

3rd IEF-KAPSARC THOUGHT LEADERS' ROUNDTABLE

Post-Paris Agreement: A World of Peak Oil Demand?

at the IEF Headquarters in the Diplomatic Quarter, Riyadh
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The Secretary General of the International Energy Forum and the President of the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center invite you to participate in the Third IEF – KAPSARC Thought-Leaders' Roundtable discussion on oil markets, and thereby to contribute toward the understanding of developments that are shaping world oil markets and the producer-consumer dialogue.

Many of the parties to the ‘Paris Agreement’, that entered force on 4 November 2016, anticipated that its subsequent implementation would lead to a world of peak oil demand. However, the transition through a demand peak, should investors expect it to arrive within the time horizons of their medium-term oilfield developments, might increase price volatility. Paradoxically, a reduced reliance on fossil fuels among consumer nations might lead to periods of supply shortage while at other points of an accentuated cycle, exporters may compete for market share after giving up hope of a rebound in prices.

Energy Ministers gathered at the 15th International Energy Forum on 26-28 September 2016 called for an enhanced role of the producer-consumer dialogue and greater market transparency. An inclusive and energy-technology neutral dialogue among producing and consuming countries will offer more clarity to investors and market participants, and so may contribute to a more orderly and cost efficient transformation of energy markets. On one hand, this will facilitate more orderly transitions between investment cycles in the interest of overall energy market security. On the other hand, accelerated deployment of energy efficiency and new energy technologies in oil producing and consuming growth markets will foster energy productivity gains across regions and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions more swiftly, placing global economic growth on more advanced and healthier footings.

The 3rd IEF-KAPSARC Thought Leaders’ Roundtable invites thought leaders and government and industry representatives to collectively look beyond the corners of these policy turns and physical market developments to assess what their likely impact is on the dynamics of global oil supply and demand in the medium and long term.

This roundtable launches a year-long engagement to explore scenarios for producers and consumers navigating the transition to a lower carbon energy future. During the year, participants will be invited to contribute intellectually to the development of modeling infrastructure to describe the transition and its impacts on the global economy – particularly the risks of increased volatility in the oil market and the potential impacts on international energy relations. Workshops in The Netherlands, Dubai, UK and Saudi Arabia with a joint study report to be issued late in 2017.

Questions

The following questions may further help to guide discussions:

1. *Will the Paris Agreement lead to peak demand or will cost effective carbon management technologies secure a long-term future for oil in the energy mix?*
2. *To what extent are oil companies and governments at risk of stranded reserves, and what does that imply for physical and financial energy market interactions?*
3. *How might the responses of NOCs and IOCs differ in such an environment?*
4. *Is conventional oil better or worse positioned to compete with unconventional resources in an oil market anticipating declining demand?*

The 3rd IEF-KAPSARC Thought Leaders' Roundtable is an invitation-only event that seeks to shed light on these and related questions.

Panelists interventions and roundtable discussions will take place under the Chatham House Rule.

Departure Time	Transportation Schedule to/from the Courtyard Marriott and IEF
8:00 & 8:15	Courtyard Marriott to IEF
1:45 & 2:00	IEF to Courtyard Marriott

One mini-bus will be running between the Courtyard Marriott and the IEF Secretariat. Please ask the lobby staff for the bus location. Taxis are normally available, at your own cost, from the Courtyard Marriott to the IEF if the provided transportation is missed.

Agenda

08:30 **Welcome coffee**

09:00-09:10 **Opening remarks**

Dr Sun Xiansheng, Secretary General, IEF

Samer Al Ashgar, President, KAPSARC

09:10-10:30 **Session I. If the peak is inevitable, how will the actors respond?**

Moderator: Dr Sun Xiansheng, Secretary General, IEF

Panelists: Ivan Marten, Vice Chairman Energy Practice, Boston Consultancy Group

Ann-Louise Hittle, Vice President Research Macro Oils, WoodMackenzie

Mark Finley, General Manager Global Energy Markets & US Economics BP

David d'Alessandro, Chief Investment Officer, CMDTY Capital Management

Xiaohua Qu, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Solar

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break and networking**

11:00-12:30 **Session II. Strategies for negotiating the transition**

Moderator: David Hobbs, Vice President of Research, KAPSARC

Panelists: Joel Couse, Chief Energy Economist, Total SA

Jennifer Considine, Research Fellow, KAPSARC

Trisha Curtis, Co-Founder PetroNerds

Greg Priddy, Director Global Oil Eurasia Group

12:30 -14:00 **Lunch hosted by KAPSARC**