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Conference

Sustainable Finance, Green Investment and Energy Transition: Issues and Potential Solutions

Programme

Wednesday 1 November 2023

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Zayed Amphitheatre, SUAD Campus



The Speakers



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Abstract

Sustainable finance is a concept that aims to fight global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhance green investments. This idea of sustainable finance was reinforced with the signing of the Paris agreements during COP21 in 2015. After the signing of the Paris agreements, sustainable finance is recognized as essential to the transition to a greener society.

2023 will be a historic year for the UAE. The country is going to host the 28th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 28). The main goals will focus on achieving sustainability and encouraging global cooperation to address global issues.

In this context, we will organize a conference to see to what extent sustainable finance is the best investment alternative? What are the most effective tools to encourage companies to adopt more green investment? and how to create a bidirectional relationship between energy transition and sustainable finance?

Agenda

8:30 am – 9:15 am
Registration and Coffee

9:15 am - 9:30 am
Welcoming and Opening Remarks: **Prof. Nathalie Martial-Braz**, Vice Chancellor, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

9:30 am - 10:15 am
Keynote address/Plenary Session: **H.E. Stéphane Crouzat**, French Ambassador in Charge of Climate Change Negotiations

From COP21 in Paris to COP28 in UAE: Progress, Outcomes, and Expectations.

10:15 am – 11:15 am
Session 1: Regulation and Policies to Support Sustainable Finance and Energy Transition.

This session will discuss the role of governments and the commitment of the private sector to support sustainable finance and energy transition, including strategic plan and initiatives, especially in the GCC region.

Moderator :

Dr. Salem Boubakri, Associate Professor, Sorbonne University

Speakers :

- **H.E. Dr. Maryam Al Suwaidi,** CEO, Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA)
- **H.E. Dr. Abdel Rahman Al Humaidi,** General Director, Arab Monetary Fund(AMF)
- **Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant,** President of the International Association for Energy Economics
- **Mr. Philippe Richard,** Head of Executive International affairs, Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM)

11:15 am – 11:30 am
Coffee break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Session 2: Mobilizing Funding to help Sustainable Finance and Green Investments.

This session will discuss how to mobilize significant investments to help financial market transition, with a special focus on the contribution of the banking sector as well as the international funding institutions.

Moderator :

Prof. Djamel Zarouk, Islamic Development Bank - Former Chief Economist

Speakers :

- **Ms. Sarah Pirzada Usmani,** Manging Director, Head of Sustainable, Asset & Poject Finance, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) - UAE
- **Mr. Christophe Lalandre,** Executive Vice President, Middle East team Lombard Odier Bank
- **Mr. Mohsin Sharif**, Islamic Development Bank, Saudi Arabia

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Networking Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Session 3: Energy transition (Renewable Energy-Mix Energy)

This session will discuss the targets and achievements in terms of renewable energy and net zero emissions. Moreover, the discussion will consider the issues regarding the investment in renewable energy.

Moderator :

Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant, President of the International Association for Energy Economics

Speakers :

- **Mr. Niall Hannigan**, Chief Financial Officer, Masdar Abu Dhabi - UAE
- **Prof. Zoheir Hamedi,** Senior Economist, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Abu Dhabi - UAE
- **Dr. Thomas Oliver Léautier,** Chief Economist, TotalEnergies - France
- **Prof. Yannick Perez,** Centrale Supélec, Armand Peugeot Chair in Electromobility Studies, Paris - France