b>thyssenkrupp AG</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Tarik Hamane, Acting CEO, Masen</b></li> <li>● <b>Roundtable 7: The Water and Energy Nexus</b> Co-moderators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Dr. Jaoud El Kharraz, Executive Director, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Low Evans, CEO, Nexus Reliance Group</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Roundtable 8: Clean Hydrogen in Mobility</b> Co-moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Thomas Korn, CEO &amp; Co-Founder, water Stuff &amp; Sun</b></li> <li>○ <b>Nabil Nachi, Head of MEA, CV New Business, Hyundai Motor Company</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Roundtable 9: Wind Projects in MENA and New Markets</b> Co-moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Eric Hemu, Managing Director, Middle East and Africa, Envision Energy</b></li> <li>○ <b>Gankhuyag Dagva, Chief Infrastructure Officer, Newcom Group</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>18:00-20:00</b>	<p><b>Exclusive Drinks Reception in the Secret Garden</b></p> <p><i>Hosted by</i></p> 
<b>20:00</b>	<p><b>Dinner Reception at Torno Subito (<i>with Michelin Star</i>)</b></p>

### Confirmed Speakers

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