

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY WEBINAR

Advancing market integration and decarbonisation: How to ensure a smooth transition?

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 8 December 2020 | 13.30-16.00 Brussels time (CET)

OPENING REMARKS

13:30 – 13:40 (CET) – Welcome and introduction

- **Adam Sieminski**, *President, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies & Research Center (KAPSARC), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*
- **Bruno Liebhaberg**, *Director General, Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), Brussels*

SESSION 1

13:40 – 14:10 (CET) – Articulating clear and supportive policy frameworks

The lack of clear direction and policies reflecting the expectations and political commitment remain the major stumbling block in most places that attempt to translate their broad vision into real actions. Also, how their plans will converge in future and how integration and decarbonisation pathways will affect the consumers are not sufficiently examined. This session will present the regional perspective and contrast them with the international experience in energy diplomacy in the context of developing a common electricity market.

Speakers:

- **Shahid Hasan**, *Research Fellow, KAPSARC*
- **Waleed Alsuraih**, *Lead Energy Specialist, The World Bank*
- **Oliver Koch**, *Deputy Head of Unit – Wholesale markets; electricity and gas, DG ENER, European Commission*

Moderator: *Dr Fahad Alturki, Vice President, Head of Research, KAPSARC*

Q&A SESSION - 14:10 – 14:20 (CET)

SESSION 2

14:20 – 14:55 (CET) – Innovations and regulation: What's new?

The need for modernising and harmonising the regulations cannot be overemphasised to achieve the policy goals. In most discussions around future energy transformation, modernising the current forms of regulation is highlighted as the key enabler. This session will discuss the emerging regulatory concepts and the need for having a shared understanding of the national and regional challenges and opportunities to drive the whole process.

Speakers:

- **Prof Michael Pollitt**, *University of Cambridge and CERRE Academic Co-Director*
- **Dr Alex Papalexopoulos**, *President & CEO, ECCO International, Inc., U.S.*
- **Dr Frank Felder**, *Director, Energy Transitions and Electric Power, KAPSARC*

Moderator: Dr Fahad Alturki, Vice President, Head of Research, KAPSARC

Q&A SESSION - 14:55 – 15:05 (CET)

SESSION 3

15:05 – 15:40 (CET) – Rethinking tariff design

Although pricing and rate design is often a regulatory function, it deserves separate attention. Distortions in wholesale electricity prices and/or insufficient incentives to market players can limit their participation and investments in the sector. Furthermore, as advances in technology are accelerating new ways of generating electricity at a decentralised level, valuing their services to enable their participation also assumes significance. This session will discuss the emerging concepts in this regard.

Speakers:

- **Aftab Raza**, Head of Sector Financial Management, Department of Abu Dhabi, Government of Abu Dhabi
- **Prof Catherine Banet**, University of Oslo and CERRE Research Fellow
- **Jens Lundgren**, Deputy Chief Economist, Energimarknadsinspektionen (Ei), Sweden

Moderator: Dr Fahad Alturki, Vice President, Head of Research, KAPSARC

Q&A SESSION - 15:40 – 15:50 (CET)

WRAP UP

15:50 – 16:00 (CET) – Conclusions & wrap up

Máximo Miccinilli, Energy & Climate Director, Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), Brussels