

## Special Session B

### The Dependence on Foreign Oil

Born in 1945. Marwan Masri holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the American University in Cairo, Egypt, where he graduated with honours. He also graduated from the University of California and has completed all the course and comprehensive examination requirements for his Doctoral Degree in economics.

Marwan Masri was with the California Energy Commission in Sacramento for 29 years. His most recent position was deputy director for energy research, development and renewable power, and director of the renewable energy programme. During his time with the commission, his tasks included leading a 1.9 billion dollar project aiming at the transition of independently owned renewable power projects into the competitive market and advising legislature and executive power of the State of California. He produced California's official 20-year forecast of energy supply from independent power sources for the 1990, 1992 and 1994 forecast cycles. Moreover, Marwan Masri developed and applied the methodology for long-term projections of cost and value of power delivered to California electric utilities, which formed the basis for regulatory policy for power purchase agreements between electric utilities and their suppliers. In 2005, he joined the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) as Vice President, Research. Since then, Marwan Masri has directed a multidisciplinary team in completing several research projects on energy, economics and the environment. He oversees three monthly publications by CERI on oil, natural gas and the geopolitics of energy.

In the 1980's, Marwan Masri also lead research on global climate change, including an inventory of green house gas emissions, impacts and mitigation measures for California.



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