



The 14th Arab International Aluminium Conference (Arabal 2010) was held at the Sonesta St George Hotel in Luxor, Egypt, in November 1-3, 2010. The event focused on the developments in the aluminum industry around the Gulf region and comprised several sessions including the one on the conference theme, 'The Aluminum Industries' Recovery from the Global Crisis of 2008-9. The session topics included a General Overview, Middle East Aluminum, Environmental Issues, and Technology Advancement. Sandeep Biswas, senior vice president of Development and Growth, Rio Tinto Alcan, stated that long-term aluminum fundamentals remain strong with short-term volatility. Harald Odegaard, head of Metal Markets Sales & Marketing, Hydro Aluminium, reviewed the current and long-term prospects for the aluminum industry. Marco Georgiou, head of Aluminum Primary and Products, CRU Analysis, highlighted the importance of GDP as a marker of development and gave a projection of emerging markets' share of GDP by 2035.