



International Downstream Conference & Exhibition 2025

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On behalf of the Gulf Downstream Association (GDA), and under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, we are pleased to announce the International Downstream Conference and Exhibition (IDCE). This landmark event will bring together industry leaders and decision makers from across the region and around the world.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain





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 HSSE in Refineries 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:
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 - Global Refining Realignment: Asia's Ascent and Europe's Transition
 - Downstream Decarbonization: Demand Sustainability Through Carbon Competitiveness
 - AI for Energy, Energy for AI
 - AI in Refineries: Accelerating Digital Transformation
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 - Innovating Refinery of the Future: Cutting-Edge Technologies From Concept to Commercialization
 - Intelligent Integration: AI and Digitalization in Downstream
 - Digital Reliability & Integrity: Enhancing Integrity With Predictive Analytics
- Technical & Poster Presentations on 'Decarbonization and Energy Management' and 'Advanced Process Solutions & New Technologies' Themes

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 - Leadership Evolution: Cultivating Tomorrow's Leaders Today in the AI Paradigm Shift
- Technical & Poster Presentations on 'AI & Digitalization' and 'Reliability & Asset Integrity' and 'Supply Chain Optimization' and 'Leadership & People Development Themes
- Closing Remarks by Chairman



DAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30TH 2025

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
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3:30 PM	Energy Diplomacy & Trade: Shaping the Future of Downstream
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DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Dr. Mohamed Bin Mubarak Bin Daina

Minister of Oil & Environment,
Kingdom of Bahrain

STRATEGIC SESSION

Ministerial Keynote Address

STRATEGIC SESSION

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

GDA Leadership Award



DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Paul Gruenwald

Global Chief Economist, S&P
Global Ratings

STRATEGIC SESSION

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.



H.E. Mohammed Albrahim

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



Yasser M. Mufti

EVP, Products &
Customers
Aramco



Mark Thomas

Group CEO
BAPCO Energies



Srinivas Tuttagunta

COO, Supply & Trading
Reliance Industries Limited



Li Xinhua

Head, Global Trading &
International Business
Rongsheng Petrochemical

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Anthony John Wood

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



Thomas Maurisse

SVP, Refining & Petrochemical
Asia & Middle East
TotalEnergies

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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+



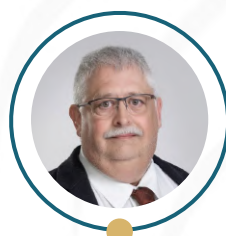
Musallam Al Khaifi

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



DAY 1

Strategic Leadership & Industry Vision



Raj Jhajharia

Principal Consultant,
Becht

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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



Nicolas Poirot

VP Africa, Middle East & India
Air Liquide

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



DAY 1

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Sanjay Sharma

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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
Boston Consulting Group



Sergey Denisov

Chief Development Officer
Nayara Energy



DAY 2 – OCTOBER 1ST 2025

Downstream Transformation Through Technology & Innovation



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Ravi Narayanaswamy

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



Abdullah S. Al-Suwailem

SVP, West Region Manufacturing
Aramco



Quentin Debuisschert

CEO
Axens



Leon De Bruyn

President & CEO
Lummus Technology



Mahesh Marve

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



Rajesh Samarth

CEO
Chevron Lummus Global



Rachid Majiti

Senior Partner,
McKinsey & Co.



DAY 2

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Anthony John Wood

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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



Mohammad M Farsi

President & CEO
SAMREF



Syed Mahmood Alawi

SVP, Technical Services
BAPCO Refining



Mikala Grubb

Senior Vice President,
Topsoe



Ujjal Mukherjee

CTO
Lummus Technology



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Richard Charlesworth

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

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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, Advanced 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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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



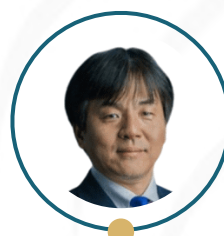
Sami A. Ajmi

SVP, Digital & I.T
Aramco



Heiko Claussen

Chief Technologist
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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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



Omar Y Thukair

VP & Chief Digital Officer
Aramco



George Cui Shan

Chairman & President
Supcon



Khaled Al Blooshi

VP Digital Projects & Innovation
ADNOC



Santosh Unni

Head of Digital
Transformation & AI Services
Infosys Consulting



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Downstream Transformation Through Technology & Innovation



David Sayah

Managing Director and Partner,
Boston Consulting Group

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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.

DAY 3 – OCTOBER 2ND 2025

Maximizing value across downstream



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3:00 PM	Conference Outcomes & Closing



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Maximizing Value Across Downstream



STRATEGIC SESSION

The Hydrogen Debate: Hype, Reality & Commercial Pathways

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

Richard Charlesworth

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



Ivana Jemelkova

CEO
Hydrogen Council



Marco Arcelli

CEO
ACWA Power



Wesam Alghamdi

CEO
NEOM Green Hydrogen Company



Ahmed Hababou

President, Middle East & India
Air Products

STRATEGIC SESSION

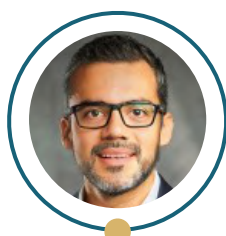
Charging Ahead: the EV Revolution and Fuel Retail Transformation

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



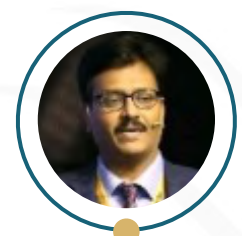
Abdullah AlOtaibi

Global VP, Polyethylene
SABIC



Tune Marshall

Partner
Bain & Company



Gopi Sankar M

Global CTO
Switch Mobility
Ashok Leyland



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Maximizing Value Across Downstream



Gaurav Srivastava

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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 Strategy and Value
Chain KBC (A Yokogawa
Company)

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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.



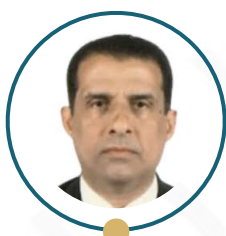
Jad Dib

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

INDUSTRY DIALOGUE

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.



H.E. Prof Ebrahim Al Hajri

President

Khalifa University



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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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-Harhi

President & CEO
SASREF



Dr. Jennifer Holmgren

CEO
Lanza Tech



Deepak Munganahalli

Co-Founder
SAF One



Tim M. Lederer

VP Global Aviation
Regulatory Affairs
DHL Express



DAY 3

Maximizing Value Across Downstream



Ravi Narayanaswamy

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

STRATEGIC SESSION

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

8 TECHNICAL CATEGORIES

Decarbonization and Energy Management

Focuses on technologies (including renewable energy and biofuels), strategies, and policies (including carbon credits and carbon trading) that reduce carbon emissions and optimize energy use across the downstream value chain. Includes case studies on energy efficiency, carbon capture, fuel switching, and emissions monitoring.

Project Management & Commissioning and Start-Up

Covers best practices, tools, and lessons learned from the planning, execution, and safe start-up phases of downstream projects. Emphasizes integrated project delivery, modularization and advanced work packages, effective interface stakeholders management, new capacity building, capital optimization, cost/schedule performance, and safe handover to operations and projects close out.

AI & Digitalization

Explores the application of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and digital tools to transform operations, enhance decision-making, and unlock value in refining, petrochemicals, logistics, and asset management. Covers real-life use cases demonstrating business benefits through various applications, of AI such as: smart plants, process automation, digital twins, Robotics & Drones, big data analytics, predictive modeling, etc.

Reliability and Asset Integrity

This stream focuses on advanced strategies and methodologies to improve equipment reliability and plant availability within a structured asset management framework. It highlights approaches to reduce unplanned downtime, extend asset life, and ensure safe, sustainable operations. Key topics include predictive maintenance, innovative inspection technologies, risk based methodologies, turnaround optimization, corrosion and obsolescence management, asset integrity benchmarking, and the application of advanced analytics to support data driven decision making across the asset lifecycle.

8 TECHNICAL CATEGORIES

Advanced Process Solutions & New Technologies

Highlights innovative process designs, new technologies, and practical engineering solutions that help refineries and petrochemical plants run more efficiently, produce more value, and reduce their environmental impact. This includes ways to improve how catalysts perform, lower energy use, and cut emissions. The content also explores real-world examples of best practices, compares performance across different operations (benchmarking), and explains how new business models and process improvements can lead to higher profits, greater reliability, and long-term sustainability.

Leadership and People Development

Focuses on building resilient, agile organizations through talent development, workforce transformation, inclusion, and leadership strategies to navigate the evolving energy landscape and rapidly changing technologies. Emphasises on re-skilling/upskilling for new technology adaption, academia collaboration, executive coaching, and building corporate knowledge base for the future young work-force, Motivation & Inspiration to join Hydrocarbon Industries.

Supply Chain Optimization

Covers approaches to the supply chain, logistics & trading and procurement efficiency, manage marketing, sales, retail, supply/demand, geopolitics, market outlook, regulatory policies, merger & acquisition, joint-venture partnership. Enhance resilience across the value chain, and improve supply chain planning/optimization.

Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)

Showcases initiatives that reinforce a culture of safety, environmental stewardship, and operational security. Includes risk mitigation, process safety, emergency response, occupational health, waste management, international HSSE standards & regulations compliance, and ESG integration and Cyber Security.

6 BUSINESS SEGMENTATIONS

Chemicals / Petrochemicals

This segment transforms hydrocarbons into essential products that underpin modern life, from advanced plastics to specialty chemicals. As demand grows, the sector is re-shaping itself around sustainability, innovation, and integration with circular economy solutions.

Base Oils and Finished Lubricants

Lubricants are critical to keeping the world's industries and mobility systems running smoothly. Advances in formulation and technology are delivering longer-lasting, cleaner, and more energy-efficient solutions for a changing marketplace.

Power

Power is central to downstream operations, driving both efficiency and resilience. The industry is increasingly integrating renewables, cogeneration, and low-carbon solutions to align energy security with sustainability goals.

Refinery

Refineries remain at the heart of the downstream industry, converting crude oil into fuels and feedstocks that power global economies. To stay competitive, they are embracing digitalization, decarbonization, and closer integration with petrochemicals.

Retail

Retail fuels and convenience services represent the industry's most direct connection with consumers. The segment is evolving rapidly, with digital platforms, alternative fuels, and new mobility solutions redefining customer experience.

Supply Chain (Pipeline, Distribution, Terminals, and Trading)

The downstream supply chain ensures the reliable flow of energy products from production to global markets. Increasingly, logistics excellence and trading agility are key to navigating market volatility and enhancing value.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS AGENDA

Time	September 30th	October 1st	October 2nd
9:00 to 10:00		Decarbonization and Energy Management - Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	AI and Digitalization - Reliability and Asset Integrity
10:00 to 11:00		Decarbonization and Energy Management - Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	AI and Digitalization - Reliability and Asset Integrity
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
13:00 to 14:00		Decarbonization and Energy Management - Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	
14:00 to 15:00		Decarbonization and Energy Management - Advanced Process Decarbonization and Energy Management	
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)		

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TUESDAY			T01-HSSE
Session 1	State of the Art Tools for HSSE Improvement and Optimization		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Juan Carlon Latasa Technology Director, Head of Middle East Business Oil & Gas IDOM, IDOM Rep in the GDA	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Enhancing HAZOP Effectiveness: A Comprehensive Approach to Best Practices	Ghulam Abbas	Saudi Aramco
	AI-Driven Energy Intensity Index (EII) Prediction Model for Operational Efficiency	Munyah Al-Hamdani	OQ
	Strategic Pathway to a Digitalized Energy Management System	Mohamed Salaheldin	Sidpec
	Tier 3 LOPC Investigation Tool and Dashboard	Jehad Maimani	PetroRabigh

Session 2	Projects Agility & Beyond		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Mahmood Dashti Superintendent Mechanical Maintenance at Bahrain Petroleum Company	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Integration of Bapco Refinery Hydrogen Network - The Key Refinery Enabler	Balagandahar Kanumilli & Fatima Janahi	Bapco Refining
	Optimizing Tie-In Execution in Refinery Projects: A Quality-Driven Approach to Shutdowns and System Integration	Mohannad Alismail	Saudi Aramco
	Successful Startup of ULSD Hydrotreater (3HDU) - Key Success Factors	Rakesh Budithi & Salman Manea	Bapco Refining
	Strategic Application of Project Controls Across the Downstream Project Lifecycle for Operational Readiness and Capital Optimization	Chad A	Saudi Aramco



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Session 3	Safety, Reliability and Energy Efficiency Creating Optimal Symbioses		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Muhammad Albuti Sr. Enginner HSSE Planning	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Advancing Sustainable Energy Solutions: Afton Chemical's Integrated Strategies for Efficiency and Environmental Stewardship	Benn Heatley	AFTON Chemical
	Efficient Leak Detection for Cleaner Operations: Enhancing LDAR with IIR and Acoustic Technologies.	Haya Althawadi	Bapco Refining
	Safety and Reliability Symbioses, a Safe Plant must be a Reliable One	Yaser Alhamad	KIPIC
	Hydrogen Operation Philosophy at Sohar Complex Project	Mohammed Bani Orada	OQ

Session 4	Energy and Safety Excellence with Digital Tools		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Juan Carlon Latasa Technology Director, Head of Middle East Business Oil & Gas IDOM, IDOM Rep in the GDA	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Toward Net-Zero. AI-Enabled Virtual Power Plant for Flexible Power Generation Decarbonatization using Load Shaping Strategies to Zero Carbon Emissions	Rafat Rob	Saudi Aramco
	Digitalizing Safety: How Digitalization Incident Management and Near-Miss Reporting in the Refinery	Ibrahim AlTasan	SAMREF
	Complete Stoppage of Ethylene (C2) Boil Off Gas flaring	Vishal Karate	Sadara Chemical Company
	Driving Energy & Operational Excellence at Al-Zour Refinery	Yaqoub AlAli	KIPIC



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WEDNESDAY			
Session 5	Innovative Approaches to Energy Optimization and Sustainability		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Ali Alshehhi Team Leader, Energy Management at ADNOC Group	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Driving Operational Excellence through Practical Energy Optimization in Refineries and Petrochemical Plants	Chris Van Der Beek	Becht Europe BV
	Innovative Practical Approach in Developing ADNOC Refining Energy Efficiency Improvement Roadmap	Amitkumar Vasantbhai Khadayata	ADNOC Refining
	SAMREF Energy Initiatives - Heading Towards Decarbonization	Muhammad Shahid	Samref
	Energy and Environmental Conservation by SRU TGTU Amine Optimization	Mohammad Albuainain & Dedik Rahmat	Aramco

Session 6	Catalysts, Configurations, and Conversion Pathway in Crude-to-Chemicals		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Ankush Dehankar Account Manager Topsoe A/S	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Adjusting solid circulation and fluid dynamics in a multi-zone fluidized bed reactor for crude-to-chemicals applications	Jose Ignacio Bielsa Velasco	KAUST
	TC2C™ - More Carbon-Effective Conversion of Crude Oil into Chemicals	Mazin Tamimi	Aramco
	One-step crude to chemicals refining technology: from catalyst design to pilot-plant operation	Juan Colom	KAUST
	Catalyzing Crude to Chemical Conversion: The Role of Configuration, Operation, and Catalyst in the FCC Fueling Chemicals Production	Hernando Salgado	BASF Refining Catalyssts



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Session 7	Transforming Tomorrow: How innovation and Technology Drive Decarbonization and Energy Transition		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Antonio Scatigno Operational Excellence Lead at Saudi Aramco	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
10:00 AM - 11:00 Am	Enabling the Energy Transition: SABIC's Differentiated Polymer Solutions for Lightweight, Circular Solar Panel Applications	Saleh Alkarri	SABIC
	Advanced Machine Learning and CFD Modeling for Multi-Objective Genetic Algorithm Optimization of Dry Methane Reforming Toward Scalable Blue Hydrogen	Fahad Alotaibi	KPI
	Innovative Pathways In (R)FCC: Maximizing Olefins and Decarbonization	Rohit Agrawal	Honeywell UOP
	Unlocking technology pathways for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) production in MENA region	Zainab Yaqub	Topsoe

Session 8	Innovations in Low-Carbon Conversion: Hydrogen, Olefins, and Electrified Pathways		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Ahmed Abdullah Operation Engineer of Heavy Oil Complex	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
10:00 AM - 11:00 Am	Novel Annular Jet Reactor for Direct Conversion of Crude andComplex Hydrocarbon Liquids to Olefins and Aromatics with Pathway to Carbon Neutrality	Sreekanth Pannala	SABIC
	A comprehensive outlook and techno-economic analysis of novel blue hydrogen technologies and life-cycle assessment of emissions across hydrogen value chains	Moonho Kim	Aramco
	Electrified Synthesis Gas generation for Production of low carbon hydrogen and sustainable fuels	Aadesh Harale & Lars Martiny	Saudi Aramco & Topsoe A/S
	Demonstration of STARBRIDGE™ Electrified Cracking Technology at industrially relevant scale	Fahad Almashb	SABIC



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Session 9	Hydrotreating Optimization & Catalyst Innovative Techniques		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Abdul Aziz Alkhaja Main control room shift supervisor at Barakah nuclear power plants	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 12:00 Am	Upgrading Hydrotreating Feed Filtration at Kuwait's First Heavy Crude Refinery – KIPIC Al-Zour Refinery	Hamed Alazemi	KIPC
	Maximizing refinery margins with Diesel Iso-dewaxing –SATORP Case study	Duilio Casertano Di Salvo & Jagdish Bhavani	Topsoe A/S & Saudi Aramco
	Dewaxing Catalyst Unlock Higher Capacity of YASREF DHT	Ahmed Al-ahmadi	Saudi Aramco
	Innovative Filtration System for Improving ARDS Catalyst Wet Unloading Methods & Reclaim Precious Metals from Wastewater	Khaled Al-Rabeea	KNPC

Session 10	Sustainable Refinery Practice : Renewable Products & SRU New Technologies		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Harbeyah Al Enezi Process Engineer, KNPC	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 12:00 Am	Co-processing of Bio-oil in Hydrotreaters to produce Sustainable Aviation Fuel and Renewable Diesel	Sanjib Das Sharma	Saudi Aramco
	Driving Sustainability with Lubricants: Minimizing Footprint, Maximizing Handprint	Joris van der list	Q8Oils
	Vegan® and 700 Series: The Ultimate HEFA Solution	Remi Rached	Axens
	The Deployment of New Technologies and Initiatives in Samref's SRU	Khalid Ghazal	SAMREF



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Session 11	Decarbonization by Compact Carbon Capture, Bio-feed Coprocessing & Energy Efficiency		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Dhanasekar Periyasamy Sr. Principal Solution Consultant at Aspen Technology	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
2:00 PM - 3:00 Pm	Design improvements in Stationary Carbon Capture ensuing reduced plant footprint, CAPEX and OPEX	Rami Bamagain	Saudi Aramco
	Decarbonization Strategy	Anupam Verma & Manar Al Busaidi	OQ
	Operational and Catalytic Strategies for Coprocessing Renewable Feeds in FCC	Pastor Manrique	BASF Refining Catalysts
	DHT Stripper Reboiler APH Plates Glass Coating	Suhail Alsayed	Yasref

Session 12	Operational Excellence and Innovation: Workforce, Reliability, and Circular Economy		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Barinder Ghai Director Technical Marketing and New Business Development EMEA	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
2:00 PM - 3:00 Pm	Future Contractor workforce management solution	Bader Almutairi	SASREF
	Circular Economy in Refining & Petrochemicals	Ahmad Al-Ansari	KPI
	Grey Burn: Hour in House CCR Modification Avoided A Major Shutdown	Mukeshkumar Patel & Maryam Alghadeer	SAMREF
	CFD Study for Enhancing Reliability of an Industrial Hydrogen Generation Unit	Mohammad Rakib	Aramco



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Session 13	Innovations in CO ₂ Conversion and Carbon Management		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Carlos Gutierrez Process Manager – Process Consultant Worley	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
3:00 PM – 4:00 Pm	<i>De-Risking Carbon Management (CCUS) Thru Digitalization: Evaluating Optimal CCUS Pathways</i>	Hasan Imran	Saudi Aramco
	<i>Indium-Based Catalysts for CO2 Conversion to Methanol or CO</i>	Jean Marcel Roberto Gallo	KUST
	<i>CO₂ Capture in the Downstream Sector: Axens’ Full-Chain CCUS Approach</i>	Eduardo Ariza	Axens
	<i>CO₂ utilization for environmental innovation: from waste stream to valuable solutions</i>	Musaed Aljameel	SABIC

Session 14	Digital Transformation and Advanced Technologies for Smarter, Safer, and Sustainable Refining		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Bassam AL-Shammari Manager Information Technology KNPC	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
2:00 PM – 3:00 Pm	<i>Quantum Computing in Refineries: Advancing Sustainability, Security, and Operational Efficiency Through CCR and ISOM Process Optimization</i>	Naser Alnaser	KNPC
	<i>Advanced Process Automation & New Age Technologies for Efficient Gas Operations and Loss Reduction</i>	Ravishankar S	Alethe Labs India
	<i>Bapco Refining (BR) OT digitalization journey and the deployment of AVM for enhanced operational visibility</i>	Manar Abdulla	BAPCO
	<i>Optimizing Refinery Operations with Wireless Technology: Pressure Monitoring for Enhanced Operational Safety</i>	Hussain Ali Mohamed	BAPCO



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Session 15	Digital Intelligence for Refining Process and Supply		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Bassam AL-Shammari Manager Information Technology KNPC	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Hybrid Multi-Model AI Approach Coupled with Process Intelligence to Improve Gas Cracker Furnace Performance	Galipelli Firish Laxminarayan	AIGC Global India
	KNPC Blockchain Platform, The Digitization of the Shipment Nomination Process	Anwaar Alnowh & Amal Al-Fadhli	KNPC
	Single Integrated Reliability & Integrity Management Platform – Lifecycle Reliability & Integrity Solution	Yoonsu Seok	S-Oil
	Enabling A Data-Centric Refinery Through Digital Twin Technology	Muhammad Farrukh Amin	BAPO Energies

Session 16	Innovative Inspection and Monitoring Technologies in Refining Operations		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Bader Al Harbi Subject Matter Expert (SME) – GDA Plant Reliability & Integrity Technical Committee at KNPC	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Refinery Stack Inspections and hazardous confined space: The Role of Drone Technology in Enhancing Safety, Efficiency, and Cost-effectiveness.	Amro Ahmed	SASREF
	Molecular Modeling of Impurity Effects in Supercritical CO2 Environments	Lujan ALmuhaish	Saudi Aramco
	Heat exchangers inspection and maintenance repairs best practices by using latest new technology power tools.	Ebrahim Burashed	BAPCO Refining
	AI-driven Shortwave Infrared (SWIR) camera for free water detection in condensate and Natural Gas Liquid (NGL)	Saidkhodzha Nematulloev	Aramco



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Session 17	Enabling the Future of Downstream through digital Technologies		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Bassam AL-Shammari Manager Information Technology KNPC	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Enabling AI-Driven Digital Transformation for Downstream Operations with Aramco Digital' 450 MHz Network	Eid Alharbi	Aramco Digital
	Integrated Management System (MARSAD)	Hind AlKindi	OQ
	Introduction of AI to predict SOx emission in Acid Gas Removal Plant of MAA Refinery	Fatemah Mohammad	KNPC
	MeeraGPT : The Engineering Standards Chatbot	Hamad Saeed	ADNOC Refining

Session 18	Advanced Materials and Repair for Refinery Equipment		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Abdulrahman Alrumaidh Reliability Inspection Engineer – BAPCO	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	New corrosion resistant super-austenitic grade Sanicro-35 (UNS N08935) for refining and petrochemical industry	Mohamed Sayed	Alleima
	Online welding of 24" cold flare pipeline	Mohamed Abdul Kareem MS	SABIC
	Corrosivity of Mercaptan Compounds on Different Alloys Under High Temperature Refinery Conditions	Fahad AlAlharith	Saudi Aramco
	Coke Drum Bottom Flange Repair	Ibrahim Almardumah	Yasref



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Session 19	Case Studies in Corrosion, Damage Mechanisms, and Reliability Challenges		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Mohammad Saleh Al-Turaiji Senior Engineer Manufacturing Vietnam Kuwait Petroleum International	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	High Temperature Hydrogen Attack (HTHA) Evaluation and Assessment - a Case Study	Mohammed Abdul Basith	Petrobigh
	Failure Analysis and Mitigation of Premature Tube Leaks in Sour Water Treatment Systems: A Case Study from Mina Al-Ahmadi Refinery	Mohammad Alkhzam	KNPC
	RFCC Regenerated Catalyst Slide Valve Hotspot Assessment and Mitigation	Muhammad Safwan Atan & Rajeshkumar Patel	Pengerang Refining Company
	Design Vulnerability mitigation through structured Corrosion and Damage Mechanism assessment in Refinery Process Equipment - A Case Study	Moza Alhosani	ADNOC Refining

Session 20	Reliability, Materials, and Performance Optimization in Refining Operations		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Mariam Almeshal Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC)	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Enhancing Refinery Performance Through Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability (RAM) Modeling: A Cost-Effective Approach for Change Proposals	Danah Alzaidani	17305 Reliability
	Nonmetallic Pipes in Demanding Environments: Wear Mechanisms, Material Evaluation, and Successful Applications	Soon Won Moon	Saudi Aramco
	Assessment of Surge Protection System on an Ethylene Refrigeration Compressor	Abdullah Fairag	SABIC
	Standardized Timing Allocations for Relief Valve Overhauls: Comparing One-Piece Flow and Production Line Methods	Bader Awadh	BAPCO

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Session 21	Sustainable mobility		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Juan Carlon Latasa Technology Director, Head of Middle East Business Oil & Gas IDOM, IDOM Rep in the GDA	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>Lubricants For a Greener Future Re-Fines Base Oils Compete With Virgin Base Oils in Quaiity and Sustainability</i>	Fatemah Sadeq	KNPC
	<i>SAF production through co-processing : A Chemical Perspective</i>	Stephane Morin & Sara AlkhooriA	ADNOC Refining
	<i>Conversion of Low-value Oil Streams to High-value EV Battery Materials</i>	Moothy Alelaiwy, Hamad Balhareth, & Salahdine El Idrissi	Saudi Aramco
	<i>Powering Two Futures: The Bold Strategy of Building Dedicated EV Hubs While Maximizing Traditional Fuel Leadership</i>	Sven Dochez	Kuwait Petroleum Belgium

Session 22	Value Creation through Optimization and Innovation		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Chris Van der Beek Managing Director Becht Europe, Middle East and Africa	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	<i>HCU and IDW units yield optimization</i>	Naser Sagr	Saudi Aramco Base Oil Company
	<i>Beyond Design: A Structured Approach to Maximizing LBOU Throughout</i>	Taqi Abdulla	BAPCO Refining
	<i>Unlocking Value through Synergies - Transformation and Downstream Innovation</i>	Afroz Diwan	YASREF
	<i>In-House Development of an Automated System for Quality Giveaway Cost Calculations: Enhancing Efficiency and Performance at KNPC Refineries</i>	Mohammad Al-Ansari	KNPC



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Session 23	Developing Workforce for Tomorrow		Technical Hall 1
Moderated By	Dr. Hayat Abdulla Yusuf Associate Professor–Head of Scientific Research Department – Chemical Engineer–University of Bahrain	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Empowering the Energy Sector: Building a Coaching Culture to Drive Performance and Transformation</i>	Sameera Baba	BAPCO Energies
	<i>Leading Yourself First: Building a Culture of Productivity through Employee Self-Accountability</i>	Haithem Albalawi & Bedour Alqahtani	Aramco
	<i>Navigating the Future: Workforce Transformation in the Gulf Downstream Sector through Digitalization, Sustainability, and Value Creation</i>	Tareq Al-Rifaai	KPI
	<i>Retention of Critical Knowledge (ROCK) System</i>	Shamma Al Mheiri	ADNOC Refining

Session 24	Advanced technology solutions in the supply chain		Technical Hall 2
Moderated By	Chris Van der Beek Managing Director Becht Europe, Middle East and Africa	Presenter(s)	Affiliation
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Crude Oil Supply Processing and Managing End to End Execution</i>	Reem Alotaibi	Aramco
	<i>AI based Integrated Scheduling with Operations insights to transform landscape of Supply Chain Management</i>	Hrishikesh Pandaya & Garry Galvez	AspenTech
	<i>Fueling Profitability: S-OIL’s Procurement Transformative Journey with AI</i>	Jihye Lee	S-Oil
	<i>Towards New Paradigms of Customer Centricity: from Service Station to Service Platform. The Experience of Kuwait Petroleum International</i>	Vincenzo Maniaci	KPI



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Digital Poster Session 1			EXHIBITION HALL	
			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1	Avoiding Flaring on a Tight Schedule - A Success Story of Refinery Fuel Gas Management	Bayan Aljar	BAPCO Regining
	2	Leveraging Innovation and Digitalization to Maximize Heat Recovery in Crude Distillation Units at KNPC Mina Al-Ahmadi Refinery	Abdulaziz Almansour & Altaf Alsnafi	KNPC
	3	Clash Management: CCR Reactors Repair during 2025 Yasref Mega Turnaround Event	Murali Ramana Kuman Abbineni	YASREF
	4	Towards Consistent Evaluations of CO2-EOR: A Meta-analysis of Life Cycle Assessment	Muhammad Yusuf Jabbar & Sean McCoy	Saudi Aramco & University of Calgary
	5	Enhancing Fired Heater Performance	Abdulrahman Al-Zahrani & Aymen Bashawri	SAMREF & Saudi Aramco Mobil Refinery Company
	6	Investigation and analysis of patent data to explore the need for different IP strategies in the digital transformation of energy technologies and emergence of sustainability technologies	Sujin Suresh	Aramco
	7	Mercaptan Recombination in NHTs: A Startup Challenge	Albaraa Halawani	Saudi Aramco
	8	Soil remediation of a former refinery and petrochemical complex in Naples, Italy	Khaled Alawadhi	Kuwait Petroleum Italia



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Digital Poster Session 2				EXHIBITION HALL	
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9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	1	A time-series study of global crude oil refining emissions and reductions potential		Liang Jing & Hyunsoo Kim	Saudi Aramco
	2	Hybrid Modeling approach to improve Hydrocracker Reactor Performance		Suresh Kumar Nellore	Chevron Lummus Global
	3	Enhancing Reliability of RTR Pipeline Connections through Thermoplastic Welding		Thibault Villete & Layla Alfadel	Saudi Aramco
	4	S-imoms : PSORMS (Process Safety & Operational Risk Management Solution) & IOTEM (Integrated Operation and Task Execution Management)		Jae Hyung Park & Jongho Park	S-Oil
	5	Conventional and Renewable Feedstocks processing in Hydrocrackers		Ahmed Bardooli	Topsoe A/S
	6	Steering Electrochemical CO2 Reduction toward liquid fuels and chemicals		Husain Al Naji	Saudi Aramco
	7	NMR Relaxometry. Revolutionizing Polymer Testing		Almutasim Alwagdani	Petro Rabigh
	8	In-House Solution to Treat Water Contaminated with PFAS		Sayed Mahmood Al Matooq	BAPCO Refining

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			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1	Maximizing the light olefin production by co-feeding of light hydrocarbon with heavy fraction (VGO) in the steam catalytic cracking system	Musaed Al Gharmi	Saudi Armco
	2	Energy Conservation through Insulation Type Upgrade	Muhammad Alahmadi	YASREF
	3	Packinox Decoking	Mahmood Al Mahrouqi	OQ
	4	Maximize SAF production with existing assets : Axens' portfolio of solutions from HVO to Alcohol feedstocks	Marc Elia & Alexandre Javidi	Axens
	5	Trouble Shooting of Amine System in Hydrogen Sulfide Removal Unit of Clean Fuel Project in KNPC-MAA Refinery to avoid frequent Unit Shutdown	Fahad AL-Ajmi & Mohammad Alhasawi	KNPC
	6	Acetone from Contamination to value addition product Plastics	Ahmed Mohammed Alsuwaidi	ADNOC Refining
	7	Enabling 'Future-Ready' Aromatics Complex with UOP Technologies	Naiyl Rashid	Honeywell UOP
	8	Can we kill flare smoking while reducing steam consumption? Yes!	Carlos Miguel Alves Preciso	Sadara Chemical Company
	9	Characterization of counter-current downer hydrodynamics and Clustering Phenomena in Different Reactor Zones	Talal Aldugman	KAUST
	10	New technology innovation in PNA (Paraffin, Naphthenic, Aromatic) measurements	Rafat Alsrouji & Zimit Zakkar	Saudi Aramco Base Oil Company & Gulf Bio analytical group



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			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	1	High Performance Membrane Process for Chemical Dehydration Enabling Intensive Decarbonization	Ashwin Ravi Sankar	SABIC
	2	Decarbonizing Petroleum: Global Strategies, IOC Actions, and the Middle East Advantage in Reducing CO ₂ Emissions	Raj Jhajharia	Becht
	3	Advancing Post-Combustion Carbon Capture: Innovative Solutions for a sustainable future	Ayman Salamah	Honeywell UOP
	4	Disruptive Techniques for the Development of Advanced Materials: Enabling Sustainable solutions for Decarbonization and the Energy Transition	Maria Rivas	Aramco

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			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1	Smart Sustainability: Development of an AI-Powered Predictive Model for Wastewater Treatment Quality Metrics at Mina Abdullah Refinery (KNPC)	Bader A Jamal	KNPC
	2	Digital Refinery – Transforming Operations with Innovative Digital Operator Rounds and Checklists at KNPC	Abdullah Aljarrah	KNPC
	3	Unlocking Workforce Potential: Leveraging Low-Code/No-Code Platforms to Accelerate Digital Transformation in the Downstream Sector	Abdulrahman Jubairy	Aramco
	4	The Role of Advanced Process Control, AI, Automation, and Sustainable Energy Solutions Monitoring & Tracking refinery Flare	Hasan Hasan	KNPC
	5	A Multi-faceted AI Approach To Digitizing Industrial Diagrams: Enhancing Accuracy, Efficiency, And Scalability	Mona ALshahrani	Saudi Aramco
	6	Innovative Bearing Upgrade for Twice the Operational Life	Abdulaziz Alhazmi	SABIC
	7	Downstream Process Availability in Face of Power Disruption Challenges	Abdulla Aldabbous	Saudi Aramco
	8	Vibration Monitoring in Recips: Saving through capturing potential cases	Shahid Al Arif	SABIC

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			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	1	Accelerated and Sustained World Class Reliability Performance Utilizing Solomon Associates RAM Study Results	Khalifa Alsaad	BAPCO Refining
	2	Hybrid Models for Diagnosing and Mitigating Cracked Gas Compressor Fouling	Amod Kumar Pandey	Lummus Technology
	3	PWHT Optimization & Stress Reduction via FEA Based Thermal Stability Analysis	Zubair Ahmad	Aramco
	4	Thermal Incinerator Design Shortcomings engender Integrity Issues in System	Arun John	SASREF
	5	Tackling Flue Gas Dew Point Corrosion in Air Preheaters: A Case Study and Innovative Mitigation Strategies	Sukumar Dasari	YASREF
	6	New Gasket Design on HCK Lip Seal Exchanger	Amin Khalipe	YASREF
	7	Driving reliability excellence through Electrical Systems Management platform	Muhammad Mallick & Amer Alsieri	Saudi Aramco
	8	Mitigating Risks and ensuring operational resilience through a holistic Single Point of Failure Framework	Abbas Hazai & Mohamed Saada	Aramco
	9	The Transformative Shift from Conventional to advanced Real- Time Digital Inspections	Zahrah Altarooti	Aramco
	10	How Improved Anti-Surge Protection Prevented repeated Air Intake Filter Fires	Ahmad Alnasser	SABIC

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			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1	While Modernizing, Don't Forget the Old Units - A Success Story of Bapco Refining's Catalytic Reforming Unit	Alpesh Gurjar & Wafa Alalqam	BAPCO Refining
	2	Integrating gap analysis with process optimization: A case study from KNPC-MAA ARD U-141	Fahad Alqahtani	KNPC
	3	Smart Adaptive Wash Water Injection System for Hydrotreaters - Optimizing Water Management Through Real-Time Monitoring and Control	Salah Alhajri	KNPC
	4	Overcoming Challenges to Meet New ATK Specifications at KNPC	Bashayer Alazmi	KNPC
	5	Ethane Cracker Furnace Coil Life Extension	Chaeung Im	Petro Rabigh
	6	Microbiological and Compositional Analyses of Samples from Diesel Pipeline	Mohammed Sindi & Xiangyang Zhu	Saudi Aramco
	7	WWTP Sludge Processing in DCU	Balqees Al Hattali	OQ
	8	OQRPI Catalyst Change with less Pt content	Mahmood Al Mahrouqi	OQ
	9	Unlocking Value - Digitalization Opportunities in Delayed Coking	Hani Alkhalifah	Lummus Technology



DIGITAL POSTERS

October 2nd 2025

Digital Poster Session 8			EXHIBITION HALL	
			Presenter(s)	Affiliation
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	1	Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)	Reem Ahmad	KNPC
	2	K12 Incubator	Nooruddin Ahmed	Certero Business Corporation
	3	Refinery Start-Up and 110% Ramp-Up	Mahdi Jawaheri	OQ8
	4	C4SHU (Selective Hydrogenation Unit) Butene-1 Yields	Salima Ali	OQ
	5	Hydrogen Production via Catalytic Gasification of Microalgae Biomass using Machine Learning Based Multi-Input-Multi-Output Modeling (MIMO)	S.M. Zakir Hossain	University of Bahrain
	6	Refinery Supply Chain Optimization with Scheduling Model (APS)	Laila Al Balushi	OQ
	7	Customer Complaint Management System	Seba Bakr	ADNOC Refining
	8	Digital Dexterity: Building Capabilities in the Era of AI	Halda Alfadagee	KIPIC
	9	Real-Time Visualization of IIoT Data Using AR	Faisal Almashharawi	AI Global Company
	10	Developing Competency-Based Training for Safe and Efficient Commissioning and Startup of Process Units in Bahrain Modernization Program	Sayed Sadiq Kadhem	BAPCO Refining



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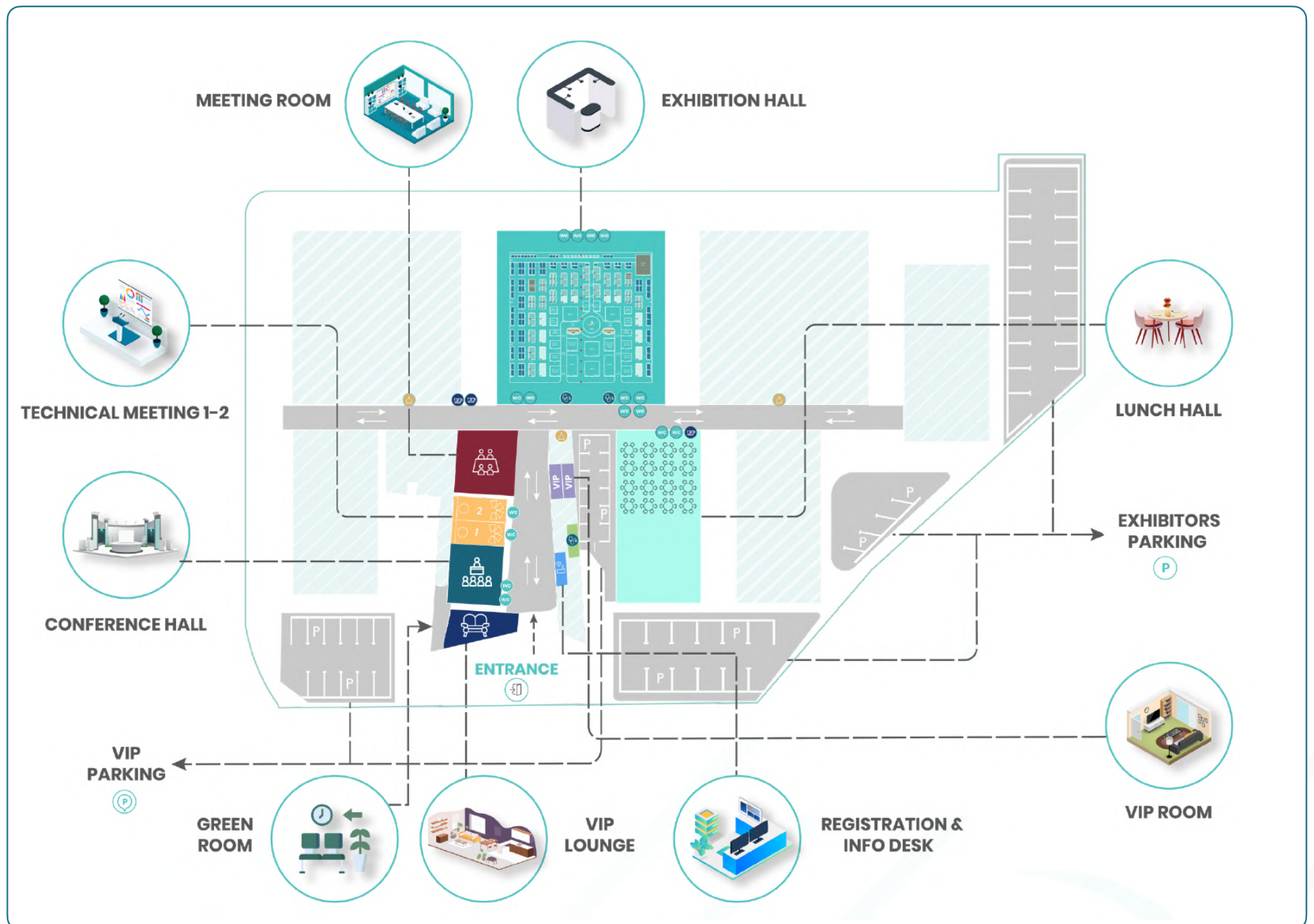


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Tuesday	30 September 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday	1 October 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Thursday	2 October 2025	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Main Entrance

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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



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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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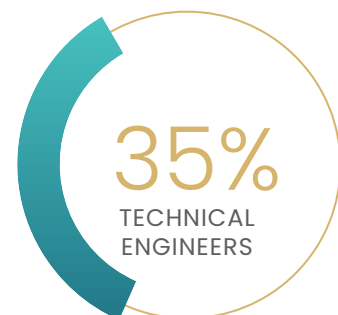
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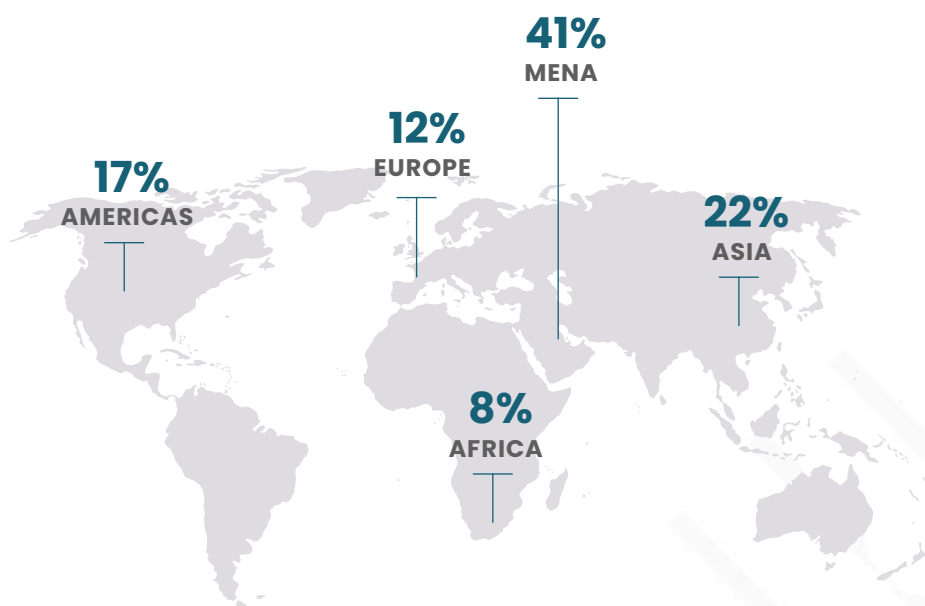
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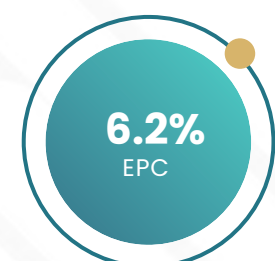
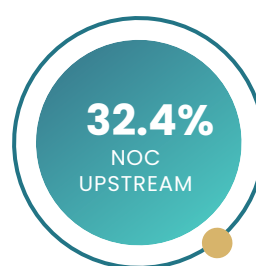
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CORE VALUES

- 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.

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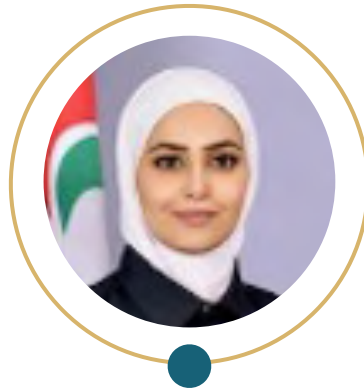
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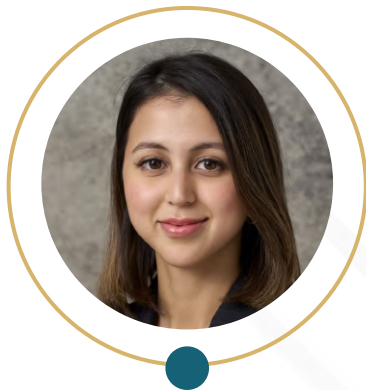


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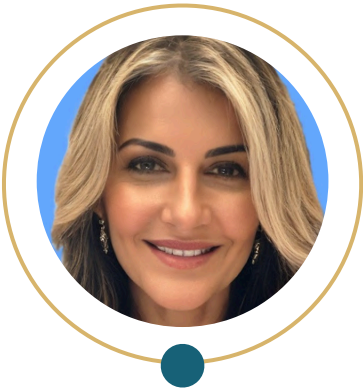
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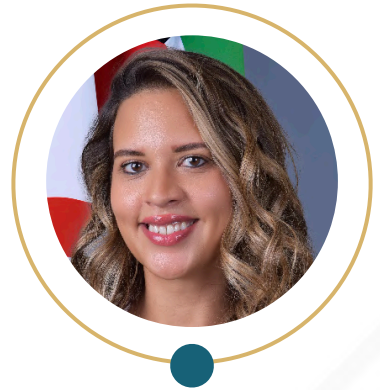
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The program concludes with invited technical presentations and poster exhibitions, enabling participants to share cutting-edge research and practical solutions. The format is designed to foster cross-functional insight and industry collaboration, bringing 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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