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Alexandria, Egypt

High-level dialogue, bold ideas and shared solutions to shape a more secure, sustainable and prosperous Mediterranean energy future.

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Day 1 – Great Hall – Tuesday 20th October

The MOC 2026 event will begin with a grand opening day of top-level strategic and government-led content that welcomes national, regional and global energy leadership and policymakers to the stage. Taking place in the Great Hall at the Alexandria Bibliotequa, around 2,000 senior executives and guests will be present for this important day of strategic & bilateral panel discussions, interviews and presentations.

Tuesday 20 October - Schedule:

09:00 - 09:05 — **MASTER OF CEREMONY WELCOME**
May Abdelhalim, Senior Advisor, BP

09:05 - 09:10 — **MOC WELCOME VIDEO PLAYS**

09:10 - 09:20 — **MINISTERIAL OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
"Strategic framing of Egypt's role as the commercial and infrastructure anchor of the East Mediterranean energy system"
SUGGESTED THEMES:
- Unlocking the next phase of offshore investment
- Egypt's LNG terminals as regional export gateways
- Policy reform and investor confidence
- Regional cooperation across the Mediterranean basin

Speaker:
H.E. Karim Badawi, Minister of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt

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09:20 - 09:30 — **MINISTERIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**
Speaker:
H.E. Michael Damianos, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Cyprus

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09:30 - 09:35 — **VIDEO ON EGYPT-CYPRUS COOPERATION**

09:35 - 09:40 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY THE HEAD OF NORTH AFRICA & LEVANT REGION ENI**
Speaker:
Diego Portoghese

09:40 - 09:45 — **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY PRESIDENT NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST – E&P, TOTALENERGIES**
Speaker:
Julien Pouget

09:45 - 09:50 — **GLOBAL ENERGY LEADERSHIP KEYNOTE:**
"Building the Mediterranean's Next Gas Province"
One of the architects of Egypt's offshore success reflects on the region's future:
- The future of Mediterranean offshore gas
- Fast-track development and brownfield optimisation
- Regional collaboration between producers
- Egypt's strategic advantage as an LNG export hub

Speaker:
Javier La Rosa, President – Base Assets & Emerging Countries, Chevron

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09:50 - 10:10 — **MOU SIGNING: CYPRUS AND APHRODITE SIGNING**
1. FRA – Fiscal Regime Agreement
Chevron: Javier La Rosa, President - Base Assets & Emerging Countries
Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources: Mohamed Elbagoury, Undersecretary of Legal affairs
2. GSPA – Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement
Chevron: Javier La Rosa, President - Base Assets & Emerging Countries
EGAS: Sayed Selim, Chairman & Managing Director
Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources: Mohamed Elbagoury, Undersecretary of Legal affairs
3. GTA – Gas Transportation Agreement
Chevron: Javier La Rosa, President - Base Assets & Emerging Countries
EGAS: Sayed Selim, Chairman & Managing Director
Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources: Mohamed Elbagoury, Undersecretary of Legal affairs
4. MoU between Saipem and Modern Drilling Company (MDC)
SAIPEM: Alessandro Puliti, CEO
MDC: Tamer Salah, Chairman and Managing Director

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10:10 - 10:15 **KEYNOTE SPEECH H.E. THE AMBASSADOR OF GREECE**
Nikolaos Papageorgiou

10:15 - 10:20 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Ayman Mohammed Ibrahim Ahmed Ateyya, Governor of Alexandria

10:20 - 10:30 **FAMILY PHOTO**

10:30 - 10:50 **OFFICIAL MINISTERIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION**

10:50 - 11:15 **REFRESHMENTS & COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 - 11:45 **REGIONAL MINISTERS PANEL:**
"Building an Integrated Mediterranean Energy Market"
Government leaders explore regional cooperation frameworks.

DISCUSSION THEMES:
- Pipeline connectivity and cross-border infrastructure
- Market design and gas trading frameworks
- Coordinating domestic supply with export ambitions
- Aligning regional energy security strategies

Speakers:
H.E. Karim Badawi, Minister of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt
H.E. Michael Damianos, Minister of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Cyprus,
Moderator:
Jennifer Coolidge, Chief Executive Officer, CMX Capsian Gulf

11:45 - 12:15 **STUDENT'S PANEL:**
"From Today's Students to Tomorrow's Energy Leaders – Empowering the Future"
Bringing together emerging talent from Egypt's seven SPE Student Chapters to explore the skills, ambitions and opportunities shaping the future of the energy industry.

UNIVERSITIES ARE BEING REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:
Leen Atef, Cairo University
Mohamed Eshmaway, Alexandria University
Wael Abdelmotalab, British University in Egypt (BUE)
Mohamed Sakr, Suez University
Mohamed Tolba, American University in Cairo (AUC)
Mohamed Khaled, Al-Azhar University
Adam Hamdi, Future University in Egypt (FUE)
Moderator:
Ahmed El-Banbi, Professor of Petroleum Engineering, The American University in Cairo (AUC)

12:15 - 12:20 **STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT:**
"Securing Egypt's Digital Energy Infrastructure"
As Egypt accelerates offshore development, LNG infrastructure and increasingly digital operations, this focused spotlight examines how the industry can protect the critical digital infrastructure underpinning production, processing and energy security.
Speaker:
Tarek Shabaka, Chief Executive Officer, MCS Holding

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12:20 - 13:00

FOCUS ON POWER:

"Powering Egypt's Growth: Upstream Gas, Grid Resilience and a Secure Energy Future"

A forward-looking discussion on how Egypt can strengthen electricity security through greater domestic gas production, smarter use of data and technology, resilient fuel supply, efficient generation and a more diversified energy mix.

- Upstream as the foundation: boosting domestic gas through better subsurface insight and field optimisation
- Data-driven energy security: using data, digital platforms and AI to improve planning and decisions
- Securing fuel supply: balancing domestic gas, LNG and flexible back-up fuels
- From field to power plant: improving coordination across production, infrastructure and generation
- Building resilience: integrating gas, renewables, storage and efficiency
- Powering growth: delivering reliable energy for industry, investment and consumers

Speakers:
Ishak Saad, Head of Oil Production Sector and Supervisor of Gas Production, Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt
Andrea Barberi, Managing Director IEOC Production, Eni
Maged Mahmoud, Director of Projects & Technical Affairs and Lead Renewable Energy Advisor, Regional Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)
Dechun Lin, Executive Vice President, Earth Data New Ventures, Viridien
Moderator:
Jennifer Coolidge, Chief Executive Officer, CMX Capsian Gulf

13:00 - 13:30

STRATEGIC CONVERSATION:

"Gas in Transition: Building a Lower-Carbon Mediterranean Energy System"

How the Mediterranean energy industry can maintain energy security while reducing the carbon intensity of gas production, infrastructure and consumption.

DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Reducing methane emissions and the carbon intensity of upstream gas production
- Electrification, efficiency and cleaner operations across the gas and LNG value chain
- The role of CCUS, hydrogen and low-carbon gases alongside conventional natural gas
- Ensuring gas remains competitive and investable through the energy transition

Speakers:
Salah Abdel Kerim, Chief Executive Officer, Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC)
H.E Houda Ben Jannat Allal, Executive Director, Organisation Méditerranéenne de l'Energie et du Climat (OMEC)
Mahmoud Nagy, Undersecretary for HSE, Energy Efficiency & Climate, and Official Spokesperson, Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt
Moderator:
Iman Hill, Managing Director & Country Manager, Vaalco Energy

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13:40 - 14:20

MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP PANEL:

"The Mediterranean Gas Opportunity: From Discovery to Global Markets"

Senior leaders from operators discuss shaping the region's upstream future.

DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Scaling offshore production across Egypt and the wider Med
- Unlocking the huge energy security and supply potential to European markets
- Balancing domestic energy security with export ambitions
- Commercial frameworks required for new FIDs
- Cooperation across operators, governments and infrastructure to anchor Egypt as a principal energy hub

Speakers:
Sayed Selim, Chairman & Managing Director, Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company (EGAS)
Samir Raslan, Chief Executive Officer, GANOPE
Olaf Reetz,Vice President and Managing Director, Harbour Energy (JV)
Nicolas Katcharov, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Energean International
Fareed Al Hashmi, Chief Growth Officer, Dragon Oil
Moderator:
Hesham Hendy, Egypt Exploration General Manager, bp

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14:20 - 15:00 **COMMERCIAL STRATEGY PANEL:**

"Financing the North African & East Mediterranean Gas Expansion"

Investors and lenders discuss how projects become bankable.

DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Financing offshore developments and LNG infrastructure
- Political risk and payment security
- Infrastructure funds and PPP structures
- Integrated upstream-to-export investment models

Speakers:
Ahmed Abdel-Aziz, General Manager - Corporate Banking, Debt & Structured Finance, National Bank of Egypt
Hany Esmat Ibrahim, CEO and Country Chair, PETRONAS Egypt
Mohammed Assi, Undersecretary for Financial, Commercial & Economic Affairs, Minister of Petroleum & Mineral Resources, Arab Republic of Egypt
Moderator:
Aditya Saraswat, Partner, Head of Research MENA & Caspian, Rystad Energy

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15:00 - 15:40 **LATE LUNCH & NETWORKING BREAK**

15:40 - 16:20 **STRATEGIC INDUSTRY DIALOGUE**

"From Molecules to Manufacturing: How Natural Gas Can Power Egypt's Next Industrial Growth Phase"

How gas supports industrial competitiveness and export growth.

DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Gas supply for petrochemicals, fertilisers and refining
- Industrial clusters around LNG and port infrastructure
- Local supply chains and fabrication capability
- Monetising associated gas instead of flaring

Speakers:
Alaa Abdel Fattah, Chairman, Egyptian Petrochemicals Holding Company (ECHEM)
Tamer Edrees, Deputy CEO for Production Operations, EGPC
Greg McDaniel, Senior Vice President, International Assets, Apache Corporation
Diego Portoghese, Head of North Africa & Levant Region, Eni
Yasser El-Tawansy, Managing Director, Egypt, Sudan & East Mediterranean, SLB
Moderator:
Iman Hill, Managing Director & Country Manager, Vaalco Energy

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16:20 - 17:00 **"Egypt as the East Mediterranean LNG Export Hub"**

Egyptian and International energy leadership in conversation on stage with a skilled energy commentator.

DISCUSSION THEMES:

- Maximising utilisation of Egypt's Gas Infrastructure & LNG export terminals
- Multi-source feedgas from regional producers
- Flexible tolling models and LNG capacity access
- Positioning Egypt as the Mediterranean's export gateway

Speakers:
Osama El-Samanody, Vice Chairman - Operations & Natural Gas Grids, EGAS
Channa Kurukulasuriya, Egypt Country Manager, Chevron
Mohamed Nadim, Chief Executive Officer, Maridive Offshore Projects
Hany Esmat Ibrahim, CEO and Country Chair, PETRONAS Egypt
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17:00 - 17:15 **CHEVRON – DECARBONISATION LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME: ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

17:15 - 17:45 **TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

- Digital Innovation
- Data Security
- AI and its Implications on Business
- Digital Platforms

Speakers:
Karim Soliman, GM Information Technology & Digital Transformation, Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources Egypt
Ahmed Zend, GM for Digital, SLB
Iman Wafy, Energy Sector Lead, ICT Misr
Moderator:
Ahlam Refaei, Chief Technology Officer, GANOPE

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