

## OIL SECTOR DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Expert Speakers



#### **His Excellency Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo**

Secretary General, Organization Of The  
Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

His Excellency Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo of Nigeria began his tenure as Secretary General of OPEC on 1 August 2016, and was reappointed as Secretary General for a further three years in 2019.

Over the years he also worked in several key roles at OPEC. In 1986, he was appointed to Nigeria's delegation to OPEC, and from 1993 to 2008, served as Nigeria's National Representative on the

Organization's Economic Commission Board. In 2006, he was Acting OPEC Secretary General, and represented Nigeria on OPEC's Board of Governors from 2009 to 2010.

From 2009 to 2010, he was Group Managing Director and CEO of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). Previous to that, he served as Deputy Managing Director of Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas. Earlier in his career, he was Special Advisor to former Minister of Petroleum Resources and OPEC Secretary General, HE Dr Rilwanu Lukman KBE.

Mr. Barkindo has also been leader of Nigeria's technical delegation to the UN climate change negotiations since 1991. He served as Chair of the Group of 77 and China at the UNFCCC and was elected to serve three terms as Vice President of the Conference of the Parties – COP13 (Bali, Indonesia), COP14 (Poznan, Poland) and COP15 (Copenhagen, Denmark), where he chaired the opening session.

Since his assumption of office as Secretary General, he remains a leading voice in the long standing quest for more OPEC and non-OPEC cooperation for stable oil markets on a sustainable basis.

He is currently the longest serving delegate to OPEC.



### **His Excellency**

## **Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei**

**UAE Minister of Energy & Industry**

H.E. Eng. Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei was appointed as the UAE Minister of Energy on 12 March 2013, where the Ministry's main tasks focus on contributing to sustainable development, coordination and representation of the petroleum, minerals, and electricity and water affairs; and making good use of these resources for the benefit of the national economy. Moreover, His Excellency has been appointed in 2017 as the Minister of Energy and Industry.

Besides his ministerial responsibilities, His Excellency holds the following positions:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Electricity and Water Authority
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of «Borealis».
- Member of the Board of Directors and Vice-Chairman of the “Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation”.
- Member Of The Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority.
- Member of the Board of Directors and Vice-Chairman of “Nawah Energy Company”.
- Member of the Board of Directors and Vice-Chairman of “Barakah One Company”.
- Member of the Supreme Petroleum Council and the Executive Committee.
- Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Mubadala Investment Company.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Dolphin Energy Co.

His Excellency Suhail Al Mazrouei graduated in 1996 from the University of Tulsa in the United States of America with a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was born in Dubai on July 1st, 1973. His hobbies include poetry, literature and history.



**The Honourable  
Jason Kenney**  
Premier of Alberta

Premier Kenney committed himself to public life in the early 1990s as President of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, where he fought hard for lower taxes and fiscal responsibility.

In 1997, at the age of 29, Calgary voters elected him to Parliament where he worked to unite conservatives nationally. During his time in Parliament, Jason was voted the “best overall,” “hardest working,” and “most knowledgeable” MP by his colleagues in Maclean’s Magazine’s annual survey.

Mr. Kenney served as Minister for Multiculturalism for eight years in Prime Minister Harper’s government, reaching out to new Canadians as a strong advocate for pluralism. He became Canada’s longest serving Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, welcoming over 1.3 million newcomers to Canada while implementing comprehensive reforms to Canada’s immigration, refugee and citizenship programs, leading the National Post to call him “perhaps Canada’s best immigration minister ever.”

From 2013 to 2015 Mr. Kenney served as Minister of Employment and Social Development, where he implemented a “skills for jobs” strategy to increase support for skilled trades and apprenticeship learning. In 2015, he served as Minister of National Defence, deploying Canada’s military to combat ISIS in the Middle East, and to Ukraine to help modernize that country’s defences.

In 2017 Mr. Kenney was elected Leader of Alberta’s Progressive Conservative Party with a mandate to reunite the province’s divided free enterprise political movement. He then helped to lead the creation of the new United Conservative Party, and was elected its Leader, becoming Leader of the Opposition.

In April, 2019 he led his party to an election victory with 55% of the popular vote in a campaign focused on economic growth, and advocating a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation. He was sworn-in as Alberta’s 18th Premier on April 30, 2019.