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AFRICA HYDROGEN FORUM

TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024

08:00 Registration & Welcome Breakfast *Sponsored by:*



09:00 Welcome Remarks

Professor Bamidele Adebisi, Director/ Board Member, **African Hydrogen Partnership**, Director Smart Communities and Innovations, **Manchester Metropolitan University**, UK

09:05 Opening Keynote Addresses

H.E. Yonis Ali Guedi, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Republic of Djibouti

09:45 Session 1: Realising Clean Hydrogen Projects in Africa

- Presentation of project case studies: Key learnings, challenges, and best practices for replication and scalability
- Examining small-scale hydrogen production and applications from an African perspective
- Producing hydrogen where it is consumed

Moderator: Dalia Samir, Co-Founder & Business Development Director, Hydrogen Egypt

Panellists:

Alex Hewitt, CEO, CWP Global Jerome Namaseb, CEO, Daures Green Hydrogen Village Khaled Nageib, CEO, Hydrogen Egypt Jonas Moberg, CEO, The Green Hydrogen Organisation, GH2

5-Minute Case Study Presentations followed by Q&A

10:30 Country Spotlight: Morocco

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Speaker:

Tarik Hamane, Acting CEO, Masen (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy)

10:45 Networking Coffee Break

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11:30 **Country Spotlight:** Unlocking Green Hydrogen's Potential in Egypt

Speaker:

Hossam Heiba, President, General Authority for Investments and Free Zones (GAFI)

11:45 Session 2: Decarbonising Shipping Fleets

- Hydrogen's potential as a sustainable shipping fuel, exploring green ammonia as an energy carrier
- Challenges and opportunities in scaling up hydrogen infrastructure for maritime applications
- Projections for shipping decarbonisation in Africa

Moderator: Stefan Krümpelmann, Editor Hydrogen, Argus Media

Panellists:

Waleid Gamal Eldien, Executive Chairman, General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone, Arab Republic of Egypt (SCZONE) Frank Wouters, Chairman, MENA Hydrogen Alliance Andrew Kanime, Chief Executive Officer, Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) Dr Rabah Sellami, Director of Hydrogen and Alternative Energies, Commission for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency, Algeria (CEREFE) Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO, Hydrogen Europe

12:30 Networking Lunch

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13:30 Session 3: Low Carbon Ammonia: A Reality in Africa

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- Utilising green ammonia as the foundation for producing sustainable green fertilisers
- Examination of the role of low carbon fertilisers in enhancing agricultural productivity in Africa
- Market potential for green ammonia-based fertilisers in different regions of Africa
- Analyse the economic viability of utilising green ammonia within the African context

Moderator: Hans Vrijenhoef, President, Ammonia Energy Association

Panellists:

Professor Bamidele Adebisi, Director/ Board Member, African Hydrogen Partnership, Director Smart Communities and Innovations, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK Patrick Heffer, Deputy Director General, International Fertilizer Association Ben Valk, Head, Food & Agri Partnerships, Executive Director, Sustain Africa, Rabobank Billel Kalache, Director of Renewable Energy, Sonatrach

14:15 Keynote Address

Steven Collet, Deputy Director General for International Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands

14:25 Session 4: Developing Heavy Industry in Africa to position Africa as a Global Leader in Renewable Products

- The role of hydrogen as a versatile industrial feedstock for heavy industries, including its use in steel production, chemical manufacturing, and refining processes, to enable decarbonisation and enhance competitiveness
- Establishing Africa as a premier industrial hub to attract global industry and investment
- Utilising industrial exports as a driver for local economic growth and development
- Export versus Africa-focused approach
- The importance of international collaboration and partnerships in advancing renewable products industries in Africa

Moderator: Ms Eudy Mabuza, Senior Science and Innovation Representative, Brussels, Department of Science and Innovation, Republic of South Africa

Panellists:

James Mnyupe, Presidential Economic Advisor and Green Hydrogen Commissioner, Government of the Republic of Namibia Mohammed Yahya Zniber, President, Cluster Green H2 Morocco Petra Schwager, Chief – Climate and Technology Partnerships Division, Directorate on SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Monica Swanson, Program Manager International Hydrogen, Port of Rotterdam International

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Mario Lievens, Director, Port of Antwerp-Bruges International

15:15 Networking Coffee Break



15:45 **Spotlight:** Hydrogen Solutions for Off-Grid Economies

- The impact of energy theft
- Identifying the unique challenges faced by off-grid communities in Africa regarding energy access, including limitations of traditional energy sources and infrastructure
- Exploring the potential to provide clean energy solutions in areas with limited or no access to electricity

Speakers:

Siggi Huegemann, Secretary General, African Hydrogen Partnership Professor Bamidele Adebisi, Director/ Board Member, African Hydrogen Partnership, Director Smart Communities and Innovations, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

16:15 Country Spotlight: Algeria's National Hydrogen Development Strategy -Roadmap Progress

Speaker:

Sofiane Dakiche, Director of Foresight Studies, Ministry of Energy and Mines, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

16:30 **Country Spotlight:** South Africa's Green Hydrogen – Commercialisation Strategy and the Critical Minerals Value Chain

Speaker:

Joanne Bate, Chief Operations Officer, Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC)

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16:45 Session 5: Financing Hydrogen Projects

- Analysis of the current investment landscape for hydrogen projects in Africa, including trends, challenges, and opportunities for attracting financing from domestic and international investors
- Perspectives on technological and political imperatives needed to boost investor confidence in hydrogen projects what is still missing?
- Lowering cost of capital and improving IRR for hydrogen projects
- Exploring blended finance models
- Tapping into the international capital market

Moderator: Ipeleng Selele, Group CEO, RRS Trade and Investment

Panellists:

Bridget van Dorsten, Senior Research Analyst, Hydrogen & Derivatives, Wood Mackenzie Ayman Soliman, CEO, The Sovereign Fund of Egypt Dr Dolf Gielen, Senior Energy Economist and Hydrogen Lead, The World Bank Priscillah Mabelane, Chairperson, National Transmission Company of South Africa (NTCSA)

17:30 Closing Remarks

H.E. Liesje Schreinemacher, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, **Government of the Netherlands**

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