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Conference Programme*

HYATT REGENCY PARIS ETOILE — FRANCE
7 - 9TH OCTOBER 2026

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2026

15:00 Exhibition set-up

16:00 Delegate registration

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2026

07:30 Delegate registration

08:45 Welcome address: Thomas Armstrong, ICR (UK)

09:00 The French cement industry – challenges and transition roadmap: Bruno Pillon, CEO, Heidelberg Materials France and President, France Ciment (France)

09:20 A new era for clinker production: Eric Bourdon, Deputy CEO, Vicat (France)

09:40 Technology solutions for low carbon cement: Alain Cordonnier, CEO, Fives FCB (France)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Benchmarking sustainability excellence to 2030 and beyond: Jim O'Brien, Managing Director, Jim O'Brien CSR Consulting (Ireland)

11:20 European cement market outlook – a narrow path to recovery: Jean-Christophe Lefèvre-Moulenq, Independent Analyst (France)

11:40 Free allocation out, CBAM in – the new competitive landscape for European cement: Ben Crick, Senior Economist, Fastmarkets (UK)

12:00 From trade flows to port strategies: adapting the Euro-Mediterranean cement supply chain to CBAM and decarbonisation: Sylvie Doutres Ghizzo and Sophie Robert, DSG Consultants (France)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Rewriting the industrial operating system: redefining organic growth through technology and circularity: Erkam Kocakerim, Global CEO, Limak Cement Group (Türkiye)

14:30 The future of European cement assets and material flows: Harry Forbes, McKinsey & Company (Germany)

15:00 Rethinking cement decarbonisation: strategic pathways for a two-speed global transition: Amr Nader, A³&Co (UAE)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 Decarbonisation pathways in practice: Samir Cairae, Chief Technology Officer, Titan Group (Greece)

16:20 Saint Pierre la Cour – pioneering zero-emission calcined clay production: Dr Mouloud Behloul, Head of Innovation and Sustainable Construction, Lafarge (France)

16:40 CO₂ capture pilot, an industrial collaboration to scale and optimise carbon capture: Mathieu Aragones, Project Manager, Holcim CaptureLab and Richard Dubettier, Cryogenic Technology Director, Air Liquide Engineering & Construction (France)

17:00 Ci4C Mergelstetten: first operational results from the world's largest pure oxyfuel cement demonstration plant – advancing carbon capture to TRL 7: Eike Wilms, CTO, thyssenkrupp Calvion (Germany)

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2026

08:30 The grinding constraint: system readiness for low-clinker cement at industrial scale: Kiranmai Sanagavarapu, Fuller Technologies (USA)

08:50 Enabling reliable LC³ production: from raw material assessment to turnkey plant implementation: Evelin Battistella Ferreira, KHD Humboldt Wedag (Germany)

09:10 From lab to reality... how ACT is shaping the future of low carbon cement and concrete: Olivier Guise, Executive Director of Strategy Technology & Business Development, Ecocem Global (France)

09:30 Next-generation chemistry for novel & SCM-rich cement: Estelle Raynaud, Technical Director, Saint-Gobain Construction Chemicals (France)

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Panel session: delivering carbon capture at scale and speed – Claude Loréa, Cl4Change (Belgium), Roze Wesby, VP CCUS, Head of Business Development, Holcim (Switzerland) and Dr Richard Leese, Head of Europe, Global CCS Institute (UK)

12:30 Lunch

14:00 French industrial engineering driving cement industry decarbonisation: Loïc Pottier, Fives FCB (France)

14:20 Process heat electrification as a driver of competitiveness and operational performance, in addition to decarbonisation: Maxime Ramael-Wattelle, Global Business Development Leader, Green Cement, Schneider Electric (France), and Harvey McGeorge, CC at NOC Energy (France)

14:30 From AI-assisted quality control to autonomous mill operations: Oliver Kanders, General Manager, alccemy (Germany) and Bodil Recke, Global Cement Business Unit Manager, ABB (Switzerland)

14:50 Digitalising the cement supply chain for logistical excellence: Nikolas Manolis, Holcim (Greece) and Sébastien Applanat, Nanolike (France)

15:20 Coffee break

15:50 Accelerating the transition: alternative fuels in cement – lessons from real projects: Luc Rieffel, Walter ATS (France)

16:10 Enabling a flexible alternative fuels strategy using the prepol® SC: Fouad Kammoun, Global Head of Modernisation, thyssenkrupp Polysius GmbH (Germany)

16:30 Optimisation of cyclone separators and calciner for improved efficiency and CO₂ emissions reduction: Uğraş Akay, CEO and Board Member, Dal (Türkiye)

16:50 Beyond EPC – integration for the next generation of cement plants: Zaoui Aya, Decarbonation Engineer, Sinoma CBMI Engineering (France)

19:30 Gala Dinner & Entertainment

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