

DRAFT AGENDA
2026 Middle East and Africa Forum on CCS | 5 November 2026

Time	Session	Speaker
9:30 – 10:15	Welcome Coffee and Networking	Sign in, coffee and network with attendees
10:15 – 10:30	Introduction and Housekeeping	
10:30 – 10:40	Opening Remarks Welcome to the 2026 Middle East and Africa Forum on CCS. This opening session will set the scene for the day, highlighting the growing role of carbon capture and storage in supporting decarbonisation, energy security and economic growth across the region.	Global CCS Institute Dr Kamel Ben Naceur Member of the Board of Directors
10:40 – 10:50	Keynote Remarks This keynote session will explore the opportunities, challenges and progress shaping the deployment of carbon management technologies across the Middle East and Africa, and the role the region can play in advancing global climate goals.	
10:50 – 11:20	Institute Presentation The Global Status of CCS Report 2026 This session will present the findings of our annual flagship report, including an overview of the latest developments across the global CCS landscape, including updates of the global project pipeline, policy and regulatory developments, investment trends and key milestones.	Global CCS Institute Dr Mohammad Abu Zahra, Chief Regional Officer MEA
11:20 – 12:20	Presentation & Panel CCS Policy Development in the UAE and Beyond Policy and regulation play a critical role in supporting CCS deployment. This session will explore the recent developments in the UAE, including the General Policy On Carbon Capture in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and other jurisdictions, examining how governments are building the frameworks needed to support investment, project development and long-term CCS growth.	
12:20 – 13:05	Buffet Lunch and Networking Break	

13:05 – 13:50	Panel Discussion AI Data Centres in the Region Growing demand for AI and digital infrastructure is driving significant increases in energy consumption. This panel will explore the relationship between AI, data centres and energy demand, and discuss the role CCS can play in supporting low-carbon power generation and industrial decarbonisation across the region.	GE Vernova , Georges Rouhana, Decarbonization Leader Baker Hughes , Ahmed Eldmerdash, Vice President EPRI , Zaid Al Ansari, Executive Director
13:50 – 14:20	Technical Workshop CO₂ Transport and Storage: Standards and Technical Requirements Safe and reliable CO ₂ transport and storage are critical to CCS deployment. This session will explore key standards, technical requirements and good practices for CO ₂ transport and storage, including relevant ISO standards and other international guidelines, as well as infrastructure, storage site assessment, monitoring and verification.	Bureau Veritas , Laurence Boisrame Global Director
14:20 – 15:05	Presentation CCS Lessons Learned: Regional and Global Perspectives As CCS projects continue to move from planning to operation, there is growing value in sharing practical experience. This session will bring together project developers and industry experts to discuss key lessons learned, challenges encountered and insights that can help inform future CCS projects across the Middle East and Africa.	SLB , Amir Hermes, New Energy Business Line Director Holcim , Anna Griffin, Head of Sustainability and Advocacy Guly Cryo , Elie Adaimy, Group Director Business Development
15:05 – 15:15	Closing Remarks A summary of the key themes and discussions from the Forum, highlighting the opportunities, challenges and priorities for advancing CCS deployment across the Middle East and Africa.	Global CCS Institute Dr Mohammad Abu Zahra, Chief Regional Officer MEA

- Programme subject to change. Additional speakers to be announced.