

IEA-IRENA Executives' Dialogue: renewables in the future energy mix of the Middle East and North Africa

- A special session of the RE Industry Advisory Board (RIAB) of IEA and IRENA -

Time: 9.30 to 13.00, Wednesday, 21 January 2015

Location: Capital Suite 10, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

This invitation-only session reviews the role of renewables in the MENA energy supply given major recent changes in global and regional markets. Part of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week/World Future Energy Summit (WFES), the event will take place at ADNEC in partnership with the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Renewable Industry Advisory Board (RIAB) of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Masdar, and REN21. The moderated discussion will examine recent developments in the market including the advent of nuclear, the spread of LNG and possibly coal, record-breaking solar bid results (5.98 US cents/kWh) and new global hydrocarbon prices and production costs.

Agenda

09:30– 10:00 Introduction

Welcome by Ambassador Thani Al Zeyoudi, Permanent Representative to IRENA and Director of Energy and Climate Change, UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21

- Maria van der Hoeven, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Ahmed Belhoul, CEO, Masdar

10:30 – 11:30 Recent and Upcoming Changes in the MENA Energy Sector

Moderator: Martin Schoepe, Chair of RE Working Party of the IEA

Presentations:

- Paolo Frankl, Head of the Renewable Energy Division, IEA
- Rabia Ferroukhi, Acting Director, Knowledge, Policy, and Finance, IRENA
- Brian Williams, PwC Middle East

Audience Q&A

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

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11:45 – 12:45 Perspectives for Renewables in the Energy Mix

Moderator: Gus Schellekens, PwC Middle East

Presentation:

- Michael Liebreich, Founder and Chairman of the Advisory Board, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Panel discussion:

- Waleed Salman, Chairman, Dubai Carbon, and EVP Strategy & Business Development, DEWA
- Paddy Padmanathan, President and CEO, ACWA Power
- Antonio Cammisecra, Head of Business Development, Enel Green Power
- Michael Eckhart, Managing Director and Global Head of Environmental Finance and Sustainability, Citigroup

Audience Q&A

12:45 – 13:00 Summary and Next Steps

- Roberto Vigotti, Coordinator, RIAB of the IEA

13:00 Meeting Closes

Lunch and Refreshments

Suggested Pre-Reading:

- Masdar Institute, IRENA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs: UAE Renewable Energy Roadmap (January 2015), link forthcoming
- [IRENA: Rethinking Energy \(Sept 2014\)](#)
- [PwC: The road ahead: Gaining momentum from energy transformation \(Dec 2014\)](#)
- [REN21: Renewables 2014 Global Status Report](#) and [2013 MENA Report](#)

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