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MINISTERIAL SESSIONS

**“ DRIVING INNOVATION FOR ENSURING
ENERGY SECURITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND PROSPERITY ”**

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Bucharest, Romania

DRAFT AGENDA (as of 16 Nov. 2018)

9:00-10:00 **Registration and coffee**

10:00-12:30 **SESSION I: THE ROLE OF INNOVATION IN FURTHERING THE ENERGY
TRANSITION AND FACILITATING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

In this session, ministers and other high level government officials from International Energy Charter countries will talk about their long-term energy targets, energy transition perspectives and the role that innovation plays in the path towards a sustainable energy future. The session will be mostly reserved for speaker interventions from senior government officials and high level representatives from international organisations.

Opening of the Ministerial Session

Chair: Mr. Robert Tudorache, Chair of the Energy Charter Conference, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy of Romania

Official address to the Conference: By the Prime Minister of Romania (TBC)

Speech by the Minister of Energy of Romania: Mr Anton Anton

Keynote address: Dr. Urban Rusnák, Secretary General of the International Energy Charter

Further interventions from:

- Mrs. Dorina Çinari, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Energy of Albania
- Mr. Vepa Hajiyev, Vice Chair of the Energy Charter Conference and Deputy Foreign Minister of Turkmenistan
- Mr Mohammad Gul Khulmi, Minister of Energy and Water of Afghanistan
- Dr Joseph Mizzi, Minister of Energy and Water Management of Malta
- Mr. Péter Kaderják, Minister of State for Energy Affairs and Climate Policy of Hungary
- Mr. Hakob Vardanyan, Deputy-Minister of Energy Infrastructure and Natural



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Resources of the Republic of Armenia.

- Mr Samir Valiyev, Deputy-Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan
- Ms Natalia Boyko, Deputy-Minister of Energy of Ukraine
- Ms Megan Richards, Director, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission
- Dr Jochen Penker, Head of Staff Department, International Energy Affairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism of Austria, 2018 Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Hon. Fafa Sanyang, Minister of Petroleum and Energy of Gambia
- Mr Aziz Rabbah, Minister of Energy of Morocco
- Mr Abudullah Al-Akwa, Minister of Electricity and Energy of Yemen
- Prof. Eli Jidere Bala, Director General and CEO, Energy Commission of Nigeria
- Mr Haitham Al Zayadeen, Member of Parliament and Head of the Energy Committee, the Parliament of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Mr. Zafer Melhem, Chair of the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority, Palestine
- Mr Nathan Hernandez, Foreign Policy Officer, Office of Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State of the United States of America
- Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General, Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organisation (BSEC)
- Dr Fuad Farzalibeyov, Director for Energy, Minerals and Environment, Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)
- Hon Sediko Douka, Commissioner for Energy and Mines, ECOWAS

Interventions from other ministers of member and observer countries, heads of international organisations

ORDER OF ADDRESSES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SESSION CHAIR

12:30-12:40 **Conference Photo**

12:40-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **SESSION II: SMART GRIDS AND NEW POLICIES TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

This session will include presentations of multinational smart grid projects, with the aim of demonstrating their multiple benefits for participating countries. It will highlight new opportunities for wider levels of cooperation amongst members of the International Energy Charter in the sphere of smart grids and related innovative energy ideas. The panel will include contributions from representatives of European and international smart-grid projects, government officials and businesses



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implementing smart grid investments.

Moderator: Mr. Howard Chase, Chair of the Industry Advisory Panel, Director of Government Affairs at Dow Europe

With contributions from:

- Mr Claas Hülsen, Business Development Director, DNV GL Energy
- Dr Robert Denda, Head of Network Technology, Enel Global Infrastructure and Networks,
- Ms. Frances Williamson, Chair of the Regulatory and Policy Working Group, ESMIG; Head of Communication and Industry Engagement, Chameleon Technology,
- Ms Megan Richards, Director, Directorate General for Energy, European Commission

15:30-16:00 **Coffee-break**

16:00-17:30 **SESSION III: INNOVATION IN FINANCING, REGULATION AND BUSINESS MODELS**

This session will include presentations and discussions of IFI-led initiatives and business projects supporting innovative energy solutions. The role of public finances to leverage private financing, as well as the topics of risk reduction and the protection of investment in innovative energy projects will also be explored. The panel will include representatives of IFIs, the private sector and international organisations.

Moderator: Mr David Kramer, Head of Investment Unit, Energy Charter Secretariat

With contributions from:

- Mr. Dejan Ostojic, Lead Specialist, Energy and Extractives Global Practice, World Bank
- Mr. Christian Hewicker, Managing Consultant, DNV GL Energy Advisory Germany, GmbH
- Matthew Bryza, US Ambassador (ret.) and Non-Resident Fellow, Atlantic Council, United States
- Daniela Lulache, Head of Policy and Coordination, Nuclear Energy Agency

17:30–17:45 **Concluding Remarks by the Chair** Mr. Robert Tudorache, Chair of the Energy Charter Conference, State Secretary, Ministry of Energy of Romania

18:00 **Farewell Cocktail Reception**