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8 - 9 MARCH 2023 | AL HABTOOR PALACE HOTEL | DUBAI

Wed, 8 March	ICE BREAKER – EVENING RECEPTION Al Habtoor Palace Hotel - Courtyard "Le Patio"	
19.00 – 21.00	Networking with the Speakers & Participants in a relaxed setting	
Thu, 9 March	AUSTRIA CONNECT GULF CONFERENCE	
08.30 – 09.00	REGISTRATION Al Habtoor Palace Hotel - Ballroom "Dubai"	
09.00 – 09.05	WELCOME Austrian Embassy, Commercial Counsellor	Mr. Johannes Brunner
09.05 – 09.35	OPENING WORDS	
	Austrian Embassy, Ambassador to the UAE	H.E. Etienne Berchtold
	UAE Federation of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry & Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman	H.E. Abdullah Mohamed Al Mazrui
	Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Vice President International Relations	Mr. Hassan Al Hashemi
	Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vice President	Ms. Carmen Goby
09.35 – 10.00	KEYNOTE 1 – MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC OUTLOOK	
	Major drivers of the economies in the region in 2023 and beyond Emirates NBD - Chief Economist & Head of MENA Research	Ms. Khatija Haque
	Question & Answers	
10.00 – 10.45	PANEL DISCUSSION 1 – MEGAPROJECTS TRANSFORMING THE REGION	
	UAE ETIHAD RAIL FREIGHT, Director of Commercial Department	Mr. Tariq Alfalahi
	UAE ETIHAD RAIL, Director of Real Estate Development	Mr. Omar Alsebeyi
	UAE JACOBS, Director of Strategy and Growth	Ms. Derya Dayan
	SAUDI ARABIA ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Commercial Counsellor	Mr. Christoph Pfeifer
	EGYPT ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Commercial Counsellor	Mr. Georg Krenn
10.45 – 11.00	COFFEE BREAK	

11.00 – 11.25	KEYNOTE 2 – THE FUTURE OF ENERGY	
	A look at the current state of the energy sector Qamar Energy – CEO, Energy Expert	Mr. Robin Mills
	Question & Answers	
11.25 – 12.10	PANEL DISCUSSION 2 – THE IMPACT OF ENERGY TRANSITION ON OIL & GAS	
	UAE OMV, Senior Vice President Middle East & Africa	Mr. Peter Zeilinger
	QATAR Al-Attiyah Foundation for Energy and Sustainable Development	Mr. Howard Bevan
	QATAR ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Commercial Counsellor	Ms. Caroline Adenberger
	JORDAN ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Commercial Counsellor	Mr. Herwig Neuper
12.10 – 13.00	PANEL DISCUSSION 3 – HYDROGEN HYPE OR REALITY	
	UAE tde & tde energy, CEO & Co-Founder	Mr. Gerhard Thonhauser
	UAE Broaden Energy, CEO	Mr. Adnan Sokolija
	UAE MMEC Mannesmann, CEO	Mr. Anas Aljuaidi
	UAE Masdar, Head of Technology	Mr. Alexander Ritschel
	OMAN ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Representative	Ms. Hajir Abubakr
13.00 – 13.15	ENERGY GLOBE AWARD PRESENTATION UAE	
	With more than 180 participating countries, the ENERGY GLOBE Award is today's most prestigious environmental award. It is awarded annually to projects saving our environment by personal action, sustainable projects, or campaigns for raising awareness in sustainability.	
13.15 – 14.30	NETWORKING LUNCH	
	BQ French Kitchen – 1st Floor, Al Habtoor Palace Dubai	
14.30 – 15.15	PANEL DISCUSSION 4 – A GLIMPSE INTO THE METAVERSE	
	UAE MO:ME:NT, Co-Founder & Director	Mr. Pascal Haider
	UAE Meta East, CEO & Co-Founder	Mr. Oussama Ismail
	ISRAEL MetaBuilders, Co-Founder	Mr. Noam Lavian
	ISRAEL ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Commercial Counsellor	Mr. Markus Haas
15.15 – 16.30	COFFEE & CONNECT – Individual coaching & regional advice by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in the Middle East	
	Carnegie Meeting Room – Opposite of Habtoor Ballroom “Dubai”	
	Egypt, Libya, Sudan	Mr. Georg Krenn
	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Yemen	Mr. Christoph Pfeifer
	Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq	Mr. Herwig Neuper
	Israel and Palestine	Mr. Markus Haas
	Qatar	Ms. Caroline Adenberger
	UAE and Bahrain	Mr. Johannes Brunner
	Oman	Ms. Hajir Abubakr
	Pakistan	Mr. Usman Mohiuddin
	Kuwait	Mr. Fred Abou Saada
	As well as from our partners:	
	Crowe Audit & Tax Advisory	
	Deniz Bank & Emirates NBD	
	Emirates Airlines	
	Strohal Legal Group	
End of conference		
19.00 – 02.00+1	NETWORK WITH YOUR BUSINESS PARTNERS AT THE FIRST VIENNA BALL IN DUBAI (optional)	
	Hilton Al Habtoor – Ballroom	