



The 25th Annual Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference

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His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum to open the 25th Annual MPGC in Dubai on May 1st 2017

Presidents and CEOs of global oil and gas companies, senior government officials, OPEC and IEF officials, energy experts, top financiers, and leading organisations in the energy sector will gather in Dubai from April 29 - May 4, 2017 for the Middle East Petroleum & Gas Week (MPGC Week 2017), for discussions on the conference theme Turbulent Path to an Oil Market Recovery and the Challenge of Reaching a Balanced and Sustainable Price, amidst improved sentiments and optimism following demand growth to 1.5 million b/p and strong refining margins.

MPGC Week 2017 includes a total of eight events including executive briefings on key strategies for the upstream/downstream and LNG/Natural Gas sectors as well as specialised product conferences on bitumen/asphalt, base oils/lubes and retail/downstream as technical courses on petroleum and refined products. These are:

April 29-30	Middle East Petroleum Insiders Briefing (MPI) http://www.cconnection.org/events/mpi
April 30	MEB Workshop: Asphalt Mixture Design Methods in the Middle East http://www.cconnection.org/events/mebworkshop
April 30-May 2	25th Annual Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference (MPGC 2017) http://www.mpgc.cc
May 1-2	8th Annual Middle East Bitumen/Asphalt Conference (MEB 2017) http://www.me-bitumen.com
May 2	Global Finished Lubricants Value Chain Workshop (GLV) http://www.cconnection.org/GLV
May 3-4	6th Annual Base Oil & Lubes Middle East Conference & Workshop (BLM 2017) http://www.baseoillubes.com
May 3-4	Inaugural Middle East Retail & Downstream Conference (MRDC 2017) http://www.mrdc-conference.com
May 3-4	Middle East Gas Insiders Briefing (MGI) http://www.cconnection.org/events/mgi

The Middle East Petroleum & Gas Conference (MPGC 2017), the flagship event for the week is organised by Conference Connection and hosted by Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC). It is renowned as the longest running annual oil and gas conference in the Middle East. MPGC official opening will be attended by His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Energy, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, President of Dubai Airports, Chairman & Chief Executive of Emirates Group.

On Day 1 Dr. Fereidun Fesharaki, Chairman of FGE and co-Chairman of the conference, will deliver insights into the fortunes of the oil and gas business in the near and medium term, which will be followed by a special address on U.S. Tight Oil Production by Mr. Harold Hamm, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Continental Resources Inc.

His Excellency Saif Humaid Al Falasi, Group CEO, ENOC, said: "As a key player in the oil and gas industry, ENOC is committed to facilitating discussions around crucial topics impacting the industry such as oil market recovery, natural gas, sustainable development, global trends and dynamics of the fuel retail industry. We are pleased to host a prestigious event such as MPGC and we look forward to hearing expert opinions on the global and regional oil & gas business."

More than 40 other speakers will address the event, which is well known for its excellence in delivering the latest industry insights from leading oil and gas industry visionaries. The highlights of the first day are keynote addresses by Mr. Bakheet Al-Rashidi, CEO & President of KPI, Mr. Eelco Hoekstra, CEO of Royal Vopak, and Mr. Sanjiv Singh, Director (Refineries) of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, to be followed by a panel discussion with speakers from Chevron, Vitol, Uniper Global Commodities and Idemitsu Kosan for Integrated Supply & Trading. Other sessions include discussions around the impact of Iran and Iraq on Middle East, crude oil trading, price benchmarks and risk management, petroleum products and refining.

More than 650 participants are expected at MPGC Week 2017 events with MPGC pre-registration and a cocktail night on April 30, preceding the Official Opening on May 1. ENOC will host a gala dinner later the same day.

MPGC is being held in Dubai for the 10th time in its 25-year history with co-sponsors including Al-Jaber, Dubai Mercantile Exchange, S & P Global Platts, Uniper Global Commodities and Vitol. The Official Opening of the Middle East Retail & Downstream Conference (MRDC) will be held on 3rd May 2017 and will be attended by His Excellency Dr. Matar Hamed Al Neyadi, Undersecretary of Ministry of Energy UAE and followed by a Keynote Address by Mr. Zaid Alqufaidi, Managing Director-Retail of ENOC. Delegates attending MRDC will visit UAE's only solar-powered petrol station, located near the entrance towards Dubai Internet City on Sheikh Zayed Road.