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ROUNDTABLES

COLLECTIVE INTELLIGENCE NETWORKING ROUNDTABLES SESSION

Participants will have the opportunity to select and join the Networking Table topic of their choice. This is where real conversations continue and each delegate has a voice to share ideas, exchange best practices, and openly address pressing challenges.

PROPOSED FORMAT

- 5 simultaneous roundtable discussions, held before lunch on Day 2
- EPC will provide unified table signage
- EPC will create the initial roundtable agendas/discussion points, and share with the respective hosts
- Hosts can elect to have 1-2 moderators per table
- Delegates will choose one roundtable to join during registration
- Before the session starts, all moderators will be invited to the main stage - EPC will give a brief introduction, and then invite each moderator to introduce the topic/agenda for their roundtable
- Roundtable discussion duration: 35 minutes
 - 5 minutes to introduce the Roundtable topic
 - 25 minutes for the roundtable discussion
 - 5 minutes for moderators to summarise key points and wrap up the discussion
- Immediately after lunch, the Hosts/Moderators from each table will present the key takeaways from their roundtable discussion (3-5 minutes)

To request the **agenda**, for more information or for any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.



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ROUNDTABLES TOPICS

ROUNDTABLE 1 - “Competing in an Oversupplied Global Market”

- How sustained petrochemical oversupply—particularly from China—is reshaping global competitiveness
- Survival strategies for non-mega, non-integrated assets
- Feedstock flexibility and product diversification as margin-protection tools
- The future role of smaller or less complex refineries in the global value chain

ROUNDTABLE 2 - “Operational Excellence as the New Competitive Advantage”

- Why reliability and asset integrity now outweigh capacity expansion
- Translating incremental gains (uptime, energy intensity) into EBITDA growth
- Practical experiences with metallurgy upgrades, coatings, and equipment redesign
- Reducing fouling, corrosion, and unplanned downtime without major capex

ROUNDTABLE 3 - “From Innovation to Impact – Real-World Technology Deployment”

- Moving beyond “concept technologies” to commercially proven use cases
- Deeper refining–petrochemical integration and higher conversion strategies
- Lessons learned from pilots in sonic cavitation, advanced catalysts, and cryogenic CCS
- Evaluating technology adoption through profitability and sustainability lenses

ROUNDTABLE 4 - “Digitalisation & AI – Engineering-Led, Not Hype-Driven”

- Where AI is genuinely delivering value today in refining and petrochemicals
- Practical use cases: predictive maintenance, crude selection, Advanced Process Control (APC) enhancement
- Avoiding black-box solutions and ensuring engineering and economic transparency
- Organisational and data-readiness barriers to scaling digital solutions

ROUNDTABLE 5 - “Energy Transition, Carbon Strategy & the Workforce of the Future”

- “Energy addition” vs. energy transition: balancing growth with decarbonisation
- Carbon intensity reduction as a prerequisite for future financing
- Challenges posed by asset age and capital availability
- Managing workforce transformation, reskilling, and talent attraction in an AI-enabled industry