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International Energy Disputes Summit

9TH ANNUAL EDITION

Navigating the legal, security and economic landscape in the Middle East and Africa

Expert-driven, solutions-based dialogue and analysis on sovereign and private-sector energy issues from the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb to Africa's critical energy corridors.

DATES
26–27 November 2026

VENUE
Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, London

FORMAT
Two Days, Keynotes & Panels

CONFERENCE PARTNER

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Our Keynote Speakers

Our keynote speakers join us to guide the Summit, bringing perspectives from international arbitration, diplomacy, construction and the energy sector. Further Keynote Speakers to be announced.



CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

Prof. Brandon Malone

Visiting Professor of Arbitration Law, Strathclyde Law School · Barrister, Quadrant Chambers · Arbitrator, Arbitra International · Advocate, Ampersand Advocates

Brandon Malone FCIArb FRICS is a highly experienced Advocate, Barrister, Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Dispute Board Member, working in Edinburgh, London and internationally. He is a Visiting Professor of Arbitration Law at Strathclyde Law School.

Brandon has a particular interest in alternative dispute resolution. He regularly sits as an arbitrator in domestic, UK and international cases, and is recommended as a global leader in arbitration by Who's Who Legal. He also sits as an adjudicator and expert determiner. He is a FIDIC Certified Adjudicator (dispute board member) and a mediator registered with RICS, IMI and CMC.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lord Iain McNicol

UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Kuwait, Jordan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories · Member of the House of Lords

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride is a Labour member of the House of Lords and, since January 2025, the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Kuwait, Jordan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, promoting UK trade and investment across the three markets.

He served as General Secretary of the Labour Party from 2011 to 2018. Created a life peer in 2018, he has served on the Lords frontbench, including as a spokesperson for business and trade. He also chairs the Nuclear Industry Association and is a Commissioner of the UK Hydrogen Policy Commission. Lord McNicol currently serves as an Hon. Patron of the Labour Middle East Council.

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Nicholas Hopton

Director General, Middle East Association
Former British Ambassador to Iran, Qatar, Libya and Yemen

Nicholas Hopton served as the British Ambassador to Libya (2019-21), Iran (2015-18), Qatar (2013-15), and Yemen (2012-13). He also served in Paris, Rome and Morocco/Mauritania. At home, he worked in the Foreign Office, Cabinet Office and No. 10, including as a Private Secretary to UK Government Ministers. Throughout his 35 year diplomatic career, Nicholas Hopton focused on advancing UK interests and building partnerships, including in some of the world's most challenging environments. He brought his leadership and diplomatic expertise to bear in addressing international challenges and promoting global security, stability and prosperity.

Today, Nicholas Hopton serves as the Director General of the Middle East Association, a UK-based organisation founded in 1961 that promotes trade, investment, policy dialogue, and cultural understanding between the UK and the Middle East & North Africa



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Ismail Selim

Independent Arbitrator; Associate Professor, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Prof. Dr. Ismail Selim, FCIArb, is an independent arbitrator with extensive experience in complex international commercial and construction disputes, with a particular focus on the Middle East, Africa, and cross-border matters. Through, almost thirty years of Professional experience, Prof. Selim has assumed different roles in the judiciary, private legal practice, academia, arbitral tribunals, and arbitral institution directorship.

Prof. Selim regularly serves as legal expert before arbitral tribunals and state courts, such as the London Commercial Court. Under this capacity, Prof. Selim has opined on Egyptian, Libyan, Kuwaiti and Yemeni Laws. In parallel to his arbitration practice, Dr. Selim is an Associate Professor at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

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Peter Millett

Former UK Ambassador to Libya ; Chairman, Libyan British Business Council

Peter served as British Ambassador to Libya from June 2015 to January 2018. During that time, he played a central role in supporting the UN's efforts to negotiate and then implement the Libya Political Agreement which established a unified government in December 2015. He met and built relationships with all the key political, security and economic players in Libya and in the international community. He also managed the return of the British Embassy from Tunis to Tripoli.

Since retiring, Peter has worked as a consultant and adviser. He is the Chairman of the Libya British Business Council, chair of The Human Edge (a mentoring company) and an adviser to the Stelios Foundation.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Christof H. Rühl

Global Advisor, Crystol Energy

Christof Rühl is an internationally renowned economist, specialising in macroeconomics and energy economics. His skillset reflects senior roles in some of the world's most excellent institutions across business, policy, and academia. Christof's most recent commercial expertise is in energy, specifically oil and gas, and asset allocation, focussed on macroeconomic and geopolitical trends. He currently is as an advisor to companies and governments globally and an adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University, New York (since 2019); he was Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School (2019-21).

From 2014-19, Christof served as the Global Head of Research at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, creating and managing ADIA's first global research team and responsible for economic, energy and geopolitical analysis across asset classes. Earlier, he was Group Chief Economist and Vice President of BP plc (2005-14), credited with a significant contribution to the global debate on energy, climate change, and the various links between energy and economic development.

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Daniel A. Correa

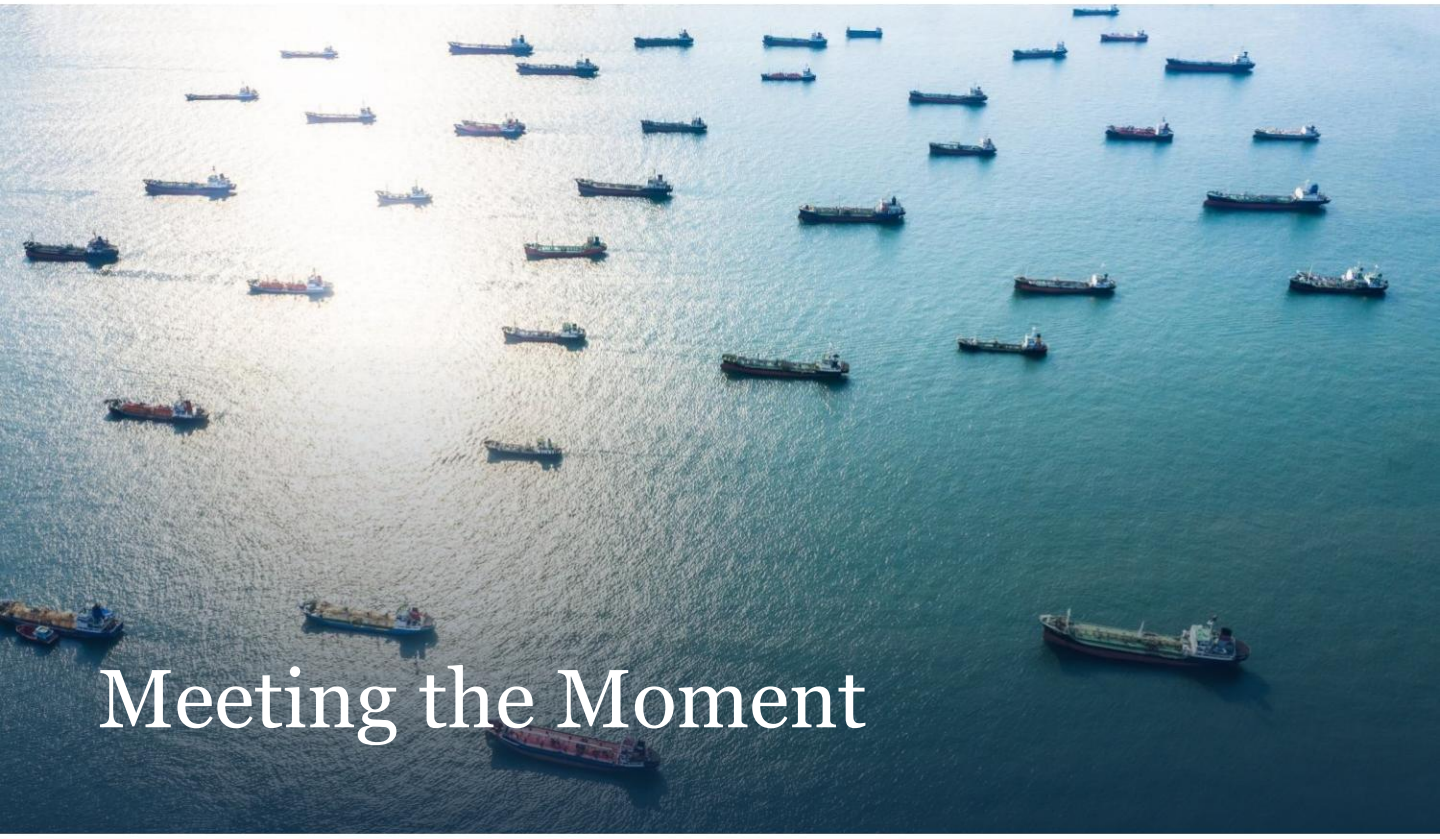
Managing Director, DAC Consulting Services

Daniel Correa is the Managing Director of DAC Consulting Services worldwide. Daniel is a Chartered Engineer in the United Kingdom, a member of the Mechanical Engineering Institute in London, a Member of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Project Management Institute, a Member of the Academy of Experts, and a Member (and Director) of the Expert Witness Institute.

Daniel has been appointed by lawyers, insurers, and corporations in various occasions, to analyse different types of complex claims. In the Construction sector Daniel has been appointed as a Delay Expert, tasked with the assessment of the timeline of a project, both in a prospective manner (to suggest accelerating actions and monitoring of a construction Project), and in a retrospective manner (to examine the actions or inactions that could have generated delays in a project as well as cost overruns).

MORE TO COME

Further keynote speakers will be announced in the run-up to the Summit.



Meeting the Moment

Protracted conflict along the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb leaves the global energy supply chain at an **impasse**.

Producers, exporters and consumers are dealing with the fallout of a volatile global situation. The need for solutions and action is ever increasing.

The **International Energy Disputes Summit 2026** will address the urgency of the situation by driving actionable perspectives and solutions-based dialogue from leading industry experts across a range of vital sectors.

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2
DAYS IN LONDON

200+
SENIOR DELEGATES

30+
SPEAKERS EACH YEAR

PROGRAMME · SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

The Middle East Dialogues

The Summit will chair targeted dialogue sessions for key states across the Middle East, highlighting sovereign perspectives in the context of the energy, legal and economic security landscape.

01
The Saudi Arabia Dialogue

02
The Qatar Dialogue

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The UAE Dialogue

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The Oman Dialogue

05
The Kuwait Dialogue

06
The Bahrain Dialogue

07
The Iraq Dialogue

08
The Syria Dialogue

09
The Levant Dialogue

The integral dialogues will consider the wider implications for the region at large.

PROGRAMME · SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

Key Summit Dialogues In Focus – Middle East

01 After **ARAMCO** cut output at two oilfields at the start of the war, what does this trigger under force majeure in its supply contracts?

02 Idle since 2023 after legal and commercial disputes, the Kirkuk–Ceyhan pipeline between **Iraq** and **Türkiye** is now revived under a one-year deal. What certainty can a twelve-month agreement offer buyers and investors?

03 As **ADNOC** bypasses the Strait via the Habshan-Fujairah pipeline, how do future force majeure claims operate in this alternative route?

04 **QatarEnergy** has lost $24 billion in LNG sales since the onset of the conflict, what does this mean for long-term offtake contracts in the future?

05 **Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's** alternative-route exports remain a fraction of pre-war volumes – how can recovery be ensured?

06 With Western sanctions on **Syria** eased and **Chevron** reported to lead the Kirkuk–Baniyas rebuild, what legal safeguards do investors need in a post-conflict transit state?

07 How does **ARAMCO** navigate the liability risk of attacks on its facilities in Yanbu?

08 If **Oman** reaches a deal with Iran on greater control over vessel transit through the Strait of Hormuz, what are the implications for freedom of navigation internationally?



PROGRAMME · AFRICA'S CRITICAL ENERGY CORRIDORS

The Africa Dialogues

The vital role of African energy for the **global** energy market.

The Summit will chair targeted sessions on Africa's critical energy corridors. We are proud to hold dialogue on the vital role of African energy for the global energy market: production and export, transit and infrastructure, and the legal frameworks that protect investment and resolve disputes.

PROGRAMME · AFRICA'S CRITICAL ENERGY CORRIDORS

Key Questions In Focus – Africa

01 **Libya's National Oil Corporation** has pledged to boost oil and gas production by 2030 - what legal adjustments need to be made to Libya's EPSA framework to attract new investment in both onshore and offshore fields and brownfield sites

02 As **Chevron** looks towards development opportunities across Sub-Saharan Africa – what liability frameworks are needed to govern a multi-state construction opportunity?

03 **TotalEnergies** monetises African midstream assets through a recently announced 15-year throughput tariff deal with **Global Infrastructure Partners,** what happens to this arrangement if production volumes and subsequent tariff revenue, underperform?

04 As **Spain** and **Algeria** negotiate a 10% increase in pipeline gas supply – how does this reshape the future for European energy markets?

05 As **Glencore** has ceded a 40% stake in its DRC copper and cobalt operations, to Orion Critical Mineral Consortium, what legal risks follow this deal?

WHO IS IN THE ROOM

Speaker Profiles

Speakers joining the International Energy Disputes Summit 2026 include:

Dr Carole Nakhle
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Crystol Energy

Jamie Trinidad
Head of Public International Law, Albertson

Ben Holland
Practice Area Leader, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, and Energy Industry Group Lead, K&L Gates

Duncan Bagshaw KC
Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

Tim Fodden
Co-Head of International Arbitration, Boies Schiller Flexner

Jessica Lumley
Director of Sovereign Advisory, Albertson

Nagi Idris
Senior Counsel, Public International Law, Albertson

Clarissa Coleman
Head of International Arbitration, DAC Beachcroft

Joseph Chakra
Regional Head, Middle East, UK Export Finance

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John Gilbert

Partner, Energy Dispute Resolution, Bracewell

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Peter Snaith

Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson

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Prof. Emilia Onyema

Professor in International Commercial Law, SOAS University of London

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Michael Stevens

Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI

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Yolanda Walker

Head of Construction Disputes, UK and Ireland, DWF

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The experts in Saudi success

Adam Hosier

Founder Director, AEI Saudi

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Hadir Helal

Managing Partner, Helal & Partners International Law Firm

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Hugh Fraser

Managing Partner, HFI Consulting

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Global Diplomacy Institute

Matthew Anderson

Chairman, Mauritanian British Business Council

Chris Potts

Smart Currency Business

Jade Wong

Sovereign Group

SUMMIT PROGRAMME

The Panels

Six panels across two days, bringing together ambassadors, ministers, energy industry leaders, academics and international energy experts.

01

The Geopolitical Implications of the Current Iran Conflict for Energy

Lessons from the past and outlook

02

Energy Security in the Middle East

Challenges and opportunities in the Levant context

03

The Importance of North African Energy for the Global Energy Market

Challenges and opportunities

04

Critical Minerals

The African monopoly

05

THE MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Gateway to MENA: Unlocking Business Opportunities Across the Middle East – Rebuilding After Conflict: Energy Investment, Commercial Opportunities and Dispute Risk

06

Hydrocarbons

An African opportunity for the future of Western energy security

PRESS AND MEDIA

Media Coverage

The 2026 Summit will be covered by leading international media, taking its discussions to a global business, legal and policy audience.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Business and financial news

CONFIRMED

Reuters

International news agency

MORE TO COME

Further media coverage is expected and will be announced in the run-up to the Summit.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Interviews

Accredited journalists will be able to interview speakers, delegates and sponsors across both days.

Global reach

Summit discussions reach international business, legal and policy audiences through the coverage.

Introductions

Our team arranges interviews and introductions between participants and attending media.

PRESS AND MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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Sponsorship

Sponsoring the International Energy Disputes Summit positions your perspective in front of the key practitioners and decision-makers at a time of increasing risk and disruption in the global energy sector. We look forward to working with organisations who share our vision and want to help shape how the industry responds to ongoing insecurity.

Visibility

Senior stakeholders, leading practitioners and decision-makers across international law and the global energy community.

Networking

Global energy leaders, government officials, counsel, arbitrators, potential clients and partners in one room for two days.

Association

Brand alignment with one of the most respected conferences in energy law and arbitration.

Engagement

Speaking roles, video promotion and branding across digital and on-site channels, tailored to your objectives.

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Diamond Partner

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- Prime speaking/moderating role
- Additional panel speaking role
- 2 company feature posts on LinkedIn
- Opportunity for corporate branding banners at the venue
- Branding on website, slides, delegate materials
- Access to VIP sponsor area a dedicated suite for intimate meetings and meetings with speakers



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£50,000

(Exclusive Opportunity)

- 7 complimentary delegate passes
- Corporate video (up to 1 minute) featured on website and played on-site during breaks
- Prime speaking/moderating role
- Company feature post on LinkedIn
- Opportunity for corporate branding banners at the venue
- Branding on website, slides, delegate materials
- Access to VIP sponsor area a dedicated suite for intimate meetings and meetings with speakers

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£30,000
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- 4 complimentary delegate passes
- Panel speaking role
- Company mentions in LinkedIn posts
- Branding on website and slides

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- Panel speaking role
- Company mentions in LinkedIn posts
- Branding on website and slides

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Sponsorship Packages Comparison

Benefit	Diamond £75k	Ruby £50k	Gold £30k	Silver £15k
Exclusivity	Exclusive	Exclusive	4 available	8 available
Complimentary delegate passes	10	7	4	2
Corporate video	90 sec	1 min	-	-
Prime speaking/ moderating role	✓	✓	-	-
Panel speaking role	✓	-	✓	✓
LinkedIn posts	2 feature	1 feature	Mention, logo, tag	Mention, logo, tag
Branding banners	Standard	Standard	-	-
Logo on materials	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP sponsor suite access	✓	✓	-	-

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- Cancel between 2 and 19 November 2026 – 10% refund of the sponsorship fee.
- Cancel on or after 20 November 2026 – no refund will be given.

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WHO IS IN THE ROOM

Expertise

Our discussions are guided by leading expert analysis across a wide range of vital sectors to inform actionable solutions to ongoing global energy insecurity. Keynotes, panellists and delegates are drawn from the following:

INDUSTRY & SOVEREIGN

- National and International Oil Companies
- Energy Producers & Suppliers
- Sovereign Stakeholders
- Sovereign Advisory
- Maritime Shipping, Transport & Logistics
- International Energy Consultancy

LAW, DIPLOMACY & POLICY

- Energy Arbitration & Dispute Resolution
- Public International Law
- Commercial Law
- Global Diplomacy
- Defence & Security Think Tanks
- International Academia

FORMAT

Two days of keynotes, panels and sovereign dialogues, closed by a networking reception at the heart of the City of London.

PAST AND PRESENT

Summit Partners & Participants

Over nine years of summits on energy security and arbitration we have worked with and hosted delegates from trusted organisations who have helped us facilitate vital discussions. Some of the institutions and firms that have supported, and participated with the Summit:

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