



PROPAPER DUBAI 2026
20-22 OCT 2026
Festival Arena, Festival City, Dubai

DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA

THEME :

'Weathering the Geopolitical Storm; Strategies of Sustainable Growth in the GCC Paper and Packaging Industry'

DAY 1- TUESDAY, 20 OCT 2026

11:00 – RIBBON CUTTING

11:10 – 12:00 | OPENING PLENARY: 'LEGENDS & LEGACIES' SERIES

- *Opening Remarks:* H.E. Fahad Al Gergawi, Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Trade, UAE
- *Keynote:* AbdelRhman Obaid, GCEO, Union Paper Mills (UPM) Branch of M.A.H.Y Khoory & Co L.L.C, UAE
- *Keynote:* “Localizing Resilience: Manufacturing Capability in a Disrupted Supply Chain”: Hamad Abdulla Al Ghurair, SVP – Special Projects & Commercial, PURL by Al Ghurair, UAE
- *Closing Remarks:* Aejaz Ahmed Munshi, Secretary General – DuPAT, General Manager, Star Paper Mill, UAE

EXECUTIVE ROUND TABLE @ MAJLIS -12:00 – 13:00

“Industrial Waste Paper Export Policies and its Impact”

Entry by invitation only

Followed by Lunch

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12:00 – 12:20 | SESSION 1

Keynote: Current outlook of Paper Industry in Middle East- Exploring the next horizons of growth and optimisation of resources.

- Sami Safran, Vice Chairman, MAF- Manafa Featured Trading Company, Saudi Arabia

12:20 – 12:40 | SESSION 2

Keynote: Redefining Packaging Logistics: Risk Mitigation and Supply Chain Agility

Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:00 | SESSION 3

‘Voice of Customers’; Analysing key growth drivers of the Corrugated Packaging industry in Middle East’

Moderator

- Kaunain Shahidi, Group Procurement Manager, ALMARAI, UAE

Speakers

- *‘Optimizing Reliability: Technical Service Solutions for Starch Performance in Paper & Packaging’ : Johan Schrijver, Senior Vice President - Industrial Starch, PURL by Al Ghurair, UAE*
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15:30- 16:30 | SESSION 4

A boot camp for paper recyclers: From waste to gold; leveraging recycling for sustainable growth and resource security in Gulf’.

Moderator

- Dina Mongy, Head of Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Nestlé Coastal Arabia

Speakers

- Eman Al Madani, Manager – Responsible Business, Dubai Chambers, UAE
- Dr. Mike Cheetham, Group Chief Sustainability & Corporate Affairs Officer, HOTPACK, UAE
- Paresh Karia, Executive Director – Commercial, BEEAH, UAE
- Speaker from Green Arabia

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DAY 2- WEDNESDAY, 21 OCT 2026

11:00 – 12:00 | SESSION 5

Special Panel discussion

“Redesigning the Future: Global Packaging Trends and the Power of Light weighting”

Session Chair : Atul Kaul, Director, Papyrus Consultants, Bahrain

- *More speakers being added*

12:00- 12:30 | SESSION 6

Keynote: - The ‘Next- BIG Thing’ for Middle East - the business of Paper Sacks & Bags

Speakers

- **Ehab Abohashish, MEA Sales Director, ENPI Group, UAE**
- **Pulkit Bhardwaj, CEO, Ecopack Packaging, UAE**
- *More speakers being added*

12:30 – 13:30 | SESSION 7

Special Panel discussion

“Closing the Loop: GCC Circular Packaging”

OR

“GCC Circular Packaging Revolution- Vision to Reality “

- *Speakers being added*

Lunch Break

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14:30- 15:30 | SESSION 8

Panel Discussion: ‘Global landscape and local impact; Voices of Middle East Tissue Business Leaders’.

Moderator

- **Aejaz Ahmed Munshi, Secretary General – DuPAT, General Manager, Star Paper Mill, UAE**

Speakers

- *Speakers being added*

15:30- 16:30 | SESSION 9

‘Panel Discussion: ‘Future of Mono cartons and FMCG packaging: Advancing innovation, circularity and market Expansion’.

Moderator

- **Aaliyah Munshi, ESG Professional - Environmental, Social, and Governance**

Speakers

- **Ahmed Hesham, UAE-Sales Director, Interplastic, Qatar**
- **Shweta Tiwari, Strategic Growth Manager, Gulf Printing & Packaging Co L.L.C (GPP), UAE.**
- **Alisha Sachdeva, Senior Research Associate- Packaging Development, Himalaya Global Research Centre, UAE**

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