

Press Release: Abu Dhabi's Energy Industry Leaders Convene for a Strategic Roundtable on Energy Subsidies, Technology, Innovation and R&D in the UAE.

The sixth edition of the most comprehensive report on Abu Dhabi's energy industry, *The Oil & Gas Year Abu Dhabi 2016*, is organizing a strategic roundtable and has released details of the panel of experts who will lead the discussion. The event is scheduled to take place on October 28th at the Beach Rotana Hotel, Abu Dhabi.

The Minister of Energy, H.E. Suhail bin Mohamed Faraj Fares Al Mazrouei, will chair the first session on the subject of energy subsidies and deregulation of fuel prices. Other leading officials participating in the debate include; Marc Mollema, Managing Director, Global Head of Energy and Resources – NBAD; and Maria Vagliasindi, GCC Energy Expert – World Bank.

A second debate will discuss the latest technology in the oil and gas industry and what trends we can expect in the next decade. Experts sharing their thoughts include Andrew Vaughan, Vice President Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Syria & Country Chairman Abu Dhabi - Shell; Dr. Steven Griffiths, Vice President for Research and Professor of Practice – Masdar Institute; Mr. Neri Askland, Vice President Middle East – Statoil and Kathryn Brett, Vice President, Drilling Tools & Remedial Middle East - Schlumberger Drilling Group.

This event is sponsored by Arab Development Company (ARDECO), LeasePlan and Tenaris.

200 senior management executives will gather at the event, share their opinions and vote for the report's 2016 awards, recognizing the accomplishments of companies and individuals active in Abu Dhabi's oil and gas industry.

The Oil and Gas Year's strategic roundtable will be a meeting of the best minds in the UAE's oil and gas industry and give the opportunity for top executives to share best practices. The event is strictly by invitation only.

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