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mix in Africa"*

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PRE-CONFERENCE – Wednesday, June 3, 2026	
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	CHECK IN

CONFERENCE DAY 1 – Thursday, June 4, 2026	
07:00 – 07:50	CHECK IN
07:50 – 08:00	Welcoming and setting up participants and guests for the official opening ceremony
08:00 – 08:30	Visit of the exhibition
08:30 – 09:30	OPENING CEREMONY
	<p>National Anthem of Senegal</p> <p>Master of ceremonies:</p> <p>Welcome messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Message from Sponsor Representatives . Official signing of partnership agreements: . Ministerial address . Speech by H.E. Mr. The President of the Republic of Senegal
09:30 am	Official photo
09:30 – 10:30	Partnership signing sessions between African SNHs and major Arab companies
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES
11:00 – 12:00	HIGH-LEVEL PANEL Leadership Connect: Strategies for Developing Partnerships between Gulf States and African Countries
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>In a context marked by protectionism and changing global economic alliances and development priorities, a strategic rapprochement is taking place between the Gulf States and the African continent in order to forge a lasting partnership aimed at fostering, on a collaborative basis, industrialization and economic growth in the region. This roundtable will bring together high-level actors who will share their vision and plans to build mutually beneficial partnerships.</p> <p>This session will also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policies, risk mitigation plans and strategies to respond to the new geopolitical environment. ● Development and opportunities for strategic investment in the African energy sector by the Gulf States. ● Innovative policies and initiatives to increase investment and funding in regional projects. ● Strategies to accelerate the development of critical infrastructure corridors. ● Promote regional energy security and clean energy development.

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
12:00 – 13:00	FOCUS ON INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: PETROSEN GROUP – SENELEC
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	LUNCH AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>SESSION 1 – LNG GAS PANEL</p> <p>OPENING UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN GAS: DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPANDING DOMESTIC MARKETS AND ADDING VALUE TO LOCAL GAS</p>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Natural gas plays a critical role in addressing the global triple energy challenge of security, affordability and sustainability. The essential role of Africa and the Gulf continues to assert itself. Despite a relative slowdown in new investment in LNG projects over the past year, global gas production and the LNG market are expected to continue to grow. This session will look at ways to boost LNG exports, boost domestic and regional consumption, and foster the sustainability of Africa's gas sector. It will also explore policy approaches to strengthen the resilience of oil supply chains.</p> <p>The session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract investment in new LNG export terminals, pipelines and distribution networks, key drivers of large-scale gas extraction and upgrading. • Strengthen the security of oil supply through investments in local refining capacity and necessary infrastructure. • Regional prospects for strengthening gas transport and storage and regasification capacities. • Boost regional and national consumption through gas-fired power generation projects, green transportation development, and connecting residential areas to the natural gas grid. • Decarbonization through emerging technologies, such as carbon capture and battery storage. • The impact of ongoing developments in global trade policies on African gas export prospects. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
15.30 – 16.15	<p>SESSION 2</p> <p>CASE STUDIES: GULF STATES' INVESTMENT SUCCESS STORIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR</p>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	COFFEE BREAK AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	SESSION 3 - LEADERSHIP PANEL: PROMOTE OPTIMAL INVESTMENTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE HYDROCARBON VALUE CHAIN.
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>The call for an industrial revolution in Africa aims to take advantage of the continent's abundant natural resources in order to promote the creation of VALUE ADDED. The aim is to develop new manufacturing capacities at the national level and to promote the emergence of an industrial fabric capable of integrating into the global supply chain and supplying competitive products on international markets. This session will examine approaches that can encourage energy exploration and stimulate investment in the development of the energy sector while maximizing the local added value of the resources extracted.</p> <p>The session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and incentives needed to respond to the slowdown in commodity investment and low investor risk appetite. • Attract investment across the value chain, with a focus on clean energy technologies and their associated components. • The future of upstream exploration, from discovery to production. • Support the development of investments in energy infrastructure. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	SESSION 4 – PANEL ON UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS: EXPANDING SUSTAINABLE ACCESS, ENDING ENERGY POVERTY AND BOOSTING INDUSTRIALIZATION IN AFRICA.
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Africa is firmly committed to a development strategy focused on climate change, taking advantage of its large renewable energy resources and immense natural gas reserves. Several governments have defined an ambitious energy transition strategy aimed at taking advantage of these assets and promoting sustainable growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, at the national and international levels. This session will take stock of progress on universal energy access and explore how to accelerate investment across the sector.</p> <p>This session will also explore:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and outlook for major energy infrastructure projects. • Strengthening renewable energy tender programs to further support the development of solar, wind and other clean energy projects. • What are the plans for deploying battery energy storage systems to support renewable energy projects? • Perspectives on local and regional transmission projects, including the role of the Western Africa Power Pool, Southern African Power Pool's and the Regional Transmission Infrastructure Financing Facility. • Co-financing opportunities in the fields of production and transport. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • •
6:30 p.m.	END OF THE 1st DAY
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	OFFICIAL GALA DINNER

CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Friday, June 5, 2026		
08:30 – 09:00	CHECK IN	
09:00 – 10:00	ROUNDTABLE: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' SUPPORT TO THE HYDROCARBON AND ENERGY SECTOR – ARAB, AFRICAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND AFRICAN HYDROCARBON AND ENERGY COMPANIES	
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • • 	
12:00 – 12:15	COFFEE BREAK AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	SESSION 5 - ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON REGIONAL POWER PRODUCERS' PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTING THE ENERGY PROJECTS OF THE MAIN ELECTRICITY COMPANIES IN THE REGION	SESSION 6 PANEL ON INFRASTRUCTURE BUILDING THE FUTURE: INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDORS TO SUPPORT ENERGY GROWTH
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Many countries in the region have adopted dynamic approaches to ensure universal access to energy and diversify the electricity generation mix to mitigate the growing risks of climate change. Energy</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Expanding the industrial park model through the creation of special economic zones and the development of trade corridors that serve the economy is a key lever for increasing production</p>

	<p>policy reforms open up the sector to new players and new projects. This session will address the energy projects under development carried out by the region's major power utilities (including national state-owned companies) with a focus on investment and partnership opportunities.</p> <p>The session will also address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of the generation projects of national public companies and independent power producers, specifying the capacity, stage of development and planned commissioning dates. ● Analysis of recent unbundling, pricing and procurement reforms in the countries of the region, as well as innovative financing methods that promote the entry of new independent producers, transform the business model of public companies and pave the way for private investment. ● Identification of collaborative models between public companies, international developers and technology providers to ensure a sustainable level of excellence in operations and maintenance. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ● ● 	<p>and trade, both in the energy sector and in the economy as a whole. This session will focus on the region's priority infrastructure needs and the approaches and models needed to design, finance, build, operate and maintain this infrastructure.</p> <p>The session will also address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of the government's plans for economic zones, industrial parks and corridors made possible by reliable and affordable energy. ● The role of public-private partnerships (PPPs) and other forms of private participation in infrastructure in project financing and development. ● Decarbonisation and the development of infrastructure to support green transport systems using electricity and natural gas (CNG). ● Ongoing infrastructure projects, LNG terminals, transport networks facilitating the monetisation, distribution and export of gas resources. ● Development and promotion of cross-border trade through corridors and infrastructure projects including gas pipelines, terminals, warehouses, ports, roads, railways, etc. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ● ●
11:00 – 12:00	TRIPARTITE SESSION BETWEEN AFRICAN INVESTORS, FINANCIERS AND MINISTRIES (INCLUDING THEIR HYDROCARBON AND ENERGY COMPANIES)	
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ● ● 	
12:00 – 13:00	SESSION 7 – LOCAL AND NATIONAL CONTENT PANEL	

INCLUSIVE VALUE CREATION: LEVERAGING SUSTAINABLE LOCAL CONTENT FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, EMPLOYMENT, LOCAL PARTICIPATION, AND VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION.	
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Several governments have committed to ensuring that citizens fully benefit from their countries' natural resources, including through the implementation of local content development policies. These approaches, for example, require international companies active in the country's extractive sector to source, to the extent possible, goods and services from domestic companies, owned by local individuals or legal entities. This session will discuss the current state of local content development and draw on the examples of the Gulf States to draw relevant lessons.</p> <p>The session will also address the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Human capital development initiatives, including skills training, as well as employment and entrepreneurship programmes for women and youth. ● Develop industrial production capabilities, such as the manufacture of equipment components. ● Facilitate infrastructure development and asset ownership. ● Structured support for supplier development to create a competitive local supply chain for the country's SMEs, including purchasing agreements with farmers and micro-entrepreneurs. ● Examples from the Gulf region providing relevant lessons for Africa in terms of local content development. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ● ●
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	LUNCH AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>[ROUND TABLE]</p> <p>SESSION 8 – PANEL ON INNOVATIVE FINANCING</p> <p>CREATING VALUE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE COLLABORATION</p>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ● ● ● ●
16:00 – 16:30	CONCLUSION AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	CLOSING COCKTAIL AND INFORMAL EXCHANGES
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