

## Virtual Workshop Oil Market Forecasting and Outlooks Agenda

Tuesday, 30 June 2020, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Paris time (GMT+2)

**2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

### Opening remarks

Pierre-Franck Chevet, CEO IFPEN, President, Paris Energy Club

Fahad Al Turki, Vice President, Head of Research, KAPSARC

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

### Session 1 : Oil markets - assessing short-term developments

Oil markets' short term paths are determined by an array of factors (supply and demand balances in the short and medium term, interlinkages between physical and financial markets, geopolitics, etc.). The COVID-19 pandemic severely reduced oil demand in a matter of weeks, leading to sharp and rapid oil price drops. OPEC and non-OPEC countries pulled off a historic deal in April to cut global oil supply by nearly 10%, partially offsetting the impact of the pandemic.

The first session will discuss the main characteristics of short-term forecasts and the tools used to develop them. It will also look at the economic impact of lockdowns on demand and assess the impact of April's OPEC+ agreement on short-term market prospects.

#### Questions to be addressed include:

- *Which methodologies and variables need to be considered when developing a short-term forecast? How has that changed during, pre and post, the COVID-19 pandemic?*
- *To what extent could oil demand recover in the near future? Will this recovery be V-shaped, U-shaped or L-shaped? Will oil demand plateau earlier than previously projected because of COVID-19 and the oil price drop? Will some oil demand be lost forever?*
- *What are the prospects for the United States' (U.S.) oil market? What might the impact of oil price declines be on U.S. shale oil production? What impacts can we expect in Asian markets?*
- *Will April's OPEC+ agreement succeed in rebalancing the oil market by the end of 2020?*

#### Speakers

Hamid Al Sadoon and Colin Ward, KAPSARC

Keisuke Sadamori, Director, Energy Markets and Security, International Energy Agency

#### Moderator

Kaushik Deb, Research Fellow, KAPSARC

#### **Break**

**3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.**

## **Session 2 : Oil and energy markets - unpacking long-term uncertainties**

Long-term outlooks are important in guiding public policies in areas such as energy and climate. The uncertainties affecting most of the factors and variables commonly used for long-term forecasts are growing, making forecasting a more complex and challenging task. There are still questions surrounding the rate of penetration of electric vehicles and the role of other primary energy sources in regional and global energy mixes, the pace of innovation in energy production and use, and fears that the COVID-19 health crisis may divert money and attention away from climate change efforts.

The session will review methodologies used for long-term forecasting, discuss the trends to look out for when developing long-term forecasts and the variables to take into account in order to produce sound and informative forecasts.

### Questions to be addressed include:

- *What are the best practices for long-term modeling? Bottom-up and top-down approaches?*
- *How far can electricity and other renewables penetrate regional and global oil mixes?*
- *What are the factors to watch on the supply side (drilling innovation, offshore, investment cycles, etc.)?*
- *What roles do new technologies such as carbon capture utilization and storage, hydrogen, direct air capture play in deep decarbonization scenarios in the oil sector?*
- *Has the focus on COVID-19 stalled the efforts on climate change mitigation?*

### Speakers

Mark Finley, Fellow in Energy and Global Oil, Baker Institute

Cuneyt Kazokoglu, Director of Long-Term Oil Service and Head of Oil Demand, FGE

### Moderator

Said Nacet, Director, Paris Energy Club

**4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Closing remarks**