



Cut to the Future Reception – LIBERTY Steel

Panel 1: Cut to the Future

Date: Friday 8th December 2023

Reception: 1800

Event Starts: 1845 – 2130 GST

Panel One : 1900-1940

Venue: The Auditorium, Museum of the Future,
Sheikh Zayed Rd , Trade Centre 2 ,
Dubai - United Arab Emirates

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Please arrive at the venue **30 minutes** before the panel session at the latest

Background: With demand for steel set to increase by at least a third by 2050, and 75% of that growing demand being met by coal-based steel making in 2030, there is an urgent need to accelerate decarbonisation in the iron and steel industry to keep 1.5°C. alive. Greater collaboration between governments and business is fundamental to that effort. This high-level event attended by 200+ of Liberty's senior executives and business contacts will explore the actions and initiatives taking place across the world to accelerate measures to decarbonise industry, and look at what more can be done. The evening will feature a panel focused on public private partnerships featuring senior ministers from the UAE and Australia, as well as business leaders and a prominent MEP.

Objectives: A global perspective on how partnerships can drive progress with the urgency required to decarbonise iron and steel.



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Session Format and Setting:

- Introductory discussion between the moderator and Sanjeev Gupta (7 minutes)
- Brief introduction of the topic of the session and of the panellists by the moderator (3 minutes)
- Moderated panel discussion (25 minutes)
- Final remarks from each panellist and wrap up (1-2 minutes each, 5 minutes in total)

Suggested Questions & Themes:

- Will it be regulation or competition that will solve climate change?
- What are the policies that support hydrogen development across the UAE, Australia, and in Europe?
- Best examples of partnerships between government and industry that are/will decarbonise iron and steel?
- The importance of industry in driving green growth?
- How best can the UAE use its advantages in energy and infrastructure to develop its manufacturing base and the wider economy?
- How are developing countries balancing the need for economic growth with emission reduction targets?
- The risk of climate inequality across Europe and the world when it comes to government support and capital flows?
- What can government and industry do better to accelerate climate action?



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Speakers Overview :



Speaker & Host: Sanjeev Gupta, Executive Chairman, LIBERTY Steel Group

Sanjeev Gupta is the Executive Chairman of GFG Alliance, which encompasses a range of global businesses owned by his family. Born into a family of industrialists in Punjab, India, Sanjeev was educated in the UK and graduated with an MA in Economics and Management from the University of Cambridge. He founded Liberty House Group in 1992, while still an undergraduate, as a global commodities trader, growing rapidly across different geographies for over two decades. In 2015 Sanjeev started his industrial journey buying and restarting his first steel mill in the UK. Since then he has built an international reputation as an ambitious and visionary industrialist acquiring and building major assets in metals, engineering, mining, and renewable energy spread across the world.



Moderator: Ticky Fullerton, CEO of the Australian British Chamber of Commerce

Ticky joined the Australian British Chamber as Chief Executive in March 2023. Ticky is a highly skilled and motivated thought leader with board and governance experience, an extensive network across governments, the top floor of business and the media. She has a long-standing reputation as a highly credible voice in business. She is a trusted advisor to government, working closely with both Australian and UK government networks. Most recently, Ticky was Business Editor at Large at The Australian newspaper. She is an award-winning journalist and a household name in Australian business circles with over twenty years at News Corp and the ABC. She was Business Editor of Sky News in Australia and presented Business Weekend, the channel's flagship business program for the ABC and was an investigative journalist with Four Corners. Prior to journalism, Ticky spent ten years with investment bank CS First Boston in Britain and Australia. Ticky has a law degree from Oxford where she was also Treasurer of the Oxford Union.



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Speaker : The Hon Christopher Bowen MP, Minister of Climate Change and Energy, Australia

The Hon Chris Bowen was sworn in as Minister for Climate Change and Energy on 1 June 2022. He is also the Federal Member for McMahon, NSW.

Chris grew up in Smithfield in Western Sydney, attending Smithfield Public School and St Johns Park High School. He graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Economics. He has also a Master's Degree in International Relations and a Diploma in Modern Languages (Bahasa Indonesia). He joined the Labor Party in 1988 and was elected to Fairfield Council in 1995, serving as Mayor of Fairfield for 1998 and 1999. He also served as President of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils from 2000 to 2002. Chris entered the Federal Parliament in 2004 and has held a wide range of portfolios including serving as Treasurer, Minister for Human Services, Minister for Immigration, and Minister for Small Business. Chris lives in Smithfield with his wife Rebecca, children Grace and Max and his labradors Ollie and Toby and is a keen supporter of the GWS Giants.



Speaker: HE Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri, Cabinet Member & UAE Minister of Economy

H.E. Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri was appointed Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) under the new government structure approved in July 2020. He is chairman of the General Civil Aviation Authority, UAE International Investors Council, and CSR UAE Fund's Board of Trustees. Prior to his appointment, H.E. Al Marri held important positions in the government as a senior, top-ranking official. He was the Secretary General of the UAE Cabinet since 2017, during which he was instrumental in strengthening the interdependence between the federal and local governments. In this role, he also spearheaded many initiatives to get the pulse of the people and know their sentiments, as well as build the UAE's long-lasting relations with international organizations such as the World Economic Forum.

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Speaker : Cristian-Silviu Buşoi, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE)

Cristian-Silviu Busoi is also Member of the Subcommittee on Public Health (SANT) as well as substitute Member of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), rapporteur for EU4Health and EP contact MEP for European Medicine Agency. Mr. Busoi graduated Carol Davila Medicine and Pharmacy University in Bucharest with a PhD in Public Health, Law from Titu Maiorescu University in Bucharest, and Diplomacy from the Romanian Diplomatic Institute in Bucharest. His political career started in 1996 when, as a student, he became member of the National Liberal Party, President of the National Liberal Party - Students branch in 2002 and President of the National Liberal Party - Bucharest branch between 2016 and 2019. He is Vice-President of the National Liberal Party since 2014. He was Member of the Romanian Parliament between 2004 and 2007 and President of the Romanian National Health Insurance House between 2013 and 2014. Since 2007, he has been elected as Member of the European Parliament for four consecutive terms.

Other information:



Please be aware that the panel session will be filmed and used in LIBERTY's social media channels.



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