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Abstract Submission Deadline Extended to **October 10, 2026**

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Rethinking Energy Security and Economic Resilience in a Fragmented World

The Saudi Association for Energy Economics (SaudiAEE) and KAPSARC are pleased to host the 4th IAEE MENA Conference, organized by the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE), to be held 7-8 December 2026, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

About the Conference

The global energy landscape is undergoing a profound transformation shaped by geopolitical events, disrupted trade patterns, technological change, and the evolving dynamics of the energy transition. Recent developments across the Middle East and their broader global repercussions have reinforced the importance of resilient energy systems, secure supply chains, and adaptive energy and economic policies.

Against this backdrop, the MENA region remains central to global energy markets but must maintain a focus on advancing long-term diversification. The world faces the challenge of strengthening economic resilience and energy security while achieving sustainability objectives. Rising uncertainty surrounding global growth, industrial policy, critical minerals, trade routes, and climate policy has further increased the importance of rethinking traditional approaches to energy and economic policy.

The Conference provides a platform to discuss the future of energy security, economic transformation, and investment. Discussions will examine evolving oil and gas market dynamics, industrial policy, supply chain adaptation, and how these developments are reshaping both energy-producing and energy-consuming economies.

The Conference brings together economists, researchers, policymakers, industry leaders, and institutional representatives to exchange research, policy insights, and industry perspectives, and to shape the future global energy system. For more information, please visit the conference website.

Conference Program Structure

The program will feature keynotes and plenaries, along with concurrent and poster sessions. The following plenaries are planned:

- Rethinking Global Energy Security
- Oil Markets and Fiscal Sustainability in Energy-Exporting Economies
- Strengthening Economic Diversification and Resilience in MENA

Call for Papers

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts describing original research, policy analysis, or case studies related to energy economics and policy. Abstracts should clearly outline the background and motivation of the research, the methodology, the key findings, the conclusions, and the policy relevance.

All abstracts must follow the structure outlined in the Conference abstract template and should not exceed two pages. All submissions, including abstracts, papers, and presentations, must be in English or Arabic. Abstracts must be submitted online through the Conference website, with additional submission information available on the Conference website.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline extended: 10 October 2026
- Rolling notification of abstract acceptance: Abstracts are reviewed on a rolling basis. Authors who submit early will be notified before the extended 10 October deadline. Authors who submit by the deadline will be notified by 20 October.
- Conference: 7-8 December 2026

Non-Exhaustive Topics for Papers

Abstract submissions are welcomed in all areas of energy economics, including, but not limited to, the following topics. Topics related to energy diversification and the energy transition that are not listed below are also encouraged.

- Energy Security, Trade, and Geoeconomics
- Oil, Gas, and Global Energy Markets
- Oil and Gas Trade and Supply Chain Resilience
- Fiscal Sustainability in Resource Economies
- Energy Transition and Economic Diversification
- Economic Growth and Structural Transformation in Oil-Exporting Economies
- Electricity Markets and Power System Transformation
- Natural Gas Markets and LNG Trade
- Climate Policy and Carbon Markets
- Hydrogen, CCUS, and Emerging Energy Technologies
- Critical Minerals and Supply Chain Resilience
- Energy Investment and Sustainable Finance
- AI, Data Centers, and Energy Demand
- Energy Productivity and Industrial Competitiveness
- Energy Infrastructure and System Resilience
- Energy Policy, Regulation, and Market Design
- Innovation and Technological Change in Energy
- Energy Access and Affordability
- Urban Systems, Mobility, and Energy Demand
- Nuclear Energy and Advanced Energy Technologies
- Energy System Modeling
- Macroeconomic Modeling of Energy and the Environment

Submission Information

Those offering to make presentations must submit an abstract that briefly describes their research or case study. Along with an overview, the abstract must include a description of the background and potential significance of the work, methodology, results, conclusions, and references, where applicable. All abstracts must conform to the format outlined on the Conference website. Abstracts should only be submitted through the Conference website's abstract submission system. For every accepted abstract, one author must attend the Conference to present their work.

- Only one paper per author can be presented at the Conference.
- Authors can submit multiple abstracts, but if more than one paper is accepted, one of the co-authors must register to present it.
- The title of the abstract cannot be changed after it has been accepted.

Authors will be notified on a rolling basis, but no later than 20 October 2026, of the status of their abstract submission. The Conference will be held in person only, with no online participation.

Conference Venue

The 4th IAEE MENA Conference will be held at the KAPSARC campus in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Who Should Attend?

The Conference aims to engage a diverse audience with interests in energy economics, encompassing:

- Professionals, scholars, and researchers specializing in energy, natural resources, or environmental economics.
- Corporate executives and consultants within the business sphere.
- Representatives from international institutions and regulatory bodies.
- Policymakers and analysts focused on energy and environmental issues within local governments, development organizations, and non-governmental organizations.

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