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Physical Location: W Dubai - The Palm. The Summit will be broadcast live via a digital platform.

## The Decade of the Acceleration of the Energy Transition in MENA

AGENDA Day 2 (Day 1 reserved for Dii Partners) 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 11 <sup>th</sup> Dii Desert Energy Leadership Summit			
08:00-09:00	Registration Opens & Welcome Networking Coffee		
09:00-09:25	Welcome Address: From Desertec 1.0 to Desertec 3.0: how did the region develop over the past decade? It appears that MENA is ready now to become a regional and global Powerhouse for green electrons and molecules.		
	Speaker: Paul van Son, President, Dii Desert Energy		
09:25-10:30	Invited Keynote Addresses: the Energy Transition in the Regional and International Context		
	Impulse presentation and moderator: Frank Wouters, Chair, Advisory Board, Dii Desert Energy and MENA Hydrogen Alliance Speakers: Andrea Lovato, Executive Vice President & Head of Renewable Development & Green Hydrogen, ACWA Power Jamila Matar, Director Energy, League of Arab States Katherina Reiche, Chairwoman of the National Hydrogen Council and Chairwoman of the Board of Westenergie AG Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, Chief Executive Officer, GCC Interconnection Authority Chaher Boulakhras, CEO, Sonelgaz Andreas Beckers, Country CEO, Executive Board Member, thyssenkrupp Industrial Solutions, Egypt Ali Vezvaei, Chief Executive Officer, nd Group Li Peng, Chief Engineer of CEPRI, State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC)* (*Pre-recorded)		







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10:30-11:00	Networking Break	
11:00-12:00	Opening and Keynote Panel: Status of the Energy Transition in MENA	
	Outlook, challenges and perspectives from heads of governmental organizations from UAE, Oman, Morocco, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.	
	Impulse presentation and moderator: Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy	
	Speakers: H.E. Yousif Ahmed Al Ali, Assistant Undersecretary for Electricity, Water and Future Energy Affairs, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates Mohammed Ghazali, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco Dr. Salim Al Huthaili, Chief Executive Officer - Alternative Energy, OQ, Oman Chris Cantelmi, Principal, Infrastructure Investment, EMENA, International Finance Corporation (IFC)	
12:00-13:00	Panel discussion: Update about Concrete Projects and Initiatives on Green Electrons and Green Molecules	
	This session showcases lighthouse projects and regional initiatives along the emission- free energy value chain covering e.g. Oman, Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia alongside some international success stories such as Australia.	
	Impulse presentation: Dr Stefan Kaufmann, Innovation Commissioner for Green Hydrogen, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany	
	Moderator: Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy Speakers:	
	Herbert Jost, General Manager Green Hydrogen, DEME Group Dimitar Enchev, Co-founder & Director, CWP Global	
	Basma Bentaher, Senior Director - Project Development, AMEA Power Said Elhadi, President & CEO, NAREVA	
13:00-14:30	Networking Lunch in the Great Room Foyer	
14:30-15:00	Special Spotlight: NEOM's New Hub for Clean Energy Generation, Innovation and Research	
	Speaker: Peter Terium, Managing Director of Energy, Water and Food, NEOM	
15:00-15:15	Special Presentation: Hydrogen Connecting Continents	
	Speaker: Ad van Wijk, Member of Dii Desert Energy's Advisory Board, Professor Future Energy Systems, TU Delft	
15:15-15:30	Invited Presentations: EU-MENA Energy Ties to Achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2050	
	Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO, Hydrogen Europe* (*Pre-recorded)	







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15:30-16:30	Panel Discussion: The Right Ingredients for the Energy Transition			
	<ul> <li>Innovative solutions to counter the current increase in costs and challenges on bankability</li> <li>Capacity Building, Local Content and Green Job Creation</li> <li>We achieved 1 cent solar but there are significant challenges ahead. What is the impact of the recent rise in raw material prices, logistics costs and potential rise in costs for debt for both solar and wind projects?</li> <li>Are NOCs and oil majors ready for the energy transition?</li> <li>Emission and green energy trade certificates/swap deals</li> </ul>			
	Impulse presentation: 'How to accelerate towards 100% renewable energy', Professor Dr. Christopher Hebling, Director, Hydrogen Technologies, Fraunhofer ISE Moderator: Yusuf Macun, Founder & Managing Partner, Cranmore Speakers: Mohammad Abdelqader El Ramahi, Director, Asset Management and Technical Services, Masdar Clean Energy, Masdar Joaquín Rodríguez Jadraque, Director Business Development, Fisterra Energy SL/BLACKSTONE Group Anas Almathami, Head – Localization, ACWA Power			
16:30:17:00	Networking Break			
17:00-18:30	Interactives 'Dii Style' Roundtables: the interactive roundtables along the emission-free energy value chain			
	<ol> <li>New requirements for financing and structures for green molecules         <ul> <li>Yusuf Macun, Founder &amp; Managing Partner, Cranmore</li> <li>Joaquín Rodríguez Jadraque, Director Business Development, Fisterra Energy SL/BLACKSTONE Group</li> </ul> </li> <li>Energy efficiency (ESCO) and demand side management         <ul> <li>Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services, Executive Vice Chairperson, EESL</li> <li>Aref Abouzahr, Chief Executive Officer, Ark Energy</li> </ul> </li> <li>Innovative solutions for hybrid offgrid power         <ul> <li>Daniel Zywietz, Founder &amp; CEO, Enerwhere</li> </ul> </li> <li>The convergence between electricity and gas markets         <ul> <li>Antonio Iliceto, Chairman, CIGRE Study Committee C1, Power System Development &amp; Economics</li> <li>Dr. Ahmed Ali Al-Ebrahim, Chief Executive Officer, GCC Interconnection Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accelerating the transition from linear to circular water         <ul> <li>Lew Evans, CEO, Nexus Resilience Group</li> <li>Concrete opportunities for off-take of green hydrogen</li> <li>Dr. Amfred Schuckert, Head of Automotive Regulatory Strategy, Daimler Truck</li> <li>Dr. Arnd Köfler, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Executive Board, thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG</li> </ul> </li> </ol>			
	Closing Remarks from Dii Desert Energy			
18:35-19:45	Networking Drink Reception at Ellipse and Studio Terrace			

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19:45-22:00

VIP Dinner at 'LAWN' Restaurant

## **Confirmed Speakers:**

In alphabetical order by company name

- 1. Andrea Lovato, Executive Vice President & Head of Renewable Development & Green Hydrogen, ACWA Power
- 2. Anas Almathami, Head Localization, ACWA Power
- 3. Basma Bentaher, Senior Director Project Development, AMEA Power
- 4. Aref Abouzahr, Chief Executive Officer, Ark Energy
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- 11. Cornelius Matthes, CEO, Dii Desert Energy
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- 25. Mohammed Ghazali, Secretary General, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco
- 26. Said Elhadi, President & CEO, NAREVA
- 27. Ali Vezvaei, Chief Executive Officer, nd Group
- 28. Peter Terium, Managing Director of Energy, Water and Food, NEOM
- 29. Lew Evans, CEO, Nexus Resilience Group
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- 36. Ali Halabi, Chief Executive Officer, Voltlines

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