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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, Managing Editor, International Cement Review (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 - sponsored by Limak

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-Mouleng, 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, CEO, A³&Co (UAE)

15:30 Coffee break - sponsored by Limak

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)

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

Panel session: delivering carbon capture at scale and speed
 Claude Loréa, Cl4Change (Belgium), Roze Wesby, VP CCUS, Head of Business Development, Holcim (Switzerland), Dr Richard Leese, Head of Europe, Global CCS Institute (UK), Etienne Didier, Group Head Carbon Abatement & Alternative Solutions Low Carbon Transition & Infrastructures, BNP Paribas (France) and Eike Willms, CTO, thyssenkrupp Calvion (Germany)

12:30 Lunch - sponsored by Limak

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, CCO at NOC Energy (France)

14:30 From AI-assisted quality control to autonomous mill operations: Oliver Kanders, General Manager, alcery (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, CEO, Walter ATS (France)

16:10 Enabling a flexible alternative fuels strategy using the prepol® SC: Christian Hauschopp, Business and Project Development Modernisation, thyssenkrupp Polysius (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 – sponsored by Limak

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