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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **OMAN HOSTS FIRST FORUM ON FLARING REDUCTION AND GAS UTILIZATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

#### **WHAT: Invitation to attend keynote speakers session on May 10 at 9 am**

The World Bank-led Global Gas Flaring Reduction partnership and Masdar are hosting in Muscat the First Regional Forum on Flaring Reduction and Gas Utilization on May 10-11 at the Al Bustan Palace. As the international community is increasingly debating issues related to climate change, gas flaring reduction is a relevant topic in this debate given its potential contributions to climate change mitigation and energy efficiency by oil producing countries and companies.

Journalists are invited to attend the keynote speakers session on the challenges and opportunities that countries and companies face to ensure the efficient use of cleaner energy and reduce the flaring of gas, which wastes valuable resources and harms the environment not only in the Middle East but worldwide.

#### **WHO:**

Paulo De Sa, Sector Manager Policy Division Oil, Gas, and Mining, World Bank

Sam Nader, Director of Carbon Management Unit, Masdar Carbon

Dr. Brian Buckley, General Manager & CEO, OLN

Mr. Ali Rashid Al-Jarwan, General Manager Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company / ADMA-OPCO

Sheikh Faisal Al Thani, Acting Managing Director, Maersk Oil Qatar

Saif S. Al Naimi, DG HSE Regulations & Enforcement, Qatar Petroleum

John Malcolm, Managing Director, Petroleum Development Oman

**WHEN: Monday May 10 at 9:00 am**

**WHERE: Al Bustan Palace, Qantab conference room**

**CONTACT:** Please confirm attendance by 5 pm on Sunday, May 9, by contacting:

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#### **Consider these facts:**

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is the second major flaring region of associated gas

The Middle East flares about 30 BCM of associated gas, enough to feed a 20 MT LNG plant

Iran, Iraq, Algeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Kuwait are amongst the top 20 flaring countries

For more information on the event, please visit:

[www.menaflaringforum.org](http://www.menaflaringforum.org) or [www.worldbank.org/ggfr](http://www.worldbank.org/ggfr)