

The Second Gathering of the Year 2025: The Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council

The Renewed Prospects of Renewable Energy Development in Lebanon at the Dawn of a New Era.

Monday, 24 March 2025- from 02:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Carthage Ballroom- Phoenicia Beirut Hotel- Beirut, Lebanon

Workshop Agenda

02:00 p.m. - 02:15 p.m.

- <u>Registration and Welcome Coffee</u>

The sessions will be moderated by Mr. Pierre El Khoury, Senior Energy Advisor, Secretary of the Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)

02:15 p.m. - 02:40 p.m.

<u>Welcome Remarks and Session 1:</u> <u>Lebanon's Participation in the 2026 Riyadh World Energy Congress Starts</u> <u>Today</u>

During this session, an update on the ongoing preparations undertaken by the World Energy Council to organize the world's premier energy leadership event will be presented. The session will be a starting point for the Lebanon Committee to plan an imposing and productive presence for Lebanese businesses and individuals in the 2026 World Energy Congress taking place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia between 26 and 29 October. It all starts today.

"Inspiring Transformations, Delivering Transitions" Presentation by Mr. Pierre El Khoury, Senior Energy Advisor, Secretary of the Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)

Open Discussion- Q&A

02:40 p.m. - 03:50 p.m.

- <u>Session 2:</u> <u>Revisiting the Forgotten</u>

While the renewable energy market is evolving at a relatively fast pace, some untapped opportunities remain in the dark. This session will focus on the implementation aspects of Decree 167, and how renewable energy imports could benefit from tax exemptions. The session will also shed the light on the great solar potential in the region of Tufail in the eastern part of Lebanon.

"Implementation Decisions of Decree 167/2017: Duty Tax and Income Tax Exemptions" Presentation by Ms. Ghada Daouk, Senior Energy Engineer- Project Coordinator, Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC)

Intervention by:

- Me. Ali Berro, Lawyer and Legal Expert
- Dr. Manale Moussallem, Senior Environmental Consultant

Open Discussion- Q&A

"The Real Potential of the Tufail Region: Targeting 400 MW of Solar Installations" Presentation by Mr. Hadi Abou Moussa, Senior Energy Engineer- Project Coordinator, Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC)

Online Intervention by:

Mr. Firas Merhi, Energy Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Open Discussion- Q&A

03:50 p.m. - 04:15 p.m.

- <u>Coffee Break</u>

04:15 p.m. - 04:45 p.m.

- Session 3:

Shaping the Energy Debate in Lebanon: Reflections on the Results of Lebanon's Issues Monitor 2025

This year's World Energy Issues Monitor includes a remarkable focus on the role of the MENA region. Lebanon's Issues Monitor is a great decision-support tool that gathers the reflections of the country's energy leaders. This session will shed the light on the results of the 2025 Issues Monitor for Lebanon, stressing on the country's priorities and uncertainties, and how these would forge the future of the energy sector for years to come.

"The 2025 World Energy Issues Monitor: The Priorities and Uncertainties for Lebanon" Presentation by Ms. Grace Mikhael, Energy Economist, Member of the Secretariat, Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)

Intervention by:

- Mr. Amer Gharib, Senior Manager- Insights, London Office Global Secretariat, World Energy Council
- Mr. Mohammad Saad, Environmental Sustainability Team Leader, Future Energy Leaders of Lebanon (FELL-18)

Open Discussion- Q&A

04:45 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.

- <u>Coffee Break</u>

05:00 p.m. - 05:40 p.m.

- <u>Session 4:</u> <u>Is Renewable Energy Still a High Priority Item on the Country's Energy</u> <u>Agenda? An Open Discussion</u>

The Government of Lebanon is about to adopt the budget plan for the year 2025 and present it to the Lebanese Parliament for review and approval. This session welcomes the President of the Energy Committee at the Lebanese Parliament MP Sajih Attiyeh for an open debate on the needs and requests of the energy community at the legislative level. The session will also focus on the need to keep renewable energy as a high priority item on the country's development agenda.

Special Note by MP Sajih Attiyeh, President of the Energy Committee at the Lebanese Parliament

Open Discussion with:

- Dr. Joseph Al Assad, President/ Director General of the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC), Dean of the School of Engineering, USEK University
- Me. Ali Berro, Lawyer and Legal Expert

Open Discussion- Q&A

05:40 p.m. onwards

- Buffet Iftar at "Eau de Vie" Restaurant