

International Seminar

Morocco's Role in Fostering Euro-Mediterranean Energy Cooperation

Rabat, 26 September 2014

OCP Policy Center
Ryad Business Center – South
4th Floor – Mahaj Erryad

AGENDA

18 September 2014

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) in Rome and the OCP Policy Center in Rabat are organising an international seminar on

Morocco's Role in Fostering Euro-Mediterranean Energy Cooperation

This event is organised in the framework of the three-year [strategic partnership](#) between IAI and the OCP Policy Center on Mediterranean issues and will take place in [Rabat](#) on [26 September 2014](#).

The seminar will be structured around [two sessions](#) followed by a [roundtable discussion](#). The first session, entitled '[European Energy Security Challenges and Global Energy Trends: Old Wine in New Bottles?](#)', will assess the extent to which challenges facing European energy security have changed in the past 20 years. In particular, it will look into the prospect for better European energy integration and security in light of the deep changes that have been taking place in the energy landscape at the global level. These 'revolutions in the making' are triggered both by technological advances and major geo-political transformations and are likely to affect traditional energy projects, such as corridors and pipelines, in Europe and the Mediterranean.

The second session – '[Morocco's Energy Transition: Achievements and Potential](#)' – will zoom in on the Moroccan case. Since 2009, Morocco is pursuing an ambitious policy of energy transition aimed at endowing the country with a sustainable, competitive and secure energy sector. To reach this goal, stakeholders from the public and private sectors have launched a number of projects in the energy sector. This session will provide an assessment of the achievements and constraints facing them, with particular emphasis on the plans to develop the national potential in renewable energy, mobilise fossil resources by intensifying oil and gas explorations, and integrate the Moroccan energy market into the regional and Euro-Mediterranean energy systems. It will also evaluate the country's prospect to become a global energy platform in light of its strategic position at the heart of the crossroads between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

Finally, the roundtable discussion, entitled '[EU-Med-Atlantic Energy Cooperation: What Long-Term Responses for Efficiency, Competitiveness and Sustainability?](#)', will shed light on the added value that an increased cooperation with the Mediterranean partners, and Morocco in particular, could bring to European energy security. The seminar will be attended by around 30 among key experts, stakeholders from the private sector and local and European authorities.

9:00 – 9:30

REGISTRATION

9:30 – 9:45

WELCOME REMARKS

Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center, Morocco

Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President, IAI, Rome

9:45 – 10:15

FIRST KEYNOTE SPEECH

Country Official from Morocco

10:15 – 11:45

FIRST SESSION

European Energy Security Challenges and Global Energy Trends

To what extent and how have challenges facing European energy security changed in the past 20 years? What instruments and policies are today in place to lessen Europe's dependence on external energy supply? How are changes in the global energy system affecting traditional energy projects in Europe and the Mediterranean? To what extent will traditional infrastructure projects (corridors, pipelines) remain the main vectors of Euro-Mediterranean energy cooperation? Will greater energy availability necessarily mean lower costs for all?

CHAIR

Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President, IAI, Rome

PAPER-GIVER

Marie-Claire Aoun, Director of the Center for Energy, IFRI, Paris

PANELISTS

Marco Berti Palazzi, International Relations and Enlargement Officer, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels

Marco Arcelli, Executive Vice President Upstream Gas Division, ENEL, Rome

Giacomo Luciani, Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Open debate

11:45 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30

SECOND SESSION

Morocco's Energy Transition: Achievements and Potential

Since 2009, Morocco is pursuing an ambitious policy of energy transition aimed at endowing the country with a sustainable, competitive and secure energy sector. In order to achieve this goal, stakeholders from the public and private sectors have launched a number of projects to develop the significant national potential in renewable energy, mobilize fossil resources by intensifying oil and gas explorations, and integrate the Moroccan energy market into the regional and Euro-Mediterranean energy systems. This session will provide an assessment of the achievements and constraints facing these projects. It will also evaluate the country's prospect to become a global energy platform in light of its strategic position at the heart of the crossroads between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

CHAIR

Representative from the OCP Policy Center

PAPER-GIVER	Tayeb Amegroud , Energy Specialist, OCP Policy Center Fellow, Morocco
PANELISTS	Mohamed Zine , Regional Director for Africa at IHS Inc., Geneva Mehdi Chennoufi , General Manager, Atlantic Basin and Greater Middle East, Shell International LNG Supply, Dubai Khalid Ghozlani , Managing Director, EnerGConsultant, Bahrain
<i>Open debate</i>	
13:30 – 14:45	Buffet Lunch
14:45 – 15:15	SECOND KEYNOTE SPEECH Said Mouline , President, Agence Nationale pour le Développement des Energies Renouvelables et de l'Efficacité Energétique (ADEREE), Morocco
15:15 – 17:00	ROUNDTABLE EU-Med-Atlantic Energy Cooperation: What Long-Term Responses for Efficiency, Competitiveness and Sustainability?
CHAIR	Marco Margheri , Senior Vice-President Public Affairs, Edison and Member of the IAI Executive Committee, Rome
PANELISTS	Urszula Pallasz , Senior Advisor, Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels Laura El-Katiri , Research Fellow, The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies Hassan Abaach , Senior Advisor Electricity, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie – OME, France Nicolò Sartori , Senior Research Fellow, IAI, Rome
<i>Open debate</i>	
17:00	End of the Seminar
20:30	Dinner