10:00 hrs. Opening Session
Attendance: All OPEC Heads of Delegation and Delegates

12:00 hrs. Closed Session
Attendance: All OPEC Heads of Delegation and the Secretary General

16:00 hrs. Press Conference
Given by the President of the OPEC Conference and the Secretary General

Note: All events will take place at the OPEC Secretariat.
OPEC’S FORMATION

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a permanent, intergovernmental organization created at the Baghdad Conference on 10–14 September 1960 by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. The five Founding Members were later joined by nine other Members (see table below). In accordance with its Statute, the mission of OPEC is to coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of its Member Countries and ensure the stabilization of oil markets in order to secure an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consumers, a steady income to producers and a fair return on capital for those investing in the petroleum industry. The Statute also stipulates that ‘any country with a substantial net export of crude petroleum, which has fundamentally similar interests to those of Member Countries, may become a Full Member of the Organization, if accepted by a majority of three-fourths of Full Members, including the concurring votes of all Founder Members’.

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*Ecuador suspended its membership in December 1992 and reactivated it in October 2007.

**NB:**

*Indonesia*, which became a Full Member in 1962, suspended its membership in December 2008.

*Gabon*, which became a Full Member in 1975, terminated its membership with effect from 1 January 1995.
**ALGERIA**

**Dr Youcef Yousfi**  
*Minister of Energy*

Area: 2,382,000 sq km  
Capital: Algiers  
Official language: Arabic  
Joined OPEC: 1969  
National Oil Company: Sonatrach  
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+213 21 54 70 00  
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Family name: Yousfi  
First name: Youcef  
Date of birth: 1941  

Education:  
Diploma in Economics  
Chemical Engineer, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Industries Chimiques, Nancy, France  
PhD in Physics, University of Nancy, France

Posts held:  
Lecturer and then professor of chemical engineering, University of Algiers (USTHB), Algeria 1973–78  
Advisor, Ministry of Energy and Industry, 1973–78  
Vice President in Charge of Marketing, National Oil Company, Sonatrach, Algeria, 1979  
Director General (CEO), Sonatrach, 1985  
President of the Board, State Holding for “Mines, Hydrocarbons et Hydraulics”, 1988  
Director, Office of the President of the Republic, Republic of Algeria, 1996  
Elected as Member of the National Popular Assembly (Parliament), 1997  
Minister of Energy and Mines, 1997–99  
President of the OPEC Conference, 1998–99  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1999–2000  
Minister Delegate, Office of the Prime Minister, 2000–01  
Ambassador to Ottawa, Canada, 2001–05  
Permanent Representative of Algeria to the UN, New York (USA), 2006–08  
Ambassador to Tunisia, 2008–10  
Minister of Energy, June 2010 to date*

*The Ministry of Energy and Mines was renamed in June 2014.*
Family name: Botelho de Vasconcelos
First name: José Maria
Country of birth: Angola
Posts held: Technical Electrical Engineer, Industrial Technology Institute of Luanda, 1974
Engineer Maintenance Technician, Cabinda Gulf Oil Company, 1974–76
Marketing of Derivatives of Petroleum, Belgium, 1976
Lubrication and Application of Lubricants, Shell France, 1981
Chairman of the Committee of SADC Ministers of Energy, SADC National Committee, 1999–2000
Minister of Petroleum, 1999–2002
Minister of Energy and Water, 2002–08
Minister of Petroleum, October 2008 to date
Eng. Pedro Merizalde-Pavón  
*Minister of Non-Renewable Natural Resources*

**Area:** 256,370 sq km  
**Capital:** Quito  
**Official language:** Spanish  
**Joined OPEC:** 1973  
**Suspended membership:** Dec 1992–Oct 2007  
**NOC:** Petroecuador  
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**First name:** Pedro Kleber  
**Date of birth:** 11 April 1952  
**Education:** Petroleum Engineer, Universidad Central del Ecuador, Quito, Ecuador  
MBA, Escuela Politécnica del Ejercito, Quito, Ecuador  

**Posts held:**  
Corrosion Engineer, Maintenance Supervisor, Superintendent of Operations and Maintenance of SOTE, Texaco Petroleum Co., 1977–91  
Pipeline manager, Petroecudor, 1991–96  
Engineering Chief, Osensa, S.A. (Colombia), 1996–97  
Consultant, Engineering Corps of the Army, 1998–99  
Consultant, Azul (Oil Services Company), 1999–2000  
Construction Manager of Amazonas and Cayagama pumping stations, Operational Manager of Esmeraldas Maritime Terminal, Heavy Crude Oil Pipeline, OCP, 2001–03  
Engineering Manager, OXXO, 2004–06  
President of the Board of Directors of EmelSucumbios and Member of the Board of Termoemeraldas, Solidarity Fund of Ecuador, March–December 2007  
Executive Officer, CNEL Sucumbios Regional Electric company, January 2008–January 2010  
Oil Pipeline Specialist, Hydroelectric Project, Coca Codo Sinclair, January–October 2010  
Ministerial Oil Advisor, Coordination Ministry for Strategic Sectors, October 2011–July 2011  
Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Refinery Project, July 2011–May 2013  
Minister of Non-Renewable Natural Resources, April 2013 to date
IR IRAN

Eng. Bijan Namdar Zangeneh
Minister of Petroleum

Area: 1,648,000 sq km
Capital: Tehran
Official language: Farsi
Joined OPEC: Founder Member
NOC: National Iranian Oil Company
http://en.nioc.ir
Tel: +98 21 88 94 67 37

Family name: Namdar Zangeneh
First name: Bijan
Date of birth: 1952
Education: Masters Degree in Civil Engineering, University of Tehran, 1977
Posts held: Deputy Minister, Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Islamic Guidance, 1981–83
Member of the Central Council of Jehad Sazandegi (Construction Jehad), 1982–83
Member of the Economic Council, 1981–2004
Member of the National Expediency Assembly, 1997–2011
Minister of Jehad Sazandegi, 1983–88
Minister of Energy, 1988–97
Minister of Petroleum, 1997–2005
Minister of Petroleum, August 2013 to date
IRAQ

Adil Abd Al-Mahdi
Minister of Oil

Area: 438,000 sq km
Capital: Baghdad
Official language: Arabic
Joined OPEC: Founder Member
NOC: Iraq National Oil Company
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Family name: Abd Al-Mahdi
First name: Adil
Date of birth: 1942
Place of birth: Baghdad, Iraq

Education: BA in Economics, University of Baghdad, Iraq, 1963
Master’s Degree in Political Science, International Institute of Public Management, Paris, France, 1969
Master’s Degree in Economics, University of Poitiers, France, 1972

Posts held: Researcher, Regional Center of Research, University of Poitiers, France
Third Secretary, Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1965–69
Head of the Department of Economics, National Institute of Arabic Development, 1973–82
Head, Centre d’Etudes et de Documentation Islamique
Alternate Member of the Iraqi Governing Council, May 2003–June 2004
Minister of Finance, June 2004–April 2005
Vice President of the Republic of Iraq, 2005–11
Minister of Oil, October 2014 to date
Family name: Al-Omair
First name: Ali Saleh
Education: BSc, Chemistry, Kuwait University, Kuwait, 1982
MSc, Analytical Chemistry, University of Kent, UK, 1986
PhD, Analytical Chemistry, University of Kent, UK, 1990
Posts held: Faculty Member at Al-Ain University, UAE, 1990–91
Seconded Lecturer at Kuwait University, 1992–93
Seconded Lecturer at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET), Kuwait, 1994–96
Director of Laboratories at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, 1996–2006
Member of the Kuwait National Assembly (KNA), 2006–14
Minister of Oil and Chairman of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, January 2014
Minister of State for the National Assembly, State of Kuwait, January 2014
Minister of Oil, January 2014 to date
LIBYA

Omar Ali ElShakmak
Acting Minister of Oil and Gas
President of the OPEC Conference

Area: 1,760,000 sq km
Capital: Tripoli
Official language: Arabic
Joined OPEC: 1962
NOC: National Oil Corporation
Tel: +218 21 44 46 181

Family name: ElShakmak
First name: Omar Ali

Posts held:
Libyan Government Audit Bureau, 1973–1977
Finance and Administration, Libyan National Oil Corporation (NOC), 1977–1997
Chief Executive Officer, Jawaby Oil Services, London, UK, 2008–2009
Deputy Oil and Finance Minister, Libyan National Transitional Council, and Deputy Oil and Gas Minister in subsequent governments, 2011–2014
Acting Minister of Oil and Gas, February 2014 to date
Mrs Diezani Alison-Madueke, CON
Minister of Petroleum Resources and Alternate President of the OPEC Conference

Area: 924,000 sq km
Capital: Abuja
Official language: English
Joined OPEC: 1971
NOC: Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation
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First names: Diezani Kogbeni
Date of birth: 6 December 1960
Place of birth: Port-Harcourt, Rivers State
Education: BArch, Howard University, Washington, DC (USA)
MBA, Judge Institute of Management, University of Cambridge, UK, 2003
Posts held: Worked for Charles Szoradi Architects, Washington, DC
Project Engineer, American Interior Builders, Inc., Washington, DC
Design Coordinator, Furman Construction Management, Inc., Rockville, Maryland
Project Manager, Howard University, Washington, DC
Member, Planning and Development Team, Howard University, Washington, DC
Head of Project Unit, Estate Development Division, Shell Petroleum Company, Lagos, Nigeria
Head of Corporate Issues Identification & Management Department, External Affairs Directorate, Shell Petroleum Company, Lagos, Nigeria
Senior JV Relations Adviser for Strategy and Planning, Shell Petroleum Company, Lagos, Nigeria
Lead Ventures Relation Adviser, Shell Petroleum Company, Lagos, Nigeria
External Affairs Director, Board of Shell Petroleum Development Company Nigeria Limited, 2006
Minister of Transportation, July 2007
Minister of Mines and Steel Development, December 2008
Minister of Petroleum Resources, April 2010 to date
Dr Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada
Minister of Energy and Industry

Family name: Al-Sada
First name: Mohammed Bin Saleh
Education: BSc in Marine Science and Geology, Qatar University
PhD, University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, UK
Posts held: Vice-Chairman of the Board, Qatar Steel Company
Chairman of the Board of Qatar Chemicals Company, QatarGas, Qatar International Petroleum
Marketing Company Ltd., Qatar Petroleum International and ASTAD Project Management
Technical Director, Qatar Petroleum
Managing Director, RasGas Company Limited
Minister of State for Energy & Industry Affairs, April 2007–10
Minister of Energy & Industry, January 2011 to present
Managing Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Qatar Petroleum,
February 2011 to present
Chairman of the Board of Directors, RasGas Company Limited, February 2011 to present

Area: 11,000 sq km
Capital: Doha
Official language: Arabic
Joined OPEC: 1961
NOC: Qatar Petroleum
www.qp.com.qa
Tel: +974 44 40 20 00
Fax: +974 44 83 11 25
SAUDI ARABIA

Ali I. Naimi
Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources

Area: 2,150,000 sq km  
Capital: Riyadh  
Official language: Arabic  
Joined OPEC: Founder Member  
NOC: Saudi Aramco  
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Tel: +966 3 872 01 15  
Fax: +966 3 873 81 90

Family name: Naimi
First name: Ali Ibrahim
Date of birth: 2 August 1935
Place of birth: Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia
Education: International College, Beirut and American University, Beirut, Lebanon, 1956–63  
BSc, Geology, Lehigh University, Pennsylvania (USA), 1962  
MSc, Geology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California (USA), 1963
Posts held: Worked with Aramco from 1947 onward as Foreman, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Manager  
Assistant Geologist, Aramco Exploration Department, 1953  
Hydrologist, Geologist, Aramco, 1963–67  
Economics and Public Relations Department and Abqaiq Producing Division, Aramco, 1967–69  
Vice President, Aramco, 1975  
Senior Vice President, Aramco, 1978  
Elected Aramco Director in 1980  
Executive Vice President, Operations, Aramco, 1982  
Company President, 1984  
Chief Executive Officer, Aramco, 1988  
Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, August 1995 to date
United Arab Emirates
Area: 84,000 sq km
Capital: Abu Dhabi
Official language: Arabic
Joined OPEC: 1967
NOC: Abu Dhabi National Oil Company
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Fax: +971 2 602 33 89

Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei
Minister of Energy

Family name: Al Mazrouei
First name: Suhail Mohamed
Education: BSc in Petroleum Engineering, Tulsa University, Oklahoma, (USA), 1996
Posts held: Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)
Abu Dhabi Marine Operation Company (ADMA OPCO)
Zakum Development Company (ZADCO), March 2013
Deputy CEO and Executive Vice President of Mubadala Petroleum, 2007–13
Minister of Energy, April 2013 to date
VENEZUELA

Rafael Ramírez
Minister of Popular Power of Foreign Affairs

Area: 916,000 sq km
Capital: Caracas
Official language: Spanish
Joined OPEC: Founder Member
NOC: Petróleos de Venezuela SA
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Family name: Ramírez
First name: Rafael
Date of birth: 4 August 1963
Place of birth: Caracas, Venezuela
Education: Mechanical Engineer, Los Andes University, Mérida, Venezuela, 1989
Master’s Degree in Energy Studies, Central University of Venezuela, 1996

Posts held: Worked in INTEVEP, 1989–90
Project Engineer, OTEPI, 1990–93
Technical Co-ordinator, DIT Harris, 1993–96
Technical Manager, INELECTRA, 1996
President, national gas entity, Enagas, 2000–02
External Director, PDVSA, February 2002
President, PDVSA, November 2004 to date
Minister of Energy and Petroleum, January 2005 to December 2011
Minister of Popular Power of Petroleum and Mining, December 2011 to October 2014
Minister of Popular Power of Foreign Affairs, October 2014 to date
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