

6th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable
Welcoming Dinner
Remarks by Aldo Flores-Quiroga

Tomorrow will be the time for your dialogue, so I will be brief.

Let me thank Minister Al-Sada, our host and leader in this Ministerial meeting.

Let me express my sincere appreciation to his Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman.

- He is one of the most respected leaders in the energy world and a true champion of the global energy dialogue. Without him, the dialogue would not be where it is today.

Let me also thank The Minister of Energy, Thailand, our co-host.

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And let me recognize my friend, His Excellency Al-Attiyah our keynote speaker for tonight, Chairman of the Al-Attiyah Foundation for Energy and Sustainable Development, and the Former Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar.

And of course let me thank you all for being here.

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To say that the energy sector is living through challenging times is an understatement.

Dialogue is what's called for in a situation like this one. It is the way to reduce uncertainty and to identify opportunities. So the time is right, the mood is right, and the place is right for this Ministerial – and what a spectacular place this is!

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Oh and two more things:

You will notice that Boston Consulting Group helped IEF prepare the background documents. I want to thank Iván Martén, the leader of BCG's global energy practice, for his support.

We are fortunate to have a very special speaker scheduled for tomorrow, Dr. Donald Sadoway, a visionary Professor from MIT.

- Distinguished by Time magazine among the 100 most influential people in the world. If you haven't heard him before, I encourage you to listen to what he has to say tomorrow. He is not only engaging, but his ideas might shape the future of energy.

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Thank you and welcome again. I very much look forward to the dialogue you will be having tomorrow.