



## Call for Papers

### Domestic Energy and Economic Transformations in a Transitioning World

The Saudi Association for Energy Economics ([SaudiAEE](#)) and King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center ([KAPSARC](#)) are delighted to host the 3rd IAEE MENA Conference of the International Association for Energy Economics ([IAEE](#)) from December 8-9, 2024, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

#### **About the Conference**

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, a historical powerhouse in global energy production and supply, faces the dual imperatives of diversifying their economies and managing energy transition demands. A changing global geopolitical matrix, regional economic, environmental, and social vulnerabilities, and the need to address the aspirational demands of a growing population add further challenges for policymakers. Understanding the emerging forces shaping the energy landscape is crucial as the MENA region navigates the challenges of balancing a domestic energy transition while seeking to capitalize on global opportunities presented by this shift. This knowledge will be essential for developing and implementing effective policies. The conference is dedicated to a comprehensive analysis of the MENA region's unique role in the global energy transition. It will examine how the region is evolving in an energy transition landscape and the changing nature of global energy demand. As the world addresses climate change and increasing energy needs, it is essential to examine the vital connection between achieving a clean, stable, and sustainable energy future and the necessity of investing in emerging industries. This analysis will provide a solid foundation for discussions in the conference plenaries and concurrent sessions.

The 3rd IAEE MENA Conference is a collaborative platform, offering a unique opportunity for economists, academics, researchers, institutional leaders, decision-makers, industry stakeholders, policymakers, and corporate executives to actively participate in meaningful discussions and share their valuable research and insights. The focus of these discussions will be on navigating the complexities of achieving the emissions goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. The conference will also explore the diverse energy policies, the associated costs, and the imperatives of managing the opportunities of the energy transition. For more information, kindly visit: <https://www.kapsarc.org/about-iaee-mena-conference/>

#### **Conference Program Structure**

The program will feature keynotes, plenaries, and concurrent sessions. The following plenaries are planned:

- The New Global Energy Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities for MENA
- Financing the Energy Transition in MENA
- Minerals and Materials: The Potential Role for MENA
- Pathways for MENA's Energy and Economic Diversification

### **Call for Papers**

Concurrent session presenters must submit an abstract describing their research or case study. The abstract should provide a clear background and the potential significance of the research, its methodology, and its results, conclusions, and references (if any). All abstracts must adhere to the structure outlined in the abstract template available on the conference website to ensure a fair and thorough review process. Abstracts should be two pages long at most, and they must be submitted online by September 06, 2024. All submissions (abstracts, conference papers, and presentations) should be in English.

### **Important Dates**

- Abstract submission deadline: **September 6, 2024**
- Notification of abstract acceptance (on a rolling basis): **by September 27, 2024**
- Registration opens, submission of final abstract or full paper: **October 15, 2024**
- Conference start date: **December 8, 2024**

### **Non-Exhaustive Topics for Papers**

Abstract submissions are welcomed covering all areas of energy economics, including, but not limited to, the list below (topics related to energy diversification and energy transition not listed below are also encouraged):

- Energy Transition, Economic Development, and the Role of Investments
- Modeling and Forecasting Energy Demand in Energy Transition Scenarios
- Decarbonization Strategies and the Role of Carbon Markets
- Gas as the Energy Transition Fuel of Choice – New Economics and New Geopolitics
- Current Developments in the Oil and Gas Markets
- Innovative Business Models for Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) Technologies (CCS Hubs)
- The Circular Carbon Economy in the MENA Region – Innovations and Indices
- Investing in Oil and Gas for the Energy Transition – Old Challenges and New Opportunities
- Energy Mix in a Net Zero World – The Role of Energy Storage
- Energy Security and Geopolitics – Trade and Partnerships
- Electricity Trading and Smart Utilities of the Future
- Minerals and Materials Needed for the Energy Transition
- Innovations in Clean Energy Financing
- Energy Access – Clean Cooking and Clean Electricity
- New Paradigms – Alternative Fuels and the New Business Models in Transportation Frameworks
- Resiliency and the Urban Landscape
- Global Income Inequality and Energy Transition
- Pandemics, Energy Transition and Decarbonization – Challenges for Energy Policy
- Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence in Energy Transition
- Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Energy Transition

- Energy Transition, Industrial Policy, and Economic Diversification – Competitive Policy Making
- Private-Public Partnerships in Energy and Extractives Industries
- Energy Technologies and Innovation
- The Role of Nuclear Energy in the MENA Region

### **Submission Information**

At least one author of an accepted paper or poster must attend the conference to present their work. Authors will be notified by September 27, 2024, of the status of their abstract submission. The final date for speaker registration and complete paper submission is October 15, 2024. The conference will be a physical one without any online participation.

### **Conference Venue**

The 3rd IAEE MENA Conference will be held at King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

### **Who Should Attend?**

The conference aims to engage a diverse audience with interests in the energy transition, encompassing:

- Professionals, scholars, and researchers specializing in energy, natural resources, or environmental economics.
- Corporate executives and consultants within the business sphere.
- Policymakers, decision-makers, and representatives from international institutions and regulatory bodies.
- Analysts focused on energy and environmental issues within local governments, development organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

### **Student Events**

In addition to submitting an abstract, current students may submit a paper for consideration in the MENA IAEE Best Student Paper Award Competition. The three best student papers will receive awards for original research papers on energy economics focused on the MENA region.

### **Complimentary Registration**

There will be no registration fee charged for attending or presenting at the 3rd IAEE MENA Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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