



## The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference

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Grand Hyatt Dubai, UAE

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## **MPGC Week 2017 gets top level UAE government support & global attendance**

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The **Middle East Petroleum & Gas Week (MPGC Week) 2017** organised by The Conference Connection Inc. will take place from April 29 to May 4 at the Grand Hyatt Dubai, UAE, with Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC Group) as hosts.

The Annual MPGC Week, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year has an integrated umbrella of activities held in conjunction with the its anchor event, the annual **Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference (MPGC)**, well-recognised as the longest running annual oil & gas conference in the Middle East which is an established platform for both knowledge sharing and networking for senior executive, policymakers, industry specialists, and professional advisers.

MPGC Week 2017 will bring together eight optional events including conferences, executive briefings, and global workshops, running back-to-back in one location in one week for optimal learning and networking opportunities. As hosts for these events, ENOC Group's senior management are expected to take a high profile as chairs and speakers. Over 650 participants from 50 countries are expected to attend the week's activities.

His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, and Chairman & Chief Executive of Emirates Group will grace the joint official opening of MPGC and MEB 2017.

His Excellency Saif Humaid Al Falasi, Group CEO, ENOC, said: "The UAE has been leading the way in discussions around the sustenance of the oil market and engaging in dialogue with similar stakeholders. Events like MPGC provides delegates with a prime opportunity to discuss issues impacting the industry and to build relationships with the key industry experts."

This is the first time that the Middle East Bitumen/Asphalt (MEB) conference will be held concurrently with MPGC 2017 with both conferences commencing Monday, May 1, to be co-chaired by His Excellency Saif Humaid Al Falasi and Dr Fereidun Fesharaki, Chairman of FGE, with prominent Dubai personalities and captains of industry including government officials, senior management and board members of ENOC attending the joint official opening.

Among different sessions at MPGC, some of the key topics of discussion include Global & Middle East Geopolitics and Economics, as well as Crude Oil Trading and Pricing panel on May 1 with panels on the Outlook for LNG in the Middle East and session on petroleum products, refining and shipping on May 2.

For the first time, the exhibition will showcase hosts for MPGC and NOCs who have supported MPGC including ADNOC, BAPCO, ENOC Group, KPC and Saudi Aramco.

The conclusion of MPGC and MEB 2017 will lead into other post-event activities on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4. ENOC Group and Conference Connection will also co-host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Base Oil & Lubes Middle East Conference (BLM 2017) and Inaugural Middle East Retail & Downstream Conference (MRDC 2017).

Sponsors for the week's events include: ENOC Group, Dubai Mercantile Exchange, S&P Global Platts, Uniper Global Commodities SE, Vitol, and Al-Jaber.

#### **About ENOC Group (Emirates National Oil Company):**

*ENOC Group (Emirates National Oil Company) is an integrated international oil and gas player operating across the energy sector value chain. As a wholly owned entity of the Government of Dubai, ENOC owns and operates assets in the fields of exploration & production, supply, trading, and processing, terminals, fuel retail, aviation fuel and petroleum products for commercial & industrial use. With thousands of partners in over 60 markets, the Group employs a workforce of over 9,000 employees and is deploying its world-class customer service, latest innovations and technologies and best practices to empower the UAE's social and economic development. For further information, please visit: [www.enoc.com](http://www.enoc.com)*

#### **About Conference Connection**

**Conference Connection** provides a global B2B platform for knowledge exchange, business interaction and networking through high profile flagship conferences, executive briefings, courses and professional training. Its

*industry verticals include oil and gas, maritime, aviation, legal and financial sectors, with leading edge business content and strategies delivered through linkage with commercial, professional and policy groups worldwide. The group has delivered iconic and specialised events for the global oil and gas markets and has organised the Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference annually since 1993. For full list of its conferences, courses and activities, visit [www.cconnection.org](http://www.cconnection.org) or email [info@cconnection.org](mailto:info@cconnection.org)*

### **About Middle East Petroleum & Gas Week Events (MPGC Week)**

*The Annual Middle East Petroleum & Gas Week (MPGC Week), first launched in 1997, as an integrated umbrella of activities held in conjunction with the Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference and now in its 25th year, is an established knowledge sharing and networking, oil and gas markets platform for senior executives, policymakers, industry specialists, and professional advisers.*

*MPGC Week events provide synergistic and comprehensive coverage of specialised business sectors, the vision that drives the oil & gas business forward, the latest business strategies, project updates and case studies in the industry. These activities provide unparalleled coverage of specialised petroleum product verticals.*

*MPGC Week 2017 will bring together seven optional events and will feature for the first time, three distinct product conferences, with the annual Middle East Bitumen (MEB), Base Oil & Lubes Middle East (BLM) and an inaugural conference on Middle East Retail and Downstream Marketing (MRDC), together with two Executive Briefings on crude oil and LNG as well as a global workshop on finished lubricants, running back-to-back in one location in one week for optimal learning and networking opportunities. More than 650 participants from 50 countries are expected to attend the week's activities. All events are organised by The Conference Connection Inc., and hosted by ENOC and in association with key industry players.*