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Opening Speech

Mitib A Al Harbi

Chairman, GDA International Downstream Conference
& Exhibition 2025

Vice President, Fuels Business Management, Aramco

Delivering an event like the International Downstream Conference & Exhibition 2025 is more than an organizational milestone; it is a commitment to shaping the future of our industry.

Under the theme “Innovating Energy, Creating Sustainable Value,” this year’s conference brings together leaders, innovators, and technical experts from across the globe to share strategies, showcase technologies, and forge partnerships that will define the next chapter of the downstream sector.

The program reflects the industry’s most pressing priorities, from decarbonization and digital transformation to capital efficiency and workforce readiness. It is designed to inspire ideas and to translate them into actionable solutions for sustainable growth.

I am proud to welcome you to Bahrain for three days of knowledge exchange, collaboration, and networking. Together, we will explore new opportunities, address shared challenges, and strengthen the bonds that unite our global downstream community.

See you at IDCE 2025, where innovation meets impact.



Strategic Direction from the Chairman

Hussain Al Qahtani

Chairman, GDA

Senior Vice President of Fuels, Aramco

The Gulf Downstream Association (GDA) stands at a pivotal moment in its journey. Guided by our new strategy, we are committed to transforming GDA into a truly global, industry-shaping platform that delivers greater value to both our members and the downstream sector at large.

This transformation is anchored in three key pillars. First, we aim to position GDA as a hub for thought leadership, innovation, and knowledge exchange, one that influences the future direction of our industry. Second, we are launching new industry forums dedicated to addressing the most critical and emerging topics in the downstream landscape, ensuring timely dialogue and actionable outcomes. Third, we are pursuing strategic collaborations that will expand and strengthen the global influence of the International Downstream Conference & Exhibition (IDCE), making it a cornerstone event for the worldwide downstream community.

Our vision is bold, but our commitment is stronger. By working together, we can create a platform that fosters insight, drives collaboration, and inspires solutions that advance the industry for years to come.

I invite you to join us in this exciting new chapter for GDA. Your engagement and expertise will be the catalyst for innovation, progress, and enduring value for our members and the global downstream sector.

See you at IDCE 2025, where the future of downstream is shaped.

THE 3 DAY AGENDA

Join global leaders, innovators, and decision-makers for three impactful days of strategic discussions, industry dialogues, and technical deep-dives shaping the future of the downstream sector.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1 Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision

- Opening Remarks by Industry Leaders & Ministerial Keynote Address
- Leadership Dialogue & Fireside Chat
- GDA Leadership Award Ceremony
- Strategic Sessions:
 - Geopolitics & Energy Markets: What It Means for the Industry Growth
 - Strategic Imperatives for Downstream Resilience in a Low-Margin Era
 - Maximizing Returns: Capital Efficiency in Changing Landscape
 - Energy Diplomacy & Trade: Shaping the Future of Downstream
 - The Global South Pivot: Strategic Shifts for Middle East NOCs
- Industry Dialogues:
 - Pioneering the Future: Revolutionizing Refineries HSSE With Cutting-Edge Technologies
 - From Blueprint to Reality: Mastering Project Planning, Execution and Commissioning
- Technical & Poster Presentations on 'Health, Safety, Security and Environment' and 'Project Management & Commissioning & Start-Up' Themes

DAY 2 Downstream Transformation Through Technology & Innovation

- Strategic Panels:
 - Maximizing Barrel Value: the Next Frontier in Refinery and Petrochemical Integration
 - Global Refining Realignment: Asia's Ascent and Europe's Transition
 - Downstream Decarbonization: Demand Sustainability Through Carbon Competitiveness
 - AI for Energy, Energy for AI
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- Closing Remarks by Chairman



DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



9:00 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks & Strategic Direction
9:15 AM	Ministerial Keynote Address
9:25 AM	Leadership Dialogue – Fireside Chat
9:50 AM	GDA Leadership Award
10:00 AM	Geopolitics & Energy Markets: What It Means for the Industry Growth
11:00 AM	Duhur Prayer & Lunch Break
12:00 PM	Strategic Imperatives for Downstream Resilience in a Low-Margin Era
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3:00 PM	Asar Prayer Break
3:30 PM	Energy Diplomacy & Trade: Shaping the Future of Downstream
4:30 PM	The Global South Pivot: Strategic Shifts for Middle East NOCs



DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Dr. Mohamed Bin Mubarak Bin Daina

Minister of Oil & Environment,
Kingdom of Bahrain

Ministerial Keynote Address

Leadership Dialogue Fireside Chat

Moderated by:



Dave Ernsberger

Co-President, S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Dr. Mohammad Y. Al Qahtani

Downstream President,
Aramco



Bassam A Al-Bokhari

Secretary General, GDA
CEO, EnergyTech

GDA Leadership Award



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Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Paul Gruenwald

Global Chief Economist, S&P
Global Ratings

Geopolitics & Energy Markets: What It Means for the Industry Growth

A high-level discussion on how shifting geopolitics will shape supply chains, investment flows, and policy frameworks.



Eng. Mohammed Albrahim

Assistant Minister, Oil & Gas,
Ministry of Energy, Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia



Mark Thomas

Group CEO
BAPCO Energies



Srinivas Tuttagunta

COO, Supply & Trading
Reliance Industries Limited



Li Xinhua

Head, Global Trading &
International Business
Rongsheng

Strategic Imperatives for Downstream Resilience in a Low-Margin Era

This session examines strategic approaches for enhancing downstream sector resilience amid tightening margins, focusing on operational efficiency, digital transformation, cost optimization, and sustainable business models for long-term competitiveness.



Dave Ernsberger

Co-President, S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Sultan Albigishi

CEO
ADNOC Refining



Kamil Al Shanfari

CEO
OQ Refineries



Claudio Fayad

CTO
Emerson



Jeff Rinker

President & CEO
Motiva



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Anthony John Wood

VP, Global Head of Oil, Midstream
and Downstream Consulting, S&P
Global Commodity Insights

Maximizing Returns: Capital Efficiency in Changing Landscape

Explore strategies for enhancing capital efficiency amidst evolving market dynamics, focusing on innovative approaches to maximize returns while navigating challenges in investment and resource allocation.



Ralph Wetzels

SVP, Downstream Finance
Aramco



Jeff Currie

Chief Strategy Officer
Energy Pathways
Carlyle



Fabricio Sousa

Global President
Worley Consulting

Pioneering the Future: Revolutionizing HSSE in Refineries With Cutting-Edge Technologies

Exploring the integration of advanced technologies in refinery operations to enhance safety, security, health measures and risk mitigation involves using best industry practices, digital twins, and real-time monitoring systems to prevent accidents, ensure secure operations, and promote worker health. Additionally, implementing innovative safety protocols and cybersecurity measures ensures a safer, more secure, and healthier refinery environment.



Ehsan Akhavan

MD Middle East & Africa
DSS+



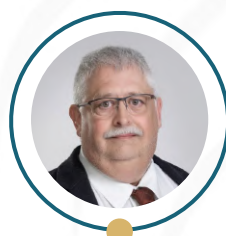
Musallam Al Khaifi

VP Corporate HSSE
OQ



Steve Odlin

SVP Fire, Safety, and Security
BAPCO Refining



John Burgess

Founder,
Smith & Burgess Process
Safety Consultants



Abdulaziz Al Askar

VP Engineering & Technical
Services
SATORP



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Raj Jhajharia

Principal Consultant,
Becht

From Blueprint to Reality: Mastering Project Planning, Execution and Commissioning

Exploring how digital tools and technologies can enhance the efficiency, coordination, and outcomes of large-scale projects from the concept to commissioning.



Hassan H. Al Yami

VP Ras Tanura Refinery,
Aramco



Fahad Saad Al Mutairi

Deputy CEO, Al Zour Operations
KIPIC



Hanny Alshazly

Managing Director, MENA Region
PMI

Energy Diplomacy & Trade: Shaping the Future of Downstream

What strategic partnerships and joint ventures are redefining market access and refining and petrochemical competitiveness.



Kurt Barrow

SVP, Global Head of oil, fuels and
chemical solutions S&P Global
Commodity Insights



**Ibrahim Qassim Al-
Buainain**

EVP Global Manufacturing
Aramco



**Abdulrahman Al-
Fageeh**

CEO
SABIC



Abdulrahman Jawahery

CEO
BAPCO Refining



Elise H Nowee

President
Shell Catalysts &
Technologies



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Sanjay Sharma

VP, Global Head of Chemicals
Consulting,
S&P Global Commodity Insights

The Global South Pivot: Strategic Shifts for Middle East NOCs

Exploring the growing influence of emerging economies in Asia and Africa on Middle East NOC investment, trade flows, and strategic priorities



Abdullah Salem Al Ajmi

CEO
OQ8



Saad H Binmatlig

CEO
Yasref



Francesco Palmieri Lupia

MD & Senior Partner
BCG



Sergey Denisov

Chief Development Officer
Nayara Energy



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Ravi Narayanaswamy

VP, Global Head of Feedstocks
Research & Analytics S&P Global
Commodity Insights

Maximizing Barrel Value: the Next Frontier in Refinery and Petrochemical Integration

Discussion on deeper integration between refining and petrochemicals material transition trends, and feedstock flexibility to future-proof assets in a lower-carbon world



Quentin Debuisschert

CEO
Axens



Leon De Bruyn

President & CEO
Lummus Technology



Abdullah S. Al-Suwailem

SVP, West Region Manufacturing
Aramco



Mahesh Marve

Senior EVP, Research &
Technology, Refinery and
Chemicals
Reliance Industries Limited

Global Refining Realignment: Asia's Ascent and Europe's Transition

How India's refining expansion, China's petchem-driven model, and EU's capacity rationalization are likely to reshape global refining dynamics?



Kurt Barrow

SVP, Global Head of oil, fuels and
chemical solutions S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Khalid S. Ghamdi

SVP East Region Manufacturing
Aramco



Thomas Maurisse

SVP, Refining & Petrochemical
Asia & Middle East
TotalEnergies



Rajesh Samarth

CEO
Chevron Lummus Global



Rachid Majiti

Senior Partner,
McKinsey & Co.



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Anthony John Wood

VP, Global Head of Oil, Midstream
and Downstream Consulting, S&P
Global Commodity Insights

Downstream Decarbonization: Demand Sustainability Through Carbon Competitiveness

How can refineries be ready for lower carbon world? What are the latest developments in clean hydrogen, carbon capture, and sustainable biofuels as alternatives to traditional refining?



Walid Al Naim

VP & Chief Engineer
Aramco



Andrea Bozzano

VP & CTO
Honeywell



Elena Scaltritti

Chief Commercial Officer
Topsoe



Hitoshi Masuda

Senior Executive Director (CTO)
JCCP

Downstream Sustainability: Integrating Efficiency and Decarbonization for Success

Discussion on strategies and technologies aimed at reducing carbon emissions while enhancing energy efficiency in the downstream industry. This involves the integration of new process configurations, refinery-petchem integration, advanced control systems, digital technologies, and sustainable practices to optimize refinery processes and reduce energy consumption and improve long-term profitability.



Paul Cannizzo

VP Sustainability and Strategic Insights
Solomon Associates



Syed Mahmood Alawi

SVP, Technical Services
BAPCO Refining



Mikala Grubb

Senior Vice President,
Topsoe



Ujjal Mukherjee

CTO
Lummus Technology



Mohammad M Farsi

President & CEO
SAMREF



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Richard Charlesworth

Executive Director, Global Head of
Industry Processes and Cost Analytics
S&P Global Commodity Insights

Innovating Refinery of the Future: Cutting-Edge Technologies From Concept to Commercialization

Advanced control systems and new process technologies to optimize refinery processes. This track also focuses on autonomous operation systems, Advance Process Control, solutions for process optimization, real-time optimization (RTO), and case studies on autonomous operations



Dr. Ali Abdullah Al Meshari

SVP, Technology Oversight &
Coordination
Aramco



Othman Al-Ghamdi

President & CEO
Petro Rabigh



Hari Ravindran

SVP & Global Head Technology
Solutions
KBR



Arun Arora

CTO
Chevron Lummus Global

AI for Energy, Energy for AI

Discussion on how AI is transforming energy production, distribution, and consumption, while highlighting the rising energy demands driven by AI data servers.



Jake Yang

CTO, S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Sami A. Ajmi

SVP, Digital & I.T
Aramco



Heiko Claussen

Co-CTO
Aspentech, Emerson



Norinao Sato

President & CEO
Yokogawa Middle East & Africa



AJ Abdallat

CEO
BeyondLimits



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Jad Moussalli

Partner Energy and Natural
Resources, Oliver Wyman

AI in Refineries: Accelerating Digital Transformation

How AI, predictive analytics, and automation are revolutionizing refinery operations enhancing efficiency, safety, and profitability while reducing emissions.



Ahmed Al-Ghamdi

CEO
Artificial Intelligence Global Co



Norm Gilsdorf

CEO
Plant Digital



Jake Yang

CTO, S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Abdulla Omar Al Ameri

VP, Asset Development
ADNOC

Intelligent Integration: AI and Digitalization in Downstream

This session focuses on the integration of AI and digital technologies to achieve autonomous operations, optimize processes, predictive analytics and enable real-time decision-making in the downstream oil and gas industry. Key areas of focus include AI-based decision-making, Process Digital Twin, real-time optimization (RTO), and case studies on the successful implementation of these technologies.



Andreas Kyrilis

Senior Partner,
Bain & Company



George Cui Shan

Chairman & President
Supcon



Khaled Al Blooshi

VP Digital Projects & Innovation
ADNOC



Santosh Unni

Head of Digital
Transformation & AI Services
Infosys Consulting



Omar Y Thukair

VP & Chief Digital Officer
Aramco



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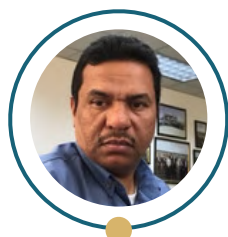


David Sayah

Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group

Digital Reliability & Asset Integrity: Enhancing Integrity With Predictive Analytics

Focus on how digital tools and predictive analytics can enhance reliability and asset integrity in refinery operations. Management of shutdowns/turnarounds more efficiently, risk-based inspection practices along with reliability centered maintenance programs with digital footprint and best practices.



Sami Bu Rushaid

VP, Global Manufacturing Excellence
Aramco



Matt Spalding

VP APAC, Middle East, North Africa & India
Honeywell E&S Solutions



Gaetano De Santis

EVP Reliability Maintenance,
BAPCO Refining



Dr. Chiraz Ennaceur

CEO & Co-Founder
CorrosionRADAR Ltd.



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Executive Director, Global Head of
Industry Processes and Cost Analytics
S&P Global Commodity Insights

The Hydrogen Debate: Hype, Reality & Commercial Pathways

The commercial viability and infrastructure challenges of hydrogen as a fuel of the future.



Ivana Jemelkova

CEO
Hydrogen Council



Marco Arcelli

CEO
ACWA Power



Wesam Alghamdi

CEO
NEOM Green Hydrogen Company

Charging Ahead: the EV Revolution and Fuel Retail Transformation

Discussion on how rising EV adoption is transforming energy demand, infrastructure needs, OEM partnerships, and impacting petrochemical consumption patterns



Jim Burkhard

VP, Global Head of Oil & Mobility
Research & Analytics S&P Global
Commodity Insights



Samuel Raudales

Chief Growth Officer
Valvoline



Abdullah AlOtaibi

Global VP, Polyethylene
SABIC



Tune Marschall

Partner
Bain & Company



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Gaurav Srivastava

Regional Head – Oil Midstream and
Downstream Consulting (ME & India)
S&P Global Commodity Insights

Future-Proofing the Downstream Workforce: Digital Integration & DEI Initiatives

An in-depth discussion on how AI, automation, AR/VR, reskilling, and DEI initiatives are transforming the downstream workforce—boosting safety, innovation, and inclusive growth.



Shaima Al Ghunaim

EVP, Planning & Finance
KPI



Nouf Al-Sowaidi

Group Chief HR Officer,
BAPCO Energies



Kristy Chadwick

Group CEO
TTRO



Mark Anderson

SVP
KBC Advance Technology

Navigating Complexity and Uncertainty: Achieving Supply Chain Excellence in the Downstream Industry

Strategies for identifying risks, bottlenecks, and managing complexities in downstream supply chains, focusing on optimizing processes, to manage future integration like renewables (biofuels, SAF, e-fuels), EV charging infrastructure into supply chain by leveraging advanced technologies, and enhancing collaboration.



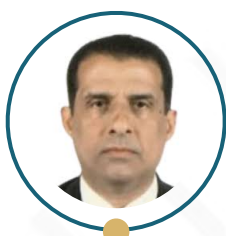
Jad Dib

Partner
McKinsey & Company



Hisham Alnughaimish

President
Bahri Oil



Ayoub Al-Ghamdi

Senior Consultant
S-Chem



Jerry Kalogiratos

CEO, Capital Clean Energy
Carriers Corp.



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Abdulaziz Alajian

SVP

The Saudi Investment Bank

Leadership Evolution: Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders Today in the AI Paradigm Shift

Discussion on required structured leadership development initiatives that focus on upskilling and reskilling employees to make future ready leaders for new technology (AI/ ML, AR/VR, Digitalization) environment.



Nayef S. Al-Otaibi

VP, Downstream HR
Aramco



Nada Al Meqbali

Vice President, Future
Foresight & Creative Lab
ADNOC



Ghanim Naser Al-Otaibi

Deputy CEO Projects
KNPC



H.E. Prof Ebrahim Al Hajri

President
Khalifa University

Biofuels & SAF: Can They Scale Fast Enough To Transform Mobility?

This session examines the potential of biofuels and Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) to scale rapidly, assessing their role in transforming mobility, reducing emissions, and meeting global sustainability goals.



Ethan Ng

Regional Head - Oil, Midstream and
Downstream Consulting (APAC)
S&P Global Commodity Insights



Khalid Al-Harathi

President & CEO
SASREF



Dr. Jennifer Holmgren

CEO
Lanza Tech



Deepak Munganahalli

Co-Founder
SAF One



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Ravi Narayanaswamy

VP, Global Head of Feedstocks
Research & Analytics S&P Global
Commodity Insights

Lubricants & Base Oils: Driving Efficiency in a Low-Carbon Future

Impact of EVs, bio-based lubricants, and synthetic oils on refining, sustainability, and industrial performance.



Brian Paliotti

President
Afton Chemicals



Samer A Al Hokail

CEO
Luberef



Marco Digioia

President
ATIEL



Imad A Al-Hadlaq

EVP, Manufacturing
Kuwait Petroleum
International

Closing Remarks



Hussain Al Qahtani

Chairman, GDA
Senior Vice President of Fuels,
Aramco

TECHNICAL SESSIONS AGENDA

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9:00 to 10:00		Decarbonization and Energy Management - Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	AI and Digitalization - Reliability and Asset Integrity
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11:00 to 12:00		Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	Reliability and Asset Integrity
12:00 to 13:00			
13:00 to 14:00			Supply Chain Optimization
14:00 to 15:00			Supply Chain Optimization - Leadership and People Development
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15:00 to 16:00	Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) - Projects Management & Commissioning Start-Up		
16:30 to 17:30	Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)		



POSTER PRESENTATIONS AGENDA

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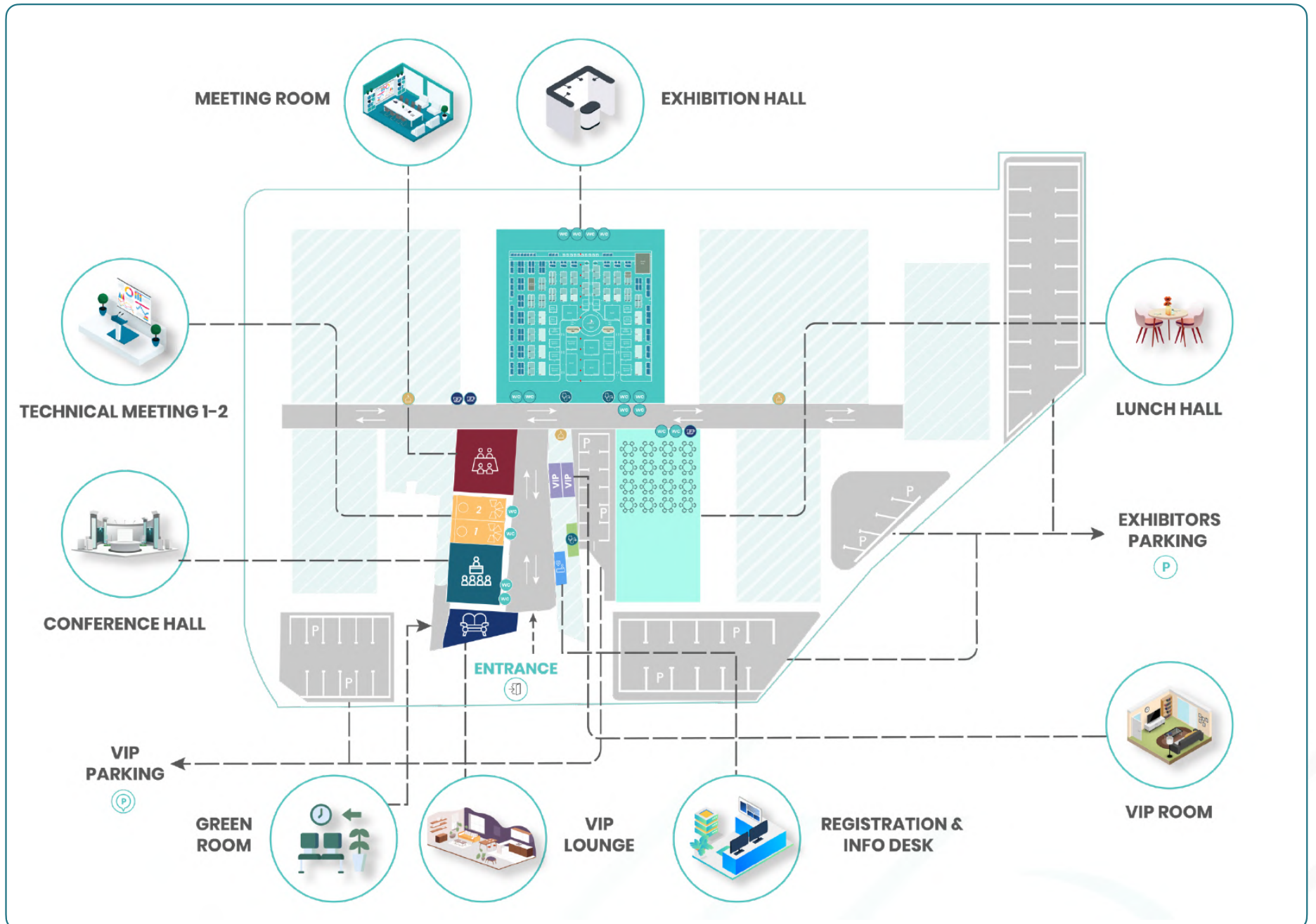


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EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Day	Date	Exhibitors Time	Visitors Time
Tuesday	30 September 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	1 October 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	2 October 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

VENUE FACILITIES



Main Entrance

Drop in/out - Registration Area



Exhibition Hall

- GDA Booth
- Matchmaking Hub
- Technical Pods
- Youth Hub
- Business Center
- Media Center



Meeting Room



Technical Meeting



Conference Hall



Green Room



VIP Lounge



VIP Room



Registration & Info Desk



Lunch Hall



Exhibitors Parking



Medical Rooms



Prayer Rooms



Coffee Stations



Restrooms



VIP Parking



PLAN YOUR VISIT

WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

The Kingdom of Bahrain is a modern and welcoming destination that ensures a smooth and comfortable experience for both international and regional visitors. The capital city is Manama, the official language is Arabic, and English is widely spoken.

The local currency is the Bahraini Dinar (BHD), and the time zone is GMT+3. Expect warm, dry weather in September and October, with average temperatures ranging from 30–35°C.

ARRIVAL & TRANSPORTATION

Bahrain International Airport is located approximately 30 minutes from the event venue Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB). Transportation options include: Taxis, Uber, Careem, hotel shuttles, and car rental services.

ENTRY & VISA REQUIREMENTS

Many nationalities are eligible for a visa on arrival or can apply for an eVisa. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry. For full details and eligibility, visit: www.evisa.gov.bh

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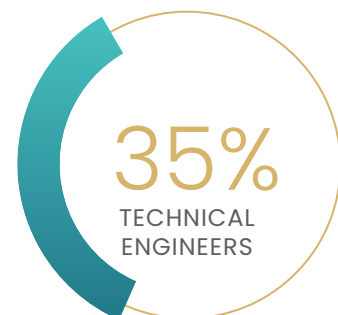
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- Dress code: Modest attire is recommended in public areas
- Alcohol: permitted only in licensed venues
- Emergency Number: 999 (Police, Ambulance, Fire)



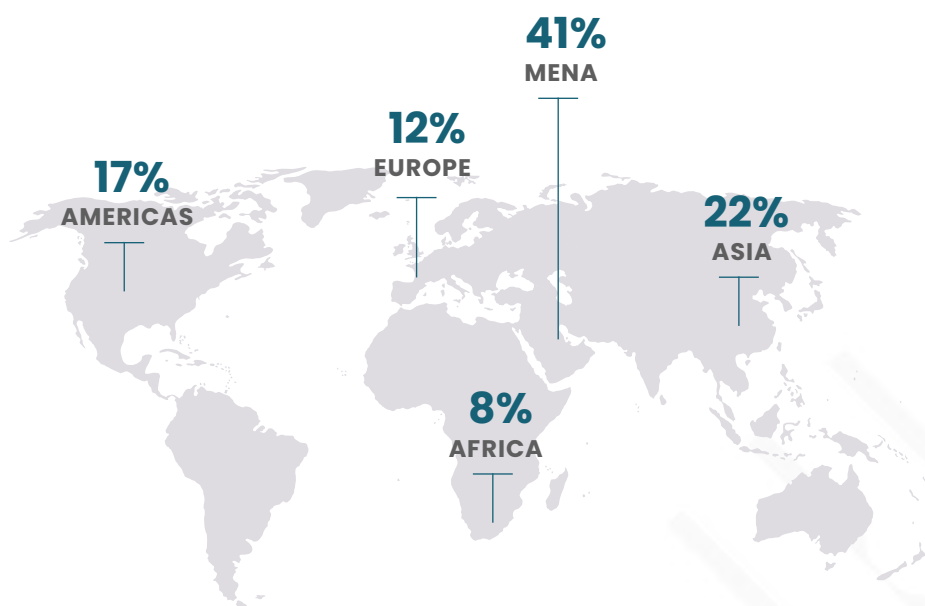
WHY ATTEND THE IDCE CONFERENCE?

- Gain unparalleled insights from world-class technical experts and business leaders.
- Expand your knowledge by participating in one of the industry's largest technical events.
- Connect with engineers from diverse oil and gas sectors and explore their unique operational challenges.
- Access exclusive post-event online resources, including all technical abstracts shared during the conference.

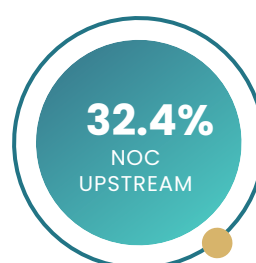
ATTENDEES BY SENIORITY



ATTENDEES BY GEOGRAPHY



ATTENDEES BY SECTOR



S&P GLOBAL COMMODITY INSIGHTS

Official Knowledge Partner – IDCE 2025

We are proud to welcome S&P Global Commodity Insights as the official Knowledge Partner for the International Downstream Conference & Exhibition (IDCE) 2025.

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Gulf Downstream Association (GDA) is a non-profit organization founded by leading regional energy companies: Aramco, KPI, BAPCO, KNPC, ADNOC, and OQ. It fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, and industry development across the Downstream sector.



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CORE VALUES

- Collaborate and network to promote knowledge sharing.
- Providing high-quality services with the best value.
- Promote innovation & continuous development.
- Fostering excellence in all activities.
- Supporting and championing sustainability.
- Strive to be a respected institution driving the downstream industry.



OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen collaboration and networking.
- Advance technical capabilities across the industry.
- Partner with technology providers and experts.
- Support policy and regulatory development.
- Facilitate data and knowledge sharing.

YOUTH PULSE PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Youth Program at the conference is designed to inspire, engage, and empower young participants through a variety of interactive activities, workshops, and discussions. The program equips youth with leadership skills, enabling them to initiate and lead impactful projects in their communities and beyond. The program also encourages innovation and creativity by promoting hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking. Participants will have numerous opportunities for collaboration, networking, and mentorship, enabling them to learn from peers and experienced leaders alike. In addition, the program highlights the achievements and talents of young leaders across diverse fields while supporting personal growth by building confidence, resilience, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Overall, this program provides a dynamic platform for youth to connect, learn, and contribute meaningfully. A full agenda with detailed activities is attached for your reference.



"As the Youth Program Chairman, I am excited to lead an initiative that nurtures the potential and passion of emerging talents. IDCE 2025's Youth Pulse Program provides a platform for the next generation to learn, connect, and be inspired by industry leaders. We aim to equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to a more sustainable and innovative energy future.

Together, we will shape a brighter tomorrow." **Dr. Basim Abussaud**





YOUTH PULSE PROGRAM

AGENDA

Time	SEPTEMBER 30TH	OCTOBER 1ST	OCTOBER 2ND
9:00 – 9:30		Treasure Hunt Announcement	
9:30 – 10:00		Workshop: Qidwa Mini Bootcamp – Your path Towards Successful Leadership	Workshop: Emotional Intelligence: The key to Personal and Professional Success
10:00 – 10:30	Youth Opening Remarks		Youth in the Loop: Preparing for AI
10:30 – 11:00	Downstream Integration & Process Session	Crack it and Pitch It: The Downstream Challenge Competition	
11:00 – 11:30	How to Become a CEO – Competition	Digitalization Technical Session	
11:30 – 12:00	Aspen Academic Exam Competition		
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch Break	Aspen Quiz – Competition	Lunch Break
12:30 – 13:00		Lunch Break	
13:00 – 13:30	Executive Panel Discussion	Technical Debate Competition	Aspen Challenge – Competition
13:30 – 14:00			
14:00 – 14:30			Youth Closing Ceremony & Raffle Draw
14:30 – 15:00	Sponsor Speech Slot		
15:00 – 15:30		Sponsor Speech Slot	
15:30 – 16:00	Personal Branding – Workshop	Leaders to Inspire – Activity	

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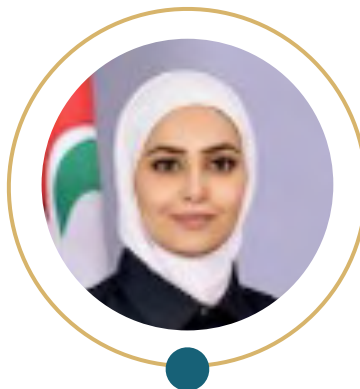
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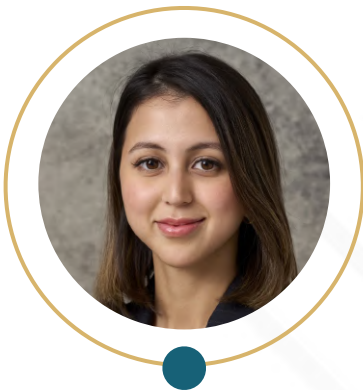
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SUMMARY CONCLUSION

The event is structured across two integrated tracks:

The Strategic Conference (*keynotes, panels, leadership dialogues*) and The Technical Conference (*Industry Dialogues, paper presentations, posters*). Each day begins with high-level sessions addressing macro trends and leadership themes, followed by technical deep-dives and innovation showcases. Eight Industry Dialogues bridge strategic vision with technical sub-themes, ensuring alignment across sessions.

The program concludes with invited technical presentations and poster exhibitions, enabling participants to share cutting-edge research and practical solutions. The format is designed to foster cross-functional insight and industry collaboration, bringing together C-suite leaders, technology providers, regulators, and operators. Participants gain access to emerging trends in AI, new fuels and digitalization, while building connections across the downstream value chain for meaningful engagement and sustainable innovation.

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