

Draft Workshop Agenda

Overcoming Challenges to Developing a Well-functioning Electricity Market in GCC and MENA

Venue: KAPSARC, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Date: October 22, 2019

Format: Each session will be seeded with brief perspectives from selected participants followed by a round-table discussion to develop new insights and identify future research directions.

Hosted by: Adam Sieminski, President, KAPSARC

Moderated by: Nawaz Peerbocus, Director, Energy Transitions & Electric Power, KAPSARC

Tuesday 22nd October, 2019

8:00am – 8:30am	Breakfast
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	8:30am – 8:45 am
	Welcoming remarks & introductions
	Speakers will provide welcoming remarks to preview the workshop focusing on key themes and goals. Following the opening remarks, all participants will be asked to introduce themselves and role in their organization.
	Dr. Fahad Alturki, Vice President of Research, KAPSARC

SESSION 1	8:45 am – 10:15 am
	Electricity market transitions and regional electricity trade in the Gulf region
	This session will discuss the features, challenges and directions of market development across the GCC and MENA region, including their implications for establishing an effective regional electricity market. An update on the journey towards developing an integrated electricity markets together with key insights and future plans will also be presented and discussed.
	Presentations: Mr. Shahid Hasan, Research Fellow, KAPSARC Dr. Mohamed Y. Al-Hamad, Manager - Market Operations, Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (GCCIA) Mr. Abdulrahman Almozan, Director-General of Economic and Tariff Affairs, Electricity & Co-generation Regulatory Authority, Saudi Arabia*

10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
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SESSION 2	10:45 am– 12:15 pm
	Developing an interconnected electricity market: Perspectives from regional stakeholders
	With rapidly growing electricity consumption in the region, desire to integrate power systems and markets in the GCC and wider Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is now gaining momentum. However, to create a well-functioning integrated electricity market in the region, understanding and addressing a wider set of economic and political challenges are required. This session will present and discuss the views of key stakeholders from the region.
	Discussants: Mr. Syed Fawad Ali, Director, Department of Energy, Emirate of Abu Dhabi Mr. Ali Al-Duwaile, Energy Trading Expert, Saudi Power Procurement Company

Dr. Hafez El Salmawy, Former Managing Director, Egyptian Electric Utility and Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency (EgyptERA)

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm **Lunch Break**

SESSION 3

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Developing an effective and integrated electricity market: International experience

This session will discuss the international experience in developing an integrated electricity market in other geographies, and how their learnings can be useful in accelerating the process of market integration in the GCC and MENA region. A range of issues (from policy, regulation, governance to implementation) that facilitated in creating a well-functioning electricity markets will be discussed to identify potential enablers for this region. Discussions will also include emerging market design issues associated with the growing share of renewables, both in the context of national electricity markets and in a wider interconnected regional market.

Discussants:
Ms. Jasmina Trhulj, Head of Electricity Unit, Energy Community, Austria
Dr. Alex Papalexopoulos, President and CEO, ECCO International, Inc., USA
Dr. Sandrine Wachon, Director of International Business, Soops Investment, The Netherlands
Prof. Rafael Leal-Arcas, Professor of European and International Economic Law, Queens University, London

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm **Coffee Break**

SESSION 4

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Overcoming challenges: Strategic views on electricity market integration in GCC

Assessing the current efforts to advance market integration in GCC and MENA will be discussed in this session. The discussion will bring international views on regional issues from strategic perspective. Evaluating the status quo of readiness for market integration in GCC will be discussed. The session will bring up policy and economic recommendations to enable the way forward.

Discussants:
Mr. Waleed S. Alsuraih, Lead Energy Specialist and Cluster Leader, Energy Advisory Services for the GCC and MENA region, The World Bank
Mr. Nick Carter, Electricity Interconnections and Market Integration Convener, EU-GCC Clean Energy Technology Network
Mr. Bredan Cronin, Head of Management Consulting, Poyry, UAE

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm **Closing remarks**
 Mr. Nawaz Peerbocus, Director, Energy Transitions & Electric Power

* Invited