

Conference Programme - Preliminary*

SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2025

14:00 Exhibition set-up

16:00 Delegate registration

MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025

07:30 Delegate registration

08:30 Conference opening and welcome remarks

09:00 Industry sustainability review: Jim O'Brien, CSR Consulting (Ireland)

09:20 Africa cement: strategic developments & industry advances: Tony Hadley, Tony Hadley African Advisory Ltd (Portugal)

09:40 Calcined clay project in Ghana: Frederic Albrecht, CBI Africa (Ghana)

10:00 **Coffee break**

10:30 **Panel discussion: evolution of decarbonisation in the global cement sector**

- Sergio Alcantarilla, CEO, Arabian Cement Company (Egypt)
- Hugo Losada, CEO, Emirates Cement (UAE)
- Manoj Kumar Rustagi, Chief Sustainability & Innovation Officer, JSW Cement (India)

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Panel discussion: advances in decarbonisation technologies in the cement sector**

- Eike Wilms, Head of Product Management Oxyfuel, thyssenkrupp Polysius (Germany)
- André Sybon, Managing Director, KHD Humboldt Wedag GmbH (Germany)
- Klaas Windmoeller, Managing Director, IKN GmbH (Germany)
- Luis Novais, CCO, UTIS (Portugal)

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00 Operational excellence model in cement plants: Nicola Farina, Vice President of Operations, Emirates Cement, EMSTEEL Group (UAE)

16:20 AI-driven predictive maintenance in cement plants: Scott Ziegler, CEO, CemAI Inc (USA)

16:40 Chemical solutions enabling reduction of clinker factor in cement blends: Alejandro Velez & Ahmed Abdel Moneim, Sika Services (Switzerland)

TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2025

08:45 **Panel discussion: circular economy and green finance**

- Amr Reda, CEO, Titan Egypt (Egypt)
- Khaled El Dokani, CEO GCC Cluster, Lafarge UAE & Oman (UAE)
- Marek Stec, Senior Industry Specialist, International Finance Corporation (USA)

10:30 **Coffee break**

11:00 AF strategies in the Middle East: Dirk Lechtenberg, Founder and Managing Director, MVW Lechtenberg & Partner (Germany)

11:20 Advanced material handling solutions for coprocessing of alternative solid fuels: Luc Rieffel, CEO, Walter Materials Handling (India)

11:40 Renewable energy & advanced AF usage case study MEA: Maged Moustafa, COO, Arabian Cement Company (Egypt)

12:00 Plant optimisation and energy reduction using AI and machine learning: Jeff Shelton, Dracyon Corporation (USA)

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Panel discussion: Alternative raw materials and the production of low clinker cements**

- Peter Hoddinott, Independent Consultant (UK)
- Thomas Czigler, Knowledge Expert, McKinsey & Co (Germany)
- Rafael Villalona, Country Director, Cemex (UAE)

15:30 **Coffee break**

16:00 Commissioning a 11,500tpd Cross-Bar clinker cooler: Gowrishankar Ramachandran, Senior Product Specialist, FLSmidth (Denmark)

16:20 The Integration of ORC technology in the middle eastern cement industry: Filippo Vescovo, Sales Area Manager, Turboden (Italy)

16:40 Electrifying the cement's decarbonisation: Bodil Recke, Global Manager, ABB (Turkey)

19:00 **Gala Dinner and entertainment**

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2025

08:00 Plant tour to Cemex Falcon, Dubai

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