

7 SEPTEMBER 2023**Venue: The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES), Nile City Towers,
North Tower 8th floor, Ramlet Boulaq, Corniche El-Nil, Cairo, Egypt.**

REDRAWING ENERGY RELATIONS IN THE WIDER MEDITERRANEAN SPACE

Since the outbreak of the Ukraine war, the MENA region has become a natural destination for the European Union in its growing quest for non-Russian energy resources, with leaders of the EU's economic powers repeatedly visiting producers. In addition to responding to short-term energy needs, this search for diversification has offered a valuable tool for enhancing bilateral partnerships and expanding EU-MENA relations in the long term, laying the basis for further strengthening cooperation in other fields, such as on clean energy initiatives. Indeed, as technology continues to evolve and advance, renewables and green hydrogen solutions, and the establishment of low-carbon supply chains, represent an opportunity for the region to benefit from massive investments from international actors and donors, and accelerate energy ambitions. Yet, the energy revolution together combined with the current global geopolitical reshuffles could also exacerbate dynamics of instability and increase tensions among the different actors in the region. In this complex framework, the first session will focus on the exploitation and development of energy resources (from both fossil or renewable origin) and how this could be a catalyst for either new cooperation opportunities or, on the contrary, geopolitical tensions. The second session will then focus on climate change policies in the region, the way they intertwine with and influence geopolitical balances, the actors and players involved and the challenges of financing, in a crucial year that comes *in between* the COP27 held in Sharm-el-Sheikh in 2022 and the next United Nations Climate Conference in Dubai at the end of November.

AGENDA

6 September

19.00 | Welcome Cocktail, Residence of the Italian Ambassador in Cairo

7 September

9.00 - 15.45 | Closed door meetings, The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES)

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9.00 - 9.30 | Registration

9.30 - 9.33 | Master of Ceremony

- **ABLA ABDEL LATIF**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, ECES

9.33 – 9.55 | Welcoming Remarks

- **OMAR MOHANNA**, CHAIRMAN, ECES, CHAIRMAN, EGYPT-US BUSINESS COUNCIL
- **PAOLO MAGRI**, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, ISPI
- **AXEL PIERRU**, ACTING VICE PRESIDENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND ANALYSIS, KAPSARC
- **ARTURO VARVELLI**, HEAD OF THE ROME OFFICE AND SENIOR POLICY FELLOW, ECFR

10.00 – 12.15 | Session 1: From Hydrocarbons to Green Energy: new opportunities or new tensions?

10.00 – 11.00 | PANEL 1: HOW THE WAR IN UKRAINE HAS AFFECTED THE MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY LANDSCAPE

KICK-OFF INTERVENTIONS

- **MICHALIS MATHIOULAKIS**, ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, GREEK ENERGY FORUM; RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, HELLENIC FOUNDATION FOR EUROPEAN AND FOREIGN POLICY
- **EMRE HATIPOGLU**, FELLOW, KAPSARC
- **ALDO LIGA**, RESEARCH FELLOW, ISPI

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: **SHERIF EL-KHOLY**, PARTNER AND HEAD OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA, ACTIS

11.00 - 11.15 | Coffee Break

11.15-12.15 | PANEL 2: THE ROLE OF EGYPT AS A “BRIDGE” BETWEEN DIFFERENT ENERGY SYSTEMS

KICK-OFF INTERVENTIONS

- **KHALED ABOU BAKR**, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, TAQA ARABIA
- **TAREK TAWFIK**, VICE PRESIDENT, FEI, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN EGYPT
- **NADIM ABILLAMA**, CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION PROGRAMME OFFICER - MENA, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: **LORENA STELLA MARTINI**, NATIONAL OFFICE ASSISTANT, ECFR

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12.15 - 13.30 | Lunch, L'Uliveto Restaurant, Fairmont Nile City Hotel

13.30 - 15.45 | Session 2: What to expect from COP28

13.30-14.30 | PANEL 1: CLIMATE ACTION IN THE MENA REGION

KICK-OFF INTERVENTIONS

- **RAOUF SAAD**, FORMER ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER AND CONSULTANT TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT
- **JUSTIN DARGIN**, NON-RESIDENT SCHOLAR, MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM, CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE
- **ANTHONY DWORKIN**, SENIOR POLICY FELLOW, ECFR

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: **MOHAMED KASSEM**, SECRETARY GENERAL, ECES, CHAIRMAN, NANOTECH INTERNATIONAL

14.30 - 14.45 | Coffee Break

14.45-15.45 | PANEL 2: FINANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION AND CLIMATE POLICIES IN THE MENA REGION

KICK-OFF INTERVENTIONS

- **AYMAN SOLIMAN**, CEO, THE SOVEREIGN FUND OF EGYPT
- **JESSICA OBEID**, PARTNER, NEW ENERGY CONSULT; NON-RESIDENT SCHOLAR, MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE
- **AMRO ELSHURAFI**, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, UTILITIES AND RENEWABLES, KAPSARC

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: **SARA RONCO**, RESEARCHER, EURO – MEDITERRANEAN ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION (EMEA)

19.00 - 21.00 | Optional Promenade

Sunset felucca promenade on Nile with dinner (Casual attire)

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List of Experts Participating in the Roundtable Discussion (in alphabetical order)

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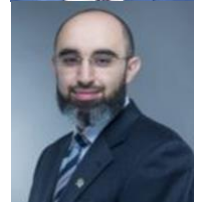
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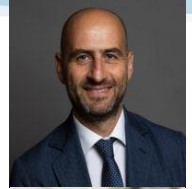
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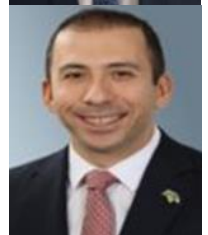
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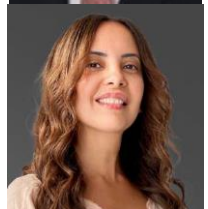
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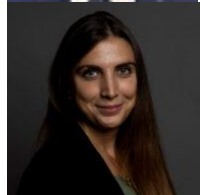
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