

## Mission COP28—Special Thoughtleaders Roundtable

Hosted by the IEF in collaboration with AEON Collective and the Clean Air Task Force  
on occasion of UN MENA Climate Week

IEF Auditorium, Diplomatic Quarter, Riyadh  
17:00-18:30 Wednesday 11 October 2023

### Introduction

In support of the many government and private sector initiatives that together will shape success at the UN COP28 Climate Conference hosted by the United Arab Emirates early December in Dubai, the IEF will convene a Special Roundtable on Thursday afternoon from 17:00 to 18:30 on 11 October 2023 at the IEF Head Quarters in Riyadh followed by a Light Networking Reception.

Organized in close collaboration with the AEON Collective and the Clean Air Task Force on occasion of UN MENA Climate Week hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, invited thoughtleaders will review potential breakthroughs and collaboration options between governments, industries, and civil society to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emission targets mid-century and deliver on sustainable development goals this decade.

Dialogue will focus on the opportunity to accelerate global decarbonization by innovating, financing, and developing clean energy technologies, related infrastructure and know how that originate from:

1. Initiatives MENA producer countries and industry have launched nationally and across the wider region to achieve climate and sustainable development goals.
2. The role of MENA region collaboration with consumer countries to accelerate and scale economy wide decarbonization solutions.
3. Successful COP28 outcomes that accelerate their deployment on global energy markets to meet climate change and sustainable development goals.

This special session will be conducted under the Chatham House rule to enable an insightful and constructive discussion whose impact will extend across climate and energy knowledge networks, A brief background paper will help to guide this informal moderated roundtable discussion amongst invitees from government, industry, finance, and civil society organizations.

AST	<b>Draft Agenda IEF Secretariat, Riyadh Wednesday 11 October 2023</b>
17:00 to 17:15	<b>Welcome and Scene Setting</b> <b>Joseph McMonigle</b> , Secretary General, International Energy Forum (IEF) <b>Princess Noura bint Turki Al Saud</b> , Co-Founder AEON Collective <b>Kurt Walzer</b> , Special Adviser, Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
17:15 to 18:20	<b>Moderated Special Thoughtleaders' Roundtable</b>
18:20 to 18:30	<b>Summary Findings</b> <b>Joseph McMonigle</b> , Secretary General, International Energy Forum (IEF) <b>Princess Mashaal bint Saud AlShalan</b> , Co-Founder AEON Collective <b>Kurt Walzer</b> , Special Adviser, Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
18:30 to 19:30	<b>Light Networking Reception</b>

### About

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The Clean Air Task Force (CATF) is a non-traditional, fact-based, environmental non-governmental organization dedicated to reducing harmful emissions causing unprecedented and rapid change. CATF aims to build momentum for solutions based on scientific evidence, intellectual integrity, and pragmatism. Acknowledging that climate change is too complex a challenge, the stakes are too high to limit the tools at our disposal. CATF challenges conventional wisdoms and explores every opportunity that offers promise. To find out more visit [www.catf.us](http://www.catf.us)

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