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Introduction and workshop overview
Mr. Omar Kaaki, United Nations ESCWA

Scene-setting presentation: ESCWA technical paper overview, conclusions and recommendations (10 mins)
Mr. Sean Ratka, United Nations ESCWA

Interactive panel (Davos style) (75 mins)

Moderator: Mr. Sean Ratka, United Nations ESCWA
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Mr. Samer Zawaydeh, Al Hussein Technical University, Jordan
Mr. Hossein Hassani, IAAI

Q&A from audience (20 mins)

Wrap up (5 mins)

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Discussion themes

- The evolving and increasingly complex energy sector
- How blockchain technology can enable and accelerate the sustainable energy transition in the Arab Region
- Effective approaches and use cases
- Risks and challenges to blockchain implementation in the region and how they can be overcome
- Conclusions and recommendations from ESCWA's upcoming technical paper