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Today, utilities sit at the centre of some of the world's most pressing challenges. Including tackling the need to triple global renewable energy capacity while meeting the rapidly growing demand for electricity from new technologies including AI. We are also addressing the looming global water shortage, with water demand set to exceed supply by 40 percent by 2030.

The World Utilities Congress brings these issues to the forefront, serving as a global platform for dialogue, partnership, and innovation. Utilities have the opportunity and the responsibility to lead the way in securing a sustainable, affordable, and resilient power and water future for communities across the world.

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Jasim Thabet

Group CEO & MD





EVENT OVERVIEW

Celebrating its 5th year in 2026, the World Utilities Congress stands as a premier global platform uniting the utilities community to shape the future of power, water, and sustainable infrastructure.

As the sector accelerates its transition to clean, reliable, and resilient power and water systems, the World Utilities Congress 2026 recognises that progress requires more than ambition.

True transformation depends on breaking down silos, fostering collaboration among stakeholders and partners, and driving integrated solutions that benefit communities and economies and this is precisely what the Congress is designed to advance.



25,000+

Exhibition attendees

250+

Global exhibitors

1,000+

Conference delegates

500+

Expert speakers

120+

Conference sessions

110+

Participating countries

EVENT AT A GLANCE



Exhibition

A global showcase of pioneering technologies driving progress in utilities.



Strategic Conference

Unparalleled thought leadership shaping the future of power and water utilities.



Utilities Club

An exclusive, members-only forum for global utilities leadership.



Technical Conference

Experts present the latest advancements and applied solutions.



Leadership Roundtables

Transforming vision into tangible progress through utilities leadership dialogue.



Gala Dinner & Awards

Recognising achievement and celebrating excellence across global utilities.



Innovation Hub

Showcasing the next wave of innovation in utilities.



Project Exchange

Connecting industry and finance to unlock investment opportunities.



F.U.E.L.

Designed to empower, inspire, and grow the next generation of utilities and energy leaders.



Utilities Connect

Facilitating meaningful exchange through high-impact meetings that accelerate sector growth.

WHY WORLD UTILITIES CONGRESS



A global stage for utility leaders

Bringing together international utilities leaders, policymakers, and innovators, the Congress offers unmatched opportunities for networking, collaboration, and partnerships.



Driving the energy transition ambition

The event champions bold action to fast-track the energy transition, promoting clean energy, advancing electrification, and modernising grids, delivering tangible solutions to one of the world's greatest challenges.



From ideas to solutions

From smart infrastructure and AI to clean technologies and energy efficiency, the event highlights breakthrough solutions from over 250 world-class exhibitors.



Driving insight through expert dialogue

With over 120 sessions covering strategy, policy, and technical expertise, the event provides actionable insights to address utilities' most pressing challenges.



Powering partnerships worldwide

The event fosters cross-sector and cross-border partnerships, driving holistic approaches to advancing global power and water solutions.



Where policy meets investment

A unique platform that connects policy with capital, unlocking opportunities to build resilient, inclusive, and future-ready utility ecosystems.



\$600 bn

per year needs to be invested
in grid infrastructure by 2030 to
meet climate targets.

SECTOR FOCUS



Generation



Transmission



Distribution



Tech & AI



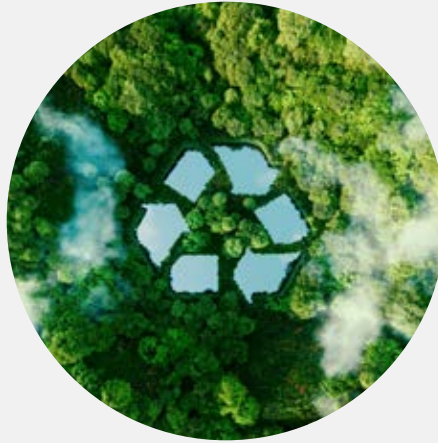
Mobility



**Energy
Services**



Water



**Waste
Management**



**District
Cooling**



**Energy
Efficiency**



**Finance &
Investment**



**Regulation
& Policy**

THE EXHIBITION

The World Utilities Congress brings together global leaders and innovators across power, water, digital transformation, and mobility.

Exhibitors present breakthrough technologies and transformative solutions to a global audience of decision-makers, building partnerships and showcasing innovations that strengthen resilience and accelerate sustainability across the utilities sector.

Exhibitor feedback*

\$316M

of business generated by exhibitors during the exhibition

97%

of exhibitors are planning to return

91%

of exhibitors were satisfied with the quality and number of visitors

96%

of exhibitors consider World Utilities Congress an important show to exhibit

90%

of exhibitors expect a positive ROI from exhibiting at the event

92%

of exhibitors were satisfied with their participation

81%

of exhibitors generated business during the exhibition

80%

of exhibitors would recommend exhibiting to other companies

*Based on 2025 survey results





WHY EXHIBIT

Exhibiting at the World Utilities Congress is your gateway to the global power and water utilities market, putting your organisation in front of more than 25,000 senior executives, ministers, regulators and investors from over 110 countries.

**Position your brand
at the forefront of
industry innovation**

**Expand your market
presence with key
stakeholders**

**Connect with utility
leaders to gain
strategic insights**

**Showcase your
offerings and secure a
competitive edge**

**Capture actionable
feedback from key
stakeholders and
your target audience**

**Launch new products
to a global audience**

Visit www.worldutilitiescongress.com or contact the team at sales@worldutilitiescongress.com to learn more.



\$6.7 tn

investment is required by
2030 to meet global water
infrastructure demand.

SPECIALISED EXHIBITION AREAS



Innovation Hub

Showcasing breakthroughs and emerging technologies, demonstrating how innovations enhance efficiency, sustainability, and performance across the utilities sector.



Innovation Theatres

A dynamic platform uniting leaders, startups, and investors to share insights, foster collaboration, and accelerate solutions for cleaner, more reliable, and affordable utilities.



Project Exchange **NEW**

A dedicated platform bridging ambition and execution, bringing together stakeholders from the investment and innovation ecosystem to unlock scalable funding solutions, mobilise capital, and fast-track transformative projects.



F.U.E.L. (Future Utilities and Energy Leaders)

Empowering the next generation of utilities professionals by connecting students and young innovators with the skills, networks, and opportunities to contribute to energy, water, and sustainability initiatives.



Empowering the Next Generation UAE Utilities for 2025

Presented by the Barakah Youth Council



Dr. Abdulla Al Nuaimi

Barakah Youth Council President
Radioactive Waste Technical Expert, ENEC

Moderator



Mohamed Al Braiki

General Manager, ENEC Consulting &
Strategy Vice President, ENEC

Speaker



Naser Al Hajri

Chief Corporate Support Officer
Mubadala Energy

Speaker



Riccardo Toxiri

Advisor to the Director General
(ENEA)

Speaker



VISITOR OVERVIEW

World Utilities Congress welcomes the global power and water utilities community to the UAE to exchange, network and conduct business.

Attracting buyers and decision-makers from around the world, the event offers unparalleled opportunities to expand networks, discover the latest innovations and identify new market trends.

Key reasons to visit World Utilities Congress



01

Procure products and services from leading industry providers



02

Forge partnerships with industry peers



03

Identify new opportunities and markets



04

Gain direct access to industry leaders

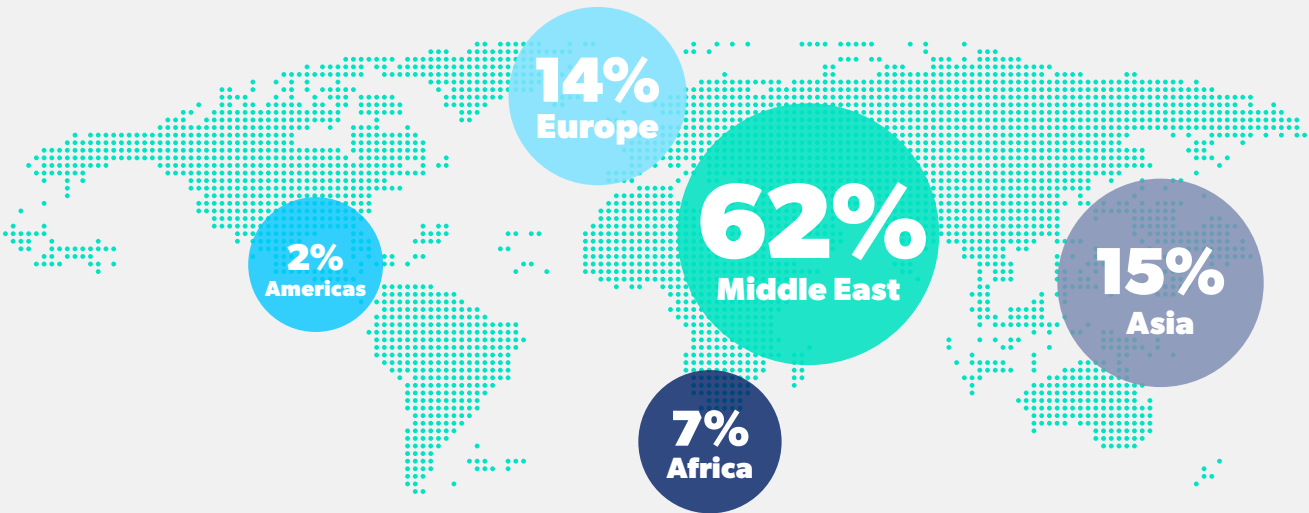
VISITOR SENIORITY



A TRUSTED AND PROVEN PLATFORM



GLOBAL VISITOR PARTICIPATION



*Based on 2025 survey results



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Featuring strategic, technical, and innovation streams, we host over 500 international speakers, from ministers and policymakers to engineers and scientists exploring solutions and collectively addressing the challenges of building a secure, sustainable, and inclusive utilities industry.

20+

Energy & water ministers

120+

Conference sessions

500+

Industry speakers

1,000+

Conference delegates

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The World Utilities Congress delivers the industry's ultimate 'Power UP' experience - a fiercely inclusive, meticulously designed platform where global utilities transformation accelerates. By uniting governments, innovators, financiers, and civil society, it creates unprecedented alignment around consumer-centric solutions.

The Congress's unique value lies in its powerful convergence of three forces: strategic foresight that charts the course, technical expertise that builds solutions, and innovation hubs that propel breakthroughs. This is where cross-sector leaders don't just discuss the energy transition and water security - they activate it through partnerships that drive impact at scale.

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Hebah Abbas
Chairwoman

Kuwait Water Association



STRATEGIC CONFERENCE

The Strategic Conference serves as a pivotal platform for decision-makers and industry leaders to address critical challenges, share strategic insights, and chart a path toward long-term growth for the sector.

Themes in focus



Balancing energy access with affordability.



Mobilising multi-stakeholder action to advance water resilience.



Technologies that matter: digital and technological innovations for future-ready energy systems.



AI's energy paradox: balancing rising power demand with intelligent efficiency.



Catalysing investments through capital shifts and strategic partnerships.



Advancing system resilience: integrating grid modernisation, efficiency, and flexibility solutions.



Workforce of the future: advancing equity and skills for a just energy transition.



Policy with purpose: shaping tomorrow's energy frameworks.

PREVIOUS SPEAKERS

A selection of Strategic Conference ministers and speakers



H.E. Eng. Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei
Minister of Energy and Infrastructure
UAE



H.E. Dr. Abdulla Humaid Saif Al Jarwan
Chairman of the Department of Energy
Abu Dhabi



HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud
Minister of Energy
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



H.E. Prof. Hani Sewilam
Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation
Arab Republic of Egypt



H.E. Mrs. Maria Panayiotou
Minister of Agriculture Rural Development, and Environment
Republic of Cyprus



H.E. Abubakar D. Aliyu
Minister of Power
Nigeria



Dr. Kathryn Huff
Assistant Secretary
Office of Nuclear Energy
Department of Energy
United States of America



H.E. Madam Zhu Chengqing
Vice Minister
Ministry of Water Resources
The People's Republic of China



Hon. Jisman P. Hutajulu
Director General
of Electricity
Indonesia



Jasim Thabet
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Dr. Angela Wilkinson
Secretary General & CEO
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H.E. Eng. Mohamed Al Hammadi
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Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC)



Francesco La Camera
Director General
International Renewable
Energy Agency
(IRENA)



H.E. Majid Al Suwaidi
CEO
Alterra



Adnan Amin
CEO
28th UN Climate Change
Conference of the Parties
(COP28)



**Mohamed Jameel
Al Ramahi**
CEO
Masdar



Dr. Sama Bilbao y León
Director General
World Nuclear Association
(WNA)



Lorenzo Simonelli
Chairman,
President and CEO
Baker Hughes



Shannon McCarthy
Secretary General,
International Desalination
and Reuse Association
(IDRA)



Greg Jackson
Founder & CEO
Octopus Energy
Group



Linda Mabhena-Olagunju
Founder & CEO
DLO Energy
Resources Group Pty Ltd



Eng. Khaled Alqureshi
CEO
SWPC



Myrtle Dawes
CEO
Net Zero Technology Centre



Ben Backwell
CEO
Global Wind
Energy Council (GWEC)

For the full list of speakers visit
www.worldutilitiescongress.com/conferences/strategic-conference

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

The Technical Conference serves as a dynamic platform for industry leaders, researchers, and practitioners to exchange technical knowledge and deliver actionable solutions that drive measurable impact, advancing efficiency, reliability, and sustainability across the utilities sector.

POWER-GEN

- Clean Power Generation for a Net Zero Future
- Smarter Transmission & Grid Innovation
- Flexible Energy Systems with Hydrogen & Storage
- Energy Markets & Investment Innovation - **NEW**

GRID AI

- AI-Powered Utilities & Predictive Technologies - **NEW**
- Smart Grids & Grid Edge Innovation
- Urban Electrification & Clean Mobility
- Cybersecurity & Digital Trust - **NEW**

WATER & CLIMATE

- Future-Ready Water Systems & Infrastructure
- Circular Waste & Resource Recovery - **NEW**
- ESG & Sustainable Finance Leadership
- Talent Powering Operational Excellence



**Up to
175 GW**

of transmission capacity
could be unlocked through
technology and AI-optimised
grids.

PREVIOUS SPEAKERS

A selection of Technical Conference speakers



Mohamed Al Naggar
Assistant to 1st
Undersecretary, Ministry
of Petroleum & Mineral
Resources - Egypt



Muhammad Mehdi
Founder & CEO
Elile AI Corporation



Simon Jagers
Founder
Samotics



**Armin Xaver Saeidiani-
Rädler**
CEO
AC Rädler Umwelttechnik
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Imad Kanouni
CEO
Midsun IKM



Thomas Ricciardi
Commercial Chief Officer
Capture6



David Roberts
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FREYTECH INC.



Carlos Torres Diaz
Senior VP, Head of Gas &
Power Research
Rystad Energy AS



**Maitha Ahmed Al
Hallami**
Project Manager
Department of Energy,
Abu Dhabi



Ben Ernst
Director of Digital
Operations
SUEZ



Lew Evans
CEO
Nexus Resilience Group



Majed Al Marzouqi
Acting Project and
Facilities Director
Tadweer Group



Mounir Boukadidi
Regional Director Energy
& Water
Oracle Energy & Water



Dr. Saeed Alameri
Director
Emirates Nuclear
Technology Center
(ENTC)



Richard Wiles
Middle East Managing
Director
Talan



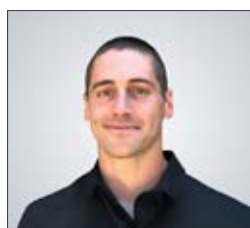
Dr. Titia de Mes
Sustainability Manager
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Babar Haq
CTO
Huawei



George Shrouder
Chief Operations Officer
OMNIPOWER



Kristijan Jarc
Chief Digital officer
Salzburg AG

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As the world shifts toward a sustainable future, modern and climate-resilient infrastructure plays a critical role.

At the World Utilities Congress in 2026, we are focused on building smarter, more efficient utility systems that leverage technology, attract investment, and provide reliable, affordable services for everyone. ”

Dr. Afif Saif Al Yafei

CEO

TAQA Transmission

Technical Conference Committee Chairman



LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLES

By invitation only, the World Utilities Congress Leadership Roundtables will bring together top industry and policy experts in an exclusive forum. These dynamic discussions turn insight into action, driving forward innovative, practical solutions that will shape a more sustainable, resilient future for utilities worldwide.



Focused discussions



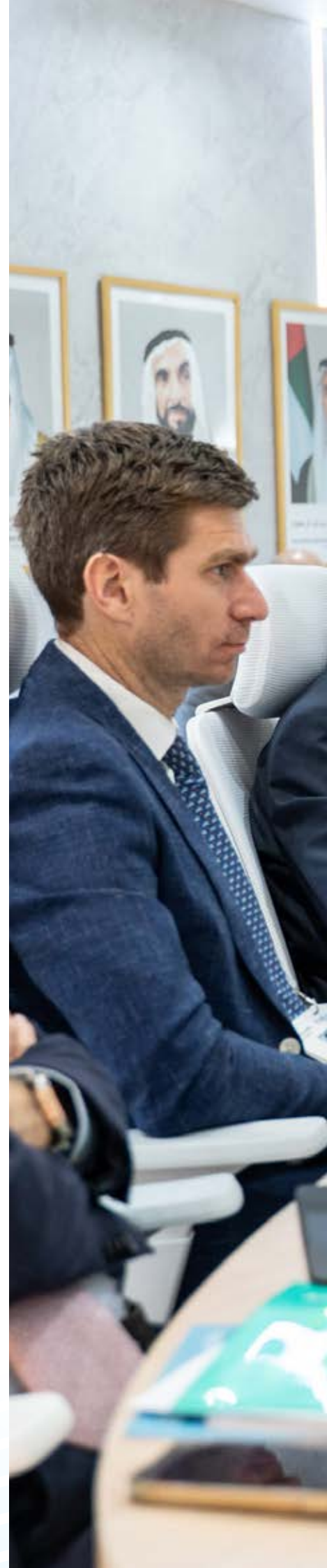
Collaborative solutions



Global expertise



Diverse perspectives





NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Networking at the World Utilities Congress goes beyond the conference theatres and exhibition floor, offering exclusive opportunities to build meaningful connections and forge lasting partnerships across the global utilities community.



01

Exclusive access



02

Business matchmaking



03

Industry recognition



04

Global connections



Utilities Club

An invitation-only club designed to bring together senior leaders from across the utilities community, offering a dedicated space to connect, exchange insights, and engage in impactful dialogue.



Utilities Connect

A dedicated business matchmaking programme designed to foster high-value connections between exhibitors and qualified buyers. This targeted initiative provides a streamlined platform for forging new partnerships from across the global utilities sector.



Delegate Lunches

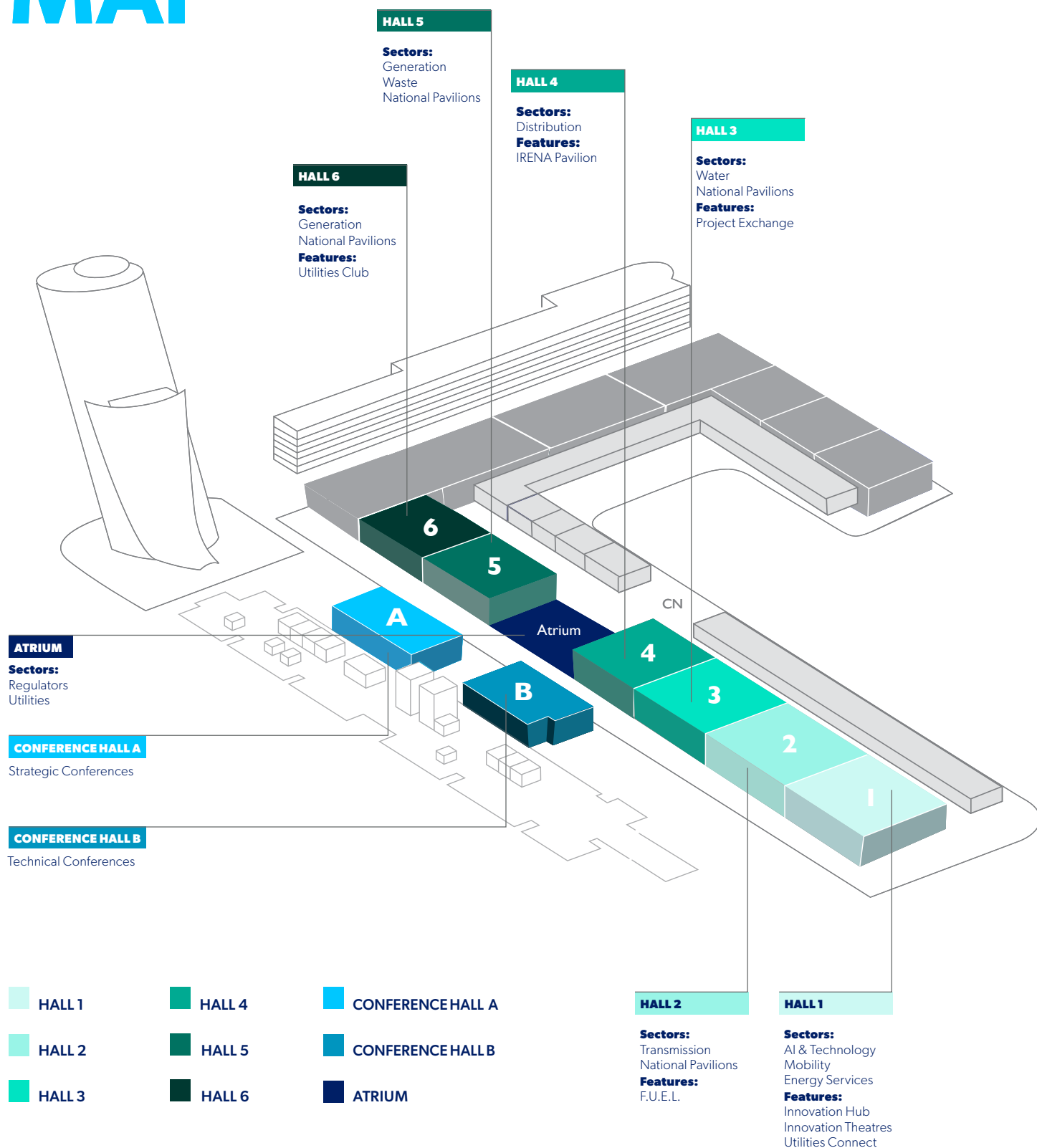
As part of your conference delegate pass, enjoy informal daily lunches with fellow industry leaders, an ideal opportunity to expand your professional network, exchange ideas, and spark valuable collaborations in a relaxed setting.



Gala Dinner & Awards **NEW**

An evening of celebration and connection, bringing together global leaders, innovators, and visionaries to honor the industry's achievements while fostering meaningful relationships.

VENUE MAP



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