Mr. Ian Walker

Executive Director of the Windsor Energy Group (WEG) and Managing Director of MEC International

Electric vehicles – a game-changer for oil?

Mr. Ian Walker is executive director of the Windsor Energy Group (WEG) that brings together policy-makers and energy practitioners to review global energy developments. WEG is a not for profit chaired by Lord Howell, a former British energy secretary. It takes its name from annual residential meetings at Windsor Castle.

Mr. Ian runs a number of expert energy roundtables in London and abroad as part of an active WEG programme of discussions. WEG’s sister organisations include Access for Women in Energy chaired by Dr. Carole Nakhle, the Network for Energy Technology directed by Lord Oxburgh and the Global Nuclear Initiative led by Lady Judge.

He is also managing director of MEC International – a London-based advisory company chaired by Lord Lothian - that offers small expert teams from a pool of some 60 former ambassadors, bankers and businesspeople who have lived and worked in the MENA region. Ian has provided advice to a number of governments and major companies on issues ranging from political risk and due diligence to market research and government relations. He began his career as a political journalist writing for a number of British newspapers before becoming a presenter/producer on a number of national and international radio current affairs programmes.
Nasser Hoteit has been involved in Energy Sector (Nuclear, Oil and Gas) for 32 years. He started as researcher and engineer in Geomechanics of Reservoirs with major European Petroleum Company. Afterward, he joined the nuclear industry as Geoscientist and head of Geosciences Directorate. His activities revolved around R&D that contributed in driving forward the knowledge of Conventional and Unconventional Hydrocarbon Resources.

In Parallel, Mr. Hoteit was board member of French Nuclear public agency and senior expert at the international Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

After Nuclear, Mr. Hoteit joined back the petroleum industry to become Expert and Technical Authority for the design and the development of Liquefied Natural Gas Plants. Before joining the Lebanese Petroleum Authority LPA as Board Member, in 2013, Mr. Hoteit contributed to the development of hydrocarbon fields in arctic regions. He has initiated several patents and has authored numerous scientific publications. During his industrial career, Mr. Hoteit has also acted as Professor at Paris-Tec, Polytechnic School, Grenoble and Lille Universities.

Mr. Hoteit has an engineering degree, MPhil and PhD from Grenoble Institute of Technology and MBA from HEC-Paris. In 2014, he was the President of the Lebanese Petroleum Authority –LPA-. Currently, Mr. Hoteit is board member, in charge of engineering and technical development inside the LPA.

**Lecturers:**

**Dr. Carole Nakhle**  
Lecturer at University of Surrey and Founder and Director of Crystol Energy, UK

**Oil price: how did we get here and where are we going next?**

Dr Nakhle is an internationally recognised expert in the field of Energy Economics. Her two decades of experience cover energy policy and investment, international petroleum contractual arrangements and fiscal regimes, world oil and gas market developments and governance of the extractive industry.

She has worked with a range of oil and gas companies (Eni and Statoil), policy makers (House of Lords), international organisations (IMF, World Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat), academic institutions (University of Surrey, Graduate School of International and Development Studies in Geneva), and think tanks (Lebanese Centre for Policy Studies, Carnegie Middle East Centre). As Energy Expert, she is a regular contributor to Geopolitical Information Service and is Program Advisor to the Washington based International Tax and Investment Centre. She is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Natural Resource Governance Institute.

Passionate about diversity in the energy sector, Dr Nakhle founded the not-for-profit organisation ‘Access for Women in Energy’ in 2007, with the aim of enhancing opportunities and enriching dialogue within the industry.

She is also the author of two books: Petroleum Taxation: Sharing the Wealth (2008, reprinted 2012); and Out of the Energy Labyrinth (2007), co-authored with Lord Howell. She has also written numerous articles for academic journals, newspapers and magazines, and is a regular commentator on energy and geopolitics in the international media.

An avid traveller, Dr Nakhle has worked on projects involving more than 40 countries – including expeditions to the Arctic and North Sea – and is fluent in Arabic, English and French.

**Ms. Radia Sedaoui**  
Chief of the Energy Section in the Sustainable Development Policies Division of UN-ESCWA

**Natural gas market: impact of oil price fluctuation**

Ms. Radia Sedaoui is an Energy Expert who has been appointed as Chief Energy Section at the Sustainable Development Policies Division of ESCWA from 1st February 2016.

Before joining ESCWA, in 2015 Ms. Radia was a Senior Strategy and Economy Advisor and member of the Board of Directors of three affiliates of Sonatrach, Algeria’s National Hydrocarbon Company, operating in the Oil&Gas Upstream & midstream and marketing.

Between 2008-2010, she held the position of Director of Corporate Planning after heading the Standardization and Portfolio Optimization Department, both at Sonatrach.

In addition to her professional commitments, Ms. Radia is an active member at the “Arab Energy Club”, the “Algerian Association for Renewable Energies” and the “Algerian Gas Association”.

Ms. Radia holds a Bachelor of Industrial Engineering from the Polytechnic School of Algeria and an MBA from the Robert Gordon University of Aberdeen, UK.