



## Middle East Rail 2022

OTIF's Secretary General, Mr Küpper, was invited as a speaker at the major "Middle East Rail 2022" event in Abu Dhabi, hosted by Etihad Rail.

On 18 May 2022, he presented the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) as a legal framework capable of integrating different regional models - a legal framework that ensures the coexistence of different rail systems. COTIF offers both legal and technical interoperability. The Convention can play an important and structuring role in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) rail project.

"Middle East Rail 2022" was an opportunity to strengthen further the working relationship with the GCC. In 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between OTIF and the GCC General Secretariat and numerous discussions and meetings have taken place at regular intervals since then. Recently, the OTIF Secretariat organised workshops for GCC officials involved in the railway project.

The Secretary General of OTIF is pleased to have been invited as a speaker at the Middle East Rail Conference.

