

Biography

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On 7 September 2015 Kamel Ben Naceur became Director of what is now the Directorate of Sustainability, Technology and Outlooks, bringing nearly 35 years of experience in the global energy sector. He is one of the only individuals in the world to hold degrees from two of France's top educational institutions, the École Polytechnique and the École Normale Supérieure.

After finishing his education in 1979, Mr. Ben Naceur entered the prestigious École des Mines in Paris as a research engineer. In 1981 he joined the research and development division of the energy multinational Schlumberger, where he took charge of developing several key technologies in the upstream sector. He then moved to management roles in Africa, North and South America, Europe, Russia, and the Middle East and North Africa in the oil and gas sectors. In 2004, he started the first business unit developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) prospects, working extensively with regulators and policy makers.

In 2009, he became the Chief Economist at Schlumberger in Paris, responsible for the strategic outlook of the world's largest oil and gas services company. In 2011, he was named President of Schlumberger's technology operation in Rio de Janeiro, handling challenging technology and solutions development for the offshore sectors, especially deepwater/pre-salt exploration, and other South America-specific issues.

A national of both France and Tunisia, in 2014 Mr. Ben Naceur became Tunisia's Minister for Industry, Energy and Mines in a government tasked to lead the country's first fully democratic elections and to restore its economic fundamentals. During his tenure, he implemented new policies for energy subsidies rationalisation, as well as having a law passed on renewable energy development, including wind and solar PV. Following his government service, he returned to Schlumberger as Senior Advisor and Vice President for technology, based in Paris.

Mr. Ben Naceur has served on several boards of international businesses and organisations, and has received numerous medals and recognitions. He is the co-author of 13 books and more than 120 articles.