



Energy Transition in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities

Side Event

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 08:30-10:00 Beirut Time (UTC +2) and 14:30-16:00 Beijing Time (GMT+8)

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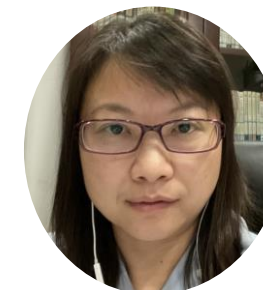
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The **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)** jointly with the **League of Arab States (LAS)**, the **Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO)**, and the **Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)** are organizing a virtual side event on “**Energy transition in the Arab Region: Challenges and Opportunities**” on the sideline of the “**2020 Global Energy Interconnection and Asian Energy and Power Conference**”.

The side event will focus on the Arab region and address:

- Progress towards SDG7
- The challenges and opportunities of the energy transition
- Regional electricity interconnection and electricity market
- The role clean energy investments and renewable energy can play
- The role of access to finance in accelerating the transition



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AGENDA:

Setting the Scene and Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, Chief Energy, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster (CCNRSC), ESCWA

Welcoming Remarks: (15 mins)

- Ms. Roula Majdalani, Cluster Lead, CCNRSC, ESCWA
- Mr. Han Huang, Vice President, Economy and Technology Research Institute, GEIDCO

Keynote Speakers and Panelists: (50 mins)

- Ms. Gao Yi, Acting Division Director - Power Planning Research, GEIDCO
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- Ms. Fatima Al Foora Al Shamsi, CEO, ELIC, United Arab Emirates
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Q&A (20 mins)

Closing remarks: ESCWA and GEIDCO (5 mins)