

**Press release**

## **PDO partners with the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network to host Executive Energy Efficiency Workshop in Oman**

**PDO, GCC and EU experts discuss sustainable energy efficiency approaches as the key driver for the clean energy transition.**

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), in partnership with the European Union-Gulf Co-operation Council (EU-GCC) Clean Energy Technology Network, is organising an EU-GCC Workshop on Energy Efficiency, to take place in Oman, on 28-29 October 2018. The workshop will focus on solutions and methodologies for the Industry and building sectors.

Currently, Gulf countries face many challenges in the energy sector such as low energy efficiency, a chronic dependence on fuel subsidies and related high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. To tackle these issues, the GCC countries are now embarking on a clean energy transition pathway, which targets more sustainable, efficient and cost-effective methods for using energy. PDO is currently leading the way in Oman in building momentum for energy management and renewables through project execution, opportunity scoping and capacity building. Energy efficiency measures and technologies, including smart technologies and Smart Cities, can play a major role in reducing energy intensity and thus emissions. There are solutions available which are suited for small, medium and large-scale applications and which can be implemented in different sectors of the economy such as building and Industry. In addition, energy efficiency provides significant co-benefits in terms of job/SME creation, revenue generation, interaction with research and development organisations, increasing competitiveness and an improvement of companies' corporate images.

PDO Managing Director Raoul Restucci said: "We are delighted to be sponsoring, organising and contributing to this important event in Oman. For PDO, energy efficiency is not just a "nice-to-have", it's central to our business model and sustainability..

"We are fully committed to reducing our energy consumption and seeking new practices and technologies to more effectively use power in our operations and for potential redeployment to other value-adding sectors of Oman's economy and industry.

"Energy efficiency is essential not only for Oman's sustainable development but for that of the wider world and we hope that this workshop will facilitate new ideas, solutions, contacts and exchanges which are of lasting benefit to the GCC, EU and beyond."

The aim of the event, at the Crowne Plaza Muscat in Al Qurum, is to foster partnerships by bringing together high-level stakeholders from the EU, the GCC and PDO to discuss energy efficiency mechanisms and solutions suitable for the region, exchange best practices and lessons learned and advance collaboration between EU and GCC actors. The workshop will attract high level experts from the public and private sector from both regions, including policy makers, industry experts and technology providers, as well as researchers and academics.

"We are honoured to facilitate this exchange of know-how on energy efficiency policies and technologies with experts from the EU and the Gulf and to engage in a fruitful dialogue that will contribute in addressing common climate and environmental concerns and energy goals." says Mr Frank Wouters, Director of the EU GCC Clean Energy Technology Network, co-organiser of the workshop. "Innovative and forward-looking thinking and sharing of best practices and scientific knowledge will help both regions develop sustainable energy efficiency solutions."

Interested experts can find more information and register at the website of the event:

[http://eugcc-cleanenergy.net/EE\\_OmanSep2018\\_event](http://eugcc-cleanenergy.net/EE_OmanSep2018_event)

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### **Notes to Editors**

- **Petroleum Development Oman (PDO)** is the major exploration and production company in the Sultanate. It accounts for about 70% of the country's crude-oil production and nearly all of its natural-gas supply. The Company is owned by the Government of Oman (which has a 60% interest), the Shell Group (which has a 34% interest), Total (which has a 4% interest) and Partex (which has a 2% interest). Gas fields and processing plants are operated by PDO exclusively on behalf of the Government.
- The **EU– GCC Clean Energy Technology Network** was established as a response to the common EU and GCC interest for strategic clean energy cooperation. The Network aims to act as catalyst and facilitate the development of clean energy partnerships including the related policy and technology aspects among various stakeholders in the EU and GCC countries. The Network is structured around collaboration in five working areas, with Climate Change as a cross-cutting topic: Renewable Energy Sources; Energy Efficiency & Demand Side Management; Clean Natural Gas & related Technologies; Electricity Interconnections & Market Integration; Carbon Capture & Storage. The Network is funded by the European Commission. Its head office is in Abu Dhabi/ UAE. More information available at: [www.eugcc-cleanenergy.net](http://www.eugcc-cleanenergy.net) | [contact@eugcc-cleanenergy.net](mailto:contact@eugcc-cleanenergy.net)