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der deutschen Wirtschaft

Connecting Africa's Hydrogen Projects

Preliminary Program

(as of October 21st, 2025)

Cairo / October 28th & 29th, 2025

Venue: The St. Regis Cairo Hotel (1189 Nile Corniche, Downtown)

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Monday, October 27th

VIP Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 28th

08.30 – 10.00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcome & Opening Session**

Welcome & Master of Ceremony

Claudia Voss

Deputy CEO

Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft, Germany

Keynotes

Prof. Dr Veronika Grimm

Professor of Energy Systems and Market Design

University of Technology Nuremberg (UTN), Germany

H.E. Eng. Mohamed El-Shimy

Minister of Public Business Sector, Egypt

H.E. Eng. Karim Badawi (tbc)

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Resources, Egypt

10.30 – 11.00 **Setting the Scene**

Private Sector Keynotes

Sven Baumgarten

Regional President MEA

KSB Group, UAE

“Building Trust, Not Just Plants: How Local Presence and Partnerships Accelerate Hydrogen Projects”

Andreas Roth

COO

CDM Smith SE, Germany

11.00 – 12.00 **Opening Panel Discussion**

Connecting Africa’s Hydrogen Projects

What role will regional integration play? What can African countries learn from each other? What is next on the agenda and needs to be supported by international partners?



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Taghiya Abeiderahmane

Director of Low Carbon Hydrogen
Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, Mauritania

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Dr. rer. nat. Stefan Kraus

Senior Business Development Manager (Energy)
CDM Smith SE, Germany

Yuri Lengue

Head of Green Hydrogen Initiative
Sonangol – Lobito Corridor, Angola

Moderation: Khadi Camara, Afrika-Verein

12.00 – 01.00

Networking Coffee Break

01.00 – 02.00

Panel Discussion

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Empowering Green Hydrogen: The Role of Export Finance

Input

Kathrin Eich

Global Head of Structured Export and Trade Finance
Commerzbank AG, Germany

Ayman El Moghly

Director of Business Development & Sales
Thyssen Uhde, Egypt

Mahmoud Shehabeldin

Head of Financial Institutions
Suez Canal Bank, Egypt

Tamer Shafik

Vice President - Business Development
Orascom Construction, Egypt

Moderation: Kathrin Eich, Commerzbank



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02:00 – 02.15

Workshop Sneak Peak

Workshop I: Highlighting the Case of Egypt
Workshop II: Legal Framework for Successful Projects

02.15 – 03.15

Networking Lunch Break

Parallel Input Sessions

03.15 – 04.30

Room: Ballroom

Legal Framework for Successful Hydrogen Projects in Africa

This session will explore the development of legal framework for green hydrogen in Africa and exports to Germany/Europe. It will portrait the relevance of legal framework for the business case behind hydrogen projects and give a status quo for a few selected countries.

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LAW IN AFRICA

German / European Regulatory Framework
faced by Foreign Producers

Sebastian Belz, LL.M.

Counsel

CMS Hasche Sigle, Germany

Egypt

Sherif El Saadani

Partner

Amereller, Egypt

Morocco & Tunisia

Meriem Rezgui LL.M.

Counsel-Avocat à la Cour / Berlin-Tunis

Amereller, Germany

Moderated by: Sechy Maropola, Siemens, South Africa

03.15 – 05.15

Room: Beryl

Optimizing Egypt's Competitiveness in Green Hydrogen

The Egypt-focused session aims to present an evidence-based overview and cost analysis of Egypt's green hydrogen (GH2) sector, highlighting key market dynamics and competitiveness factors.

It will showcase lessons learned from successful African and international GH2 projects that hold relevance for Egypt's pathway toward further market activation. In addition, the session will reflect on Egypt's strategic role within emerging inter-African hydrogen markets and its potential positioning as a regional hub.



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Marwan Assar

Senior Business Development Manager
Scatec, Egypt

Dr Regine Qualmann

Country Director
GIZ Egypt

Ayman El Moghly

Director of Business Development & Sales
Thyssen Uhde, Egypt

Engineer Ahmed Mahrous

General Director for Energy Research and Study & Co-Chair for
the Egyptian German Cooperation in the energy and hydrogen
sector (JCEE and Green Hydrogen Partnership)
Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy (MoERE), Egypt

Representative (tbc)
EBRD

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HYDROGEN EVENING - Reception for all participants

Shuttle Buses leave by 5.30 pm – going back from 9.30 pm

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Wednesday, October 29th

09.00 – 10.00 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

10.00 – 10.20 **Opening & Input**

Welcome

Claudia Voss

Deputy CEO

Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft (AV), Germany

African Green Hydrogen Report

“Potential to Power: Advancing Green Hydrogen Across Africa”

Mthokozisi Ndlela

Technical Advisor

GIZ, South Africa

10.20 – 11.00 **High-Level Fireside Chats**

Building Africa’s Workforce for a Just Energy Transition

Dr Ayman Bahaa Eldin

Deputy Minister of Education and Technical Education, Egypt

Mohamed Amer

Executive Vice President - MENA and Green Hydrogen

Scatec, Egypt

Narayanan Valayaputtur

CEO

Egyptian Fertilizers Company (EFC)

Egypt Basic Industries Corporation (EBIC)

Moderation: Claudia Voss, Afrika-Verein

11.00 – 12.00 **Panel Discussion**

Hydrogen and its Derivatives

From Export Dreams to Local Impact: How African Countries will use Green Hydrogen for Industrial Growth

How can African countries move beyond the vision of hydrogen exports to harness green hydrogen and its derivatives for domestic industrialization? What strategies do we need to build local value chains, drive green manufacturing, and ensure that hydrogen investments translate into jobs, innovation, and inclusive economic growth across the continent?



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Ulrich Stahl

Global Project Lead Hydrogen
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Moderation: **Prof. Dr Nicole Graf**, Rector, Baden-Wuerttemberg
Cooperative State University

12.00 – 01.00

Networking Coffee Break

01.00 – 02.30

Chatham House Breakout Sessions

Room Lapis

Follow up: **Hydrogen and the Upscaling of Local Industries**

Room Carnelian

Follow up: **The Connectivity of Hydrogen Projects in Africa**

02.30 – 03.00

Closing Remarks

03.00 – 04.30

Networking Lunch & End of Conference



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