# (Geo)politics of decarbonization: case study of MENA oil producers

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#### Macroeconomics of the MENA region

- For 5 regional oil exporters (Libya, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman, SA), more than 40% of GDP based on oil and oil-related government activities.
- Four other (Quatar, Algeria, UAE, Bahrain) varies between 20-40%.
- Main sources of manufacturing value-added are refinery, chemical and mining/extractive industries, construction.
- In some MENA countries oil is the primary source of fiscal revenues. Non-oil fiscal revenues, however, often also relate to oil industry (Quatar practically all investment income and the bulk of corporate income tax from Quatar Petroleum).
- Oil makes more than 50% of total exports from MENA oil exporting countries. Limited economic diversification.

#### GDP composition of MENA countries, 2016



■ Oil ■ Government ■ Other

## Oil and non-oil fiscal revenue in selected MENA countries, 2016 (% of general government revenue)



#### Oil and non-oil exports in MENA countries, 2016



Oil exports Non-oil exports

Note: Low shares of oil in exports from the UAE and Bahrain are because non-oil exports include a large share of re-exports.

## Public sector employment in selected MENA countries (% of total employment of nationals)



High shares of public employment in usually protected jobs with high wages contributes to low labour productivity of MENA oil-exporting countries. Emphasized by imported cheap non-national labour (since 80s), reducing productivity also in private sector. That prevents its development to internationally competitive form.

#### Labour productivity in selected oil-importing and oilexporting MENA countries



### Post tax energy subsidies in selected MENA countries, 2015



#### Changes in primary energy supply and GDP





Primary energy supply ODP

#### Rentier state theory

MENA oil-producing countries (=rentier states):

- Relies on substantial external rent to sustain their economy, reducing the pressure to develop a strong productive domestic sector.
- Have a small proportion of the population engaged in the generation of the rent, while the majority of the population is only involved in the distribution or in the utilisation of it.
- Its government is the principal recipient of the external rent.
- = role of the state is in providing private favours through the ruler's benevolence.
- = income is not related to work and risk bearing, but to chance or situation.
- = rentier states are not looking for legitimacy (through democratic representation), but for acceptance of its population.
- = diversification or going for ,, until the last drop"?

#### Diversification option

- Since 80s, global oil demand rising. Between 2000-2014 oil prices increasing.
- Enough oil for decades no serious incentives for change.

Projected years of future oil and gas production at 2015 reserve level and average production of last 5 years

	Oil	Gas
Algeria	21	55
Iran	111	196
Iraq	120	More than 200
Kuwait	90	118
Libya	170	137
Oman	16	21
Quatar	37	147
SA	63	83
UAE	74	112

#### Threat of decarbonization

- Climate change mitigation; local pollution; technology innovation.
- Problem mainly for coal and oil (natural gas 'a bridge fuel').
- Greenhouse gas emissions in the present estimates of global fossil fuel reserves about 3x greater than the global budget  $\rightarrow 1/3$  of global oil,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of gas and over 4/5 of coal to remain unused from 2010 to 2050 to stay within 2°C target.
- For Middle East it means to exploit about 60% of their reserves of oil, 40% of gas.

#### IEA scenarios

- Current Policy Scenario oil demand is to increase over the next 3 decades, with Middle Eastern oil exports growing correspondingly.
- 450 Scenarion oil demand falling after 2020, Middle Eastern oil exports stable at 2020 level to 2040.



#### Fossil-fuel import prices by scenario

		New PoliciesCurrent PoliciesScenarioScenario			450 Scenario					
Real terms (\$2015)	2015	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040	2020	2030	2040
IEA crude oil (\$/barrel)	51	79	111	124	82	127	146	73	85	78
Natural gas (\$/MBtu)										
United States	2.6	4.1	5.4	6.9	4.3	5.9	7.9	3.9	4.8	5.4
European Union	7.0	7.1	10.3	11.5	7.3	11.1	13.0	6.9	9.4	9.9
China	9.7	9.2	11.6	12.1	9.5	12.5	13.9	8.6	10.4	10.5
Japan	10.3	9.6	11.9	12.4	9.9	13.0	14.4	9.0	10.8	10.9
Steam coal (\$/tonne)										
OECD average	64	72	83	87	74	91	100	66	64	57
United States	51	55	58	60	56	61	64	53	52	49
European Union	57	63	74	77	65	80	88	58	57	51
Coastal China	72	78	86	89	79	92	98	73	72	67
Japan	59	66	77	80	68	84	92	61	59	53

#### Middle East forecasted oil revenues, IEA scenarios (real prices)



#### Expected population growth between 2015-2050



#### Saudi Arabia

- 80% of budget revenues from oil, 45% of GDP, 90% of earnings. Natives in state sector, 80% of workforce in private sector comes from abroad both low and high skilled jobs.
- Young population (half of population under 18). <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Saudi under 30 unemployed. Unfitting education. Even if import of worker is limited still shortage of jobs. (Saudis 6x more expensive than foreigners).
- Rigid authoritative regime (royal family), Wahabi religion (Mekka, Medina).
- Shia population (10%), religion tensions. Disputes with Iran.



Source: Population by Country (Clio Infra)

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#### Reaction to Arab Spring (2011)

- \$10.6 billion in new funding for housing loans via Real Estate Development Fund.
- \$7.9 billion in funding to increase the capital of the Saudi Credit Bank.
- \$266 million to enable social insurance to increase the number of family members covered
- \$320 million to expand social services
- \$933 million to help the needy repair their homes and pay utility bills
- 127 million to support programs for needy students at the Ministry of Education
- \$3,9 billion to support the General Housing Authority
- A 15% pay increase for state employees.
- A 50% increase in the annual allocations for charitable organizations.
- 27 million annually alocation to project of the National Charitable Fund.

#### Vision 2030 (from 2016)

- Increase SME contribution to GDP from 20 to 35%.
- Increase foreign direct investment from 3.8% to 5.7% of GDP.
- Increase the private sector's contribution from 40-65% of GDP.
- Raise the share of non-oil exports in non-oil GDP from 16 to 50%.
- Increase non-oil government revenue from \$50 billion to \$350 billion.
- Generate 9.5 GW of new renewable energy.

### Egypt

- Population growth increases demand for food and reduces the amount of land for growing this food (population concentrated along the Nile River).
- Import of food, which is subsidized (and energy).

#### Population by country Total Population in the last five centuries (Clio-Infra Data)



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#### Density of population



#### Egypt's oil balance



#### Egypt's gas balance



#### International relation consequences

- Keohane, Nye
  - Interdependence relationship with reciprocal (although not necessarily symmetrical) costly effects of transaction.
  - Asymetrical interdependence as a source of power a less dependent actor in a relationship often has a significant political resource, because changes in the relationship, which the actor may initiate or threaten with, will be less costly to him than to his parthers.
  - Sensitivity degree of responsiveness within an unchanged policy framework how quickly do changes in one country bring costly changes in another, and how great are the costly effects?
  - Vulnerability relative availability and costliness of the alternatives.

#### Oil major trade movements 2016 (million tonnes)



#### Natural gas major trade movements 2016 (bcm)



#### Oil-related sovereign wealth funds

Country	ISO3 code	Region	Value (bn\$)	per capita (k\$)	% GDP	% Gvt revenue
United Arab Emirates	ARE	Middle-East	1214	134	304%	805%
Saudi Arabia	SAU	Middle-East	792	26	106%	284%
Kuwait	KWT	Middle-East	592	158	362%	527%
Qatar	QAT	Middle-East	256	118	122%	257%
Iran	IRN	Middle-East	62	1	15%	100%
Oman	OMN	Middle-East	40	9	49%	103%
Iraq	IRQ	Middle-East	1	0	0%	1%
Libya	LBY	North Africa	66	11	160%	392%
Algeria	DZA	North Africa	50	1	23%	70%
Angola	AGO	Sub-Saharan Africa	5	0	4%	10%
Nigeria	NGA	Sub-Saharan Africa	1	0	0%	2%
Russia	RUS	Other: CIS	139	1	7%	20%
Kazakhstan	KAZ	Other: CIS	79	5	36%	149%
Azerbaijan	AZE	Other: CIS	37	4	50%	128%
Canada	CAN	Other: Americas	18	0	1%	3%
Mexico	MEX	Other: Americas	6	0	0%	2%
Venezuela	VEN	Other: Americas	1	0	0%	1%
Norway	NOR	Other: Europe	848	165	170%	316%

OPEC 🔶	Fiscal break-even price	Fiscal deficit (% GDP)	Million barrels 🛓	Spare capacity (% 🛓
Algeria	\$96.10	-13.90%	1.11	2.63%
Angola	\$110.00	-3.50%	1.79	2.22%
Ecuador	n/a	-5.10%	0.53	5.26%
Iran	\$87.20	-2.90%	2.88	20.83%
Iraq	\$81.00	-23.10%	4.2	6.94%
Kuwait	\$49.10	1.20%	2.73	1.42%
Libya	\$269.00	-79.10%	0.43	20.00%
Nigeria	\$122.70	-2.80%	1.9	6.77%
Qatar	\$55.50	4.50%	0.67	5.71%
Saudi Arabia	\$105.60	-21.60%	10.25	17.13%
UAE	\$72.60	-5.50%	2.89	2.04%
Venezuela	\$117.50	-24.40%	2.38	3.21%

#### CLF08 - Crude Oil WTI (NYMEX)



#### International relation consequences

• What is the future of producer – importer relations?

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