

A central graphic consisting of a large green circle with a white outline. The circle is surrounded by a white line-art skyline of various cities, including the Eiffel Tower and the Guggenheim Museum. The background is a dark blue gradient with faint, larger-scale versions of the skyline and some geometric lines.

# UAE-France Business Days

Engage and Accelerate  
On the Road to COP28

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

ONLINE

9.00-  
9.10  
AM  
**OPENING CEREMONY**  
Nathalie Amiel-Ferrault, Vice-President - CCI France UAE,  
and Chief Marketing Officer - AJEX Logistics Services

9.10-  
9.15  
AM  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Olivier Becht - Minister for Foreign Trade, Attractiveness and French Nationals Abroad

9.15-  
9.25  
AM  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
HE Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi - UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade

9.30-  
10.10  
AM  
**CROSSED INTERVIEW**  
• Elias Kassis, President Total Energies E&P UAE & TotalEnergies Country Chair in the UAE  
• Ibrahim Al Zubi, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Sustainability & Climate Change Function - ADNOC  
Moderator: Alexis LeCanuet - Regional Senior Managing Director - Accenture Middle East

10.10-  
11.40  
AM  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Energies: How the UAE and France push the sector towards ever greener energies**  
• Valerie Bouillon Delporte, Hydrogen Ecosystem Director - Michelin  
• Stephan Gobert, Chief Strategy, Innovation and Customer Experience Officer - Engie  
• Olivier Peyret, President of SLB France and Director Europe of SLB New Energy - SLB  
• Rajesh Sharma, Global Director Strategy and Energy Transitions Solutions - Schneider Electric  
Moderator: Afraz, Hussain, Senior Associate - Clyde & Co

11.40-  
11.45  
AM  
**KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
Frederic Medard, EVP Chief Finance and CSR Officer - Bel

11.45-  
12.30  
PM  
**CROSSED INTERVIEW**  
**A conversation about the future of food sustainability**  
• Haythem Riahi, PhD, MBA Co-founder and CEO - Circa Biotech  
Moderator: Justine Dampt, Co-founder & CEO - Shake Your Plants

12.30-  
1.15  
PM  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Financial Models to accelerate Energy Transition**  
• Shargiil Bashir, Chief Sustainability Officer and EVP - FAB  
• Philippe Richard, Executive Director, International Affairs Financial Services Regulatory Authority - ADGM  
Moderator: David Chollet, Partner - Accuracy

1.15-  
1.55  
PM  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**How can tech push the Sustainability Agenda**  
• Marc Mosthav, Head of Net Zero Transformation Digital Platforms - Atos  
• Nihal Shaikh, Assistant Director of Communications and Strategic Projects - Start AD- NYU Abu Dhabi  
Moderator: Anis Balla, Senior Manager - Sia Partners

1.55-  
2.00  
PM  
**CLOSING SPEECH**  
Nathalie Amiel-Ferrault, Vice-President - CCI France UAE,  
and Chief Marketing Officer, AJEX Logistics Services

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
IN-PERSON - HYDE HOTEL DUBAI

8.30-  
9.00 AM **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**  
**SECOND FLOOR**

9.00-  
9.05 AM **OPENING SPEECH**  
Claire Boscq - Master of Ceremony

9.05-  
9.10 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS (VIDEO)**  
HE Mariam Almheiri - Minister of Climate Change and Environment in the United Arab Emirates

9.10-  
9.15 AM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Nathalie Kennedy - Consul General of France

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

9.15-  
10.05 AM **E | How to manage carbon emissions in order to achieve Net Zero Carbon capture**  
• Mikki Corcoran, Vice President Sustainability - SLB  
• Jean-Marc Farrugia, SVP- Business Development Veolia Near & Middle East - Veolia  
• Magalie Lemaire, Senior Vice President Business, Gas, Planning - TotalEnergies  
• Ahmed Sfar, Global Business Development for new Technologies in Energies & Chemicals - Schneider Electric  
Moderator: Sonia Weymuller, Co-Founder and General Partner - VentureSouq (VSQ)

10.05-  
10.30 AM **BUSINESS CASE**  
Antoine Ghazal, CEO – Saint-Gobain Gulf Countries

10.30-  
11.00 AM **COFFEE BREAK**

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

11.00-  
11.45 AM **S | Harnessing Human obligations**  
• Mahmood Badri, CEO - GCC Institutional Business - MBG  
• Lemjed Bouzekri, Human Resources Vice President - Engie Asia, Middle East, Africa  
• Mazouz Oumelkheir, Corporate Social Responsibility, Diversity & Inclusion Volunteering platform leader - Etihad Airways  
• Rania Tayeh, Senior Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility - Emirates Global Aluminum  
Moderator: Abeer Al Mehairbi, Founder - Tally&Co

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

11.45-  
12.30PM **G | How can governance support the whole ESG agenda**  
• Florence Bulte, Chief Sustainability Officer - Chalhoub Group  
• Kensuke Togawa, Manager – Risk Advisory - MBG  
Moderator: Nahla Abid, Vice President Sales & Strategy Middle East and Caspian Sea Region - Bureau Veritas Group

12.30-  
2.00 PM **LUNCHEON**  
**CLEO RESTAURANT - GROUND FLOOR**

**CROSSED INTERVIEW**

2:00-  
2.20 PM **The hospitality sector and sustainability: initiatives and call for action**  
• Marc Descrozaille, Chief of Staff to Chief Executive Officer Middle East, Africa, Turkey & Asia Pacific Premium, Midscale & Economy - Accor  
• Abdullatif Albitawi, MSC | MEI, SFIIRSM, RSP | PA-CEMP, Director - Emirates Green Building Council  
Moderator: Walid Daoud, Partner - KPMG Lower Gulf

**MAKE IT TO COP28 TEAMS**

2.20-  
3.00 PM • Sabrin Rahman, Director , Partnerships (Cross - Sectoral) - COP28  
• Doaa Halstead, Lead , COP28 International Sponsorship - COP28

3.00 -  
3.15 PM **CLOSING SPEECH**  
Claire Boscq - Master of Ceremony