

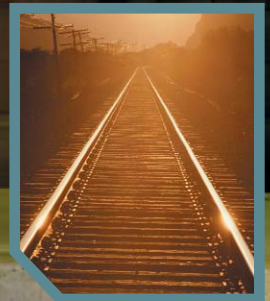
Sunday 12th & Monday 13th December 2004

Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort & Spa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Middle East Rail Projects

**Discover emerging opportunities in the
region's rapidly developing rail sector**



Updated programme

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Eng. Mourhaf Sabouni, General Secretary, **ARAB UNION OF RAILWAYS**

David White, Rail Sector Project Manager, Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction Programme, **BECHTEL**

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Discover emerging opportunities in the region

Day One - Sunday 12th December 2004

Exploring all you need to know about regional rail developments

Middle East Rail Projects offers a comprehensive review of the opportunities emerging in the regional rail sector in 2004 and beyond. This two-day event will be the most authoritative rail conference of the year, covering urban and intra-urban projects and featuring all the major players shaping railways across North Africa, the Mashreq, the Arabian Peninsula and Iran.

Bringing you frontline news on the region's major urban and intra-urban rail projects

Whether you are an established player operating in the region or keen to develop an interest, here are some of the key benefits of attending:

- ▶ **Secure** critical intelligence on the region's major rail projects
- ▶ **Discover** emerging opportunities in existing rail systems
- ▶ **Question** the leading figures in regional rail
- ▶ **Exchange** ideas and network with your peers and key decision-makers

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08:00 Registration

09:00 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Edmund O'Sullivan, Editorial Director
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09:10 **Keynote speech**
The Arab railways network:
"Horizons ... and future"
Eng. Mourhaf Sabouni, General Secretary
ARAB UNION OF RAILWAYS

Urban rail projects across the region

09:40 **Examining Dubai's plans to develop an extensive light rail network**

- ▶ Exploring the challenges facing city planners and identifying the need for a light rail system in Dubai
- ▶ Outlining the planned stages of development
- ▶ Forecasting future opportunities for involvement in the region's largest light rail project
Eng. Nasser Ahmed Saeed, General Coordinator
DUBAI LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

10:20 Morning refreshments

10:50 **Establishing an urban transport system in Riyadh**

- ▶ Developing the Riyadh Light Railway Scheme and identifying challenges and opportunities
- ▶ Creating an appropriate financial scheme for project development
- ▶ Preparing for future population growth and increasing demand for public transport
Representative from **SEMALY**

11:30 **Case study: Houston MetroRail**

- ▶ Looking at the similarities in the challenges facing Houston and the Middle East
- ▶ Overcoming geographical and climatic issues
- ▶ Operating successfully in an automobile-focused environment
Müslüm Yakisan, Project Director Houston LRT Project and Director of Sales, Turkey
SIEMENS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

12:00 **Dual presentation**

Providing for the future and building on past success: a look at metro projects across Iran

- ▶ Looking at the various urban rail projects underway in Iran
- ▶ Building on the success of the Tehran Metro
- ▶ Exploring expansion and growth plans
Mohsen Hashemi, Chairman
TEHRAN URBAN & SUBURBAN RAILWAY COMPANY
Eng. Farajollah Rajabi, Managing Director
SHIRAZ URBAN RAILWAY ORGANISATION

12:40 Lunch

14:10 **Exploring the challenges and opportunities arising from the expansion of the Cairo Metro**

- ▶ Status report: Cairo's subway system
- ▶ Looking at the planned expansion of the Cairo Metro

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- Examining future metro development potential in the region's largest city
Eng. Saad Hassan Shehata, Authority Chairman
NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR TUNNELS, EGYPT

14:50 Status report: Tunis Metro development

- Looking at the existing five-line light rail system
- Reaching full capacity: examining the need for expansion
- Creating a transport master plan incorporating metro development

15:10 Status report: Algiers Metro development

- Developing suburban railway lines in the city
- Considering extra anti-terrorism security measures
- Identifying future expansion opportunities
Representative from SYSTRA

15:30 Afternoon refreshments

16:00 Panel discussion

Financing rail projects in the Middle East

- Mapping the project finance environment for rail projects
- Developing the role of the private sector
- Exploring the potential for public-private partnerships
Sanjay Vig, Senior Vice President & Head – Capital Markets
EMIRATES FINANCIAL SERVICES, EMIRATES BANK GROUP
Nicholas C. Hegarty, Managing Director, Middle East & North Africa
BARCLAYS CAPITAL
Brian Marshall, Division Director, Investment Banking Group
MACQUARIE BANK

16:50 Understanding the implications of the EuroMed Transport Project for regional railways

- Outlining the EuroMed Transport Project
- Identifying the problems associated with harmonisation and de-regulation of railway policy
- Improving and enhancing railway systems across the region
Ralf Kaltheier, Project Director
EUROMED TRANSPORT PROJECT

17:30 Chairman's closing remarks

17:40 Evening reception

Day Two - Monday 13th December 2004

09:00 Chairman's opening remarks

09:10 Moving towards the creation of a regional network: the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq

- Establishing a long-term plan for the multi-billion dollar Middle East railway network
- Problems facing the development of Middle East railways
- Identifying the links that need to be created
- Developing railway links to improve intra-regional trade and cooperation
Dr. Nabil Safwat, Team Leader, Transport, Globalisation and Regional Integration Division
UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (UN-ESCWA)

Intra-urban rail projects across the region

09:50 Looking at the change in attitudes towards railways in Saudi Arabia

- Examining the impetus behind the massive interest in establishing a rail network in the Kingdom
- Presenting the Saudi Landbridge Project
- Exploring the minerals railway project
H.E. Eng. Khaled al-Yahya, President
SAUDI RAILWAYS ORGANISATION

10:30 Morning refreshments

11:00 Iran: Looking at the world's second largest rail expansion programme

- Exploring Iran's vast 10,000km rail network
- Looking at plans to add an additional 3,300km of track
- Determining the need for future developments
Abbas Ghorbanalibeik, Vice President, Planning and International Affairs
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN RAILWAYS

11:40 Modernising the Hijaz Railway

- Outlining Syria's first build-operate-transfer (BOT) contract
- Providing a high-speed rail link from the city centre to Damascus International Airport
- Paving the way for future railway developments in Syria

12:20 Lunch

13:50 Looking at the revitalisation of Jordan's railway network

- Examining Jordan's vital role in the creation of a Middle East network
- Upgrading studies to develop the national railway network
- Privatising the Aqaba Railway Corporation
Eng. Laith Dababneh, Director - Multi Transport Department
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, JORDAN

14:30 Rehabilitating and resurrecting Iraq's railways

- Providing a summary of the existing 2,200km network
- Highlighting priority areas of investment
- Creating a network and developing new lines to sustain future economic growth
David White, Rail Sector Project Manager, Iraq Infrastructure Reconstruction Programme
BECHTEL

15:10 Egypt: Developing one of the region's largest and heavily used rail networks

- Looking at opportunities arising from upgrading the current 9500km rail network
- Ensuring the reliability of overall safety and technical systems
- Developing urban and intra-urban rail projects to cater for an ever-increasing population

15:50 Chairman's closing remarks and close of conference

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