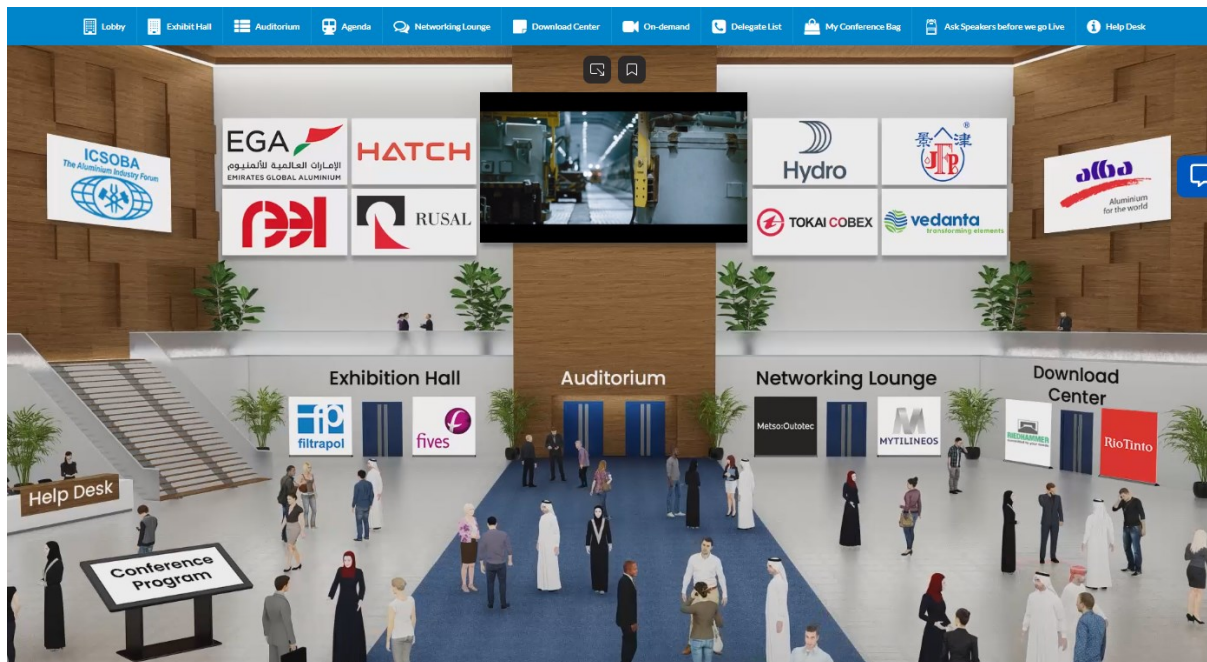




39th Conference and Exhibition **ICSOBA 2021**

The three-day virtual ICSOBA conference took place on 22, 23 and 24 November 2021. The conference covered bauxite, alumina, bauxite residue, carbon for aluminium electrolysis, aluminium production, and aluminium recycling in a variety of technical sessions. The program included 10 high-caliber keynote speakers and over 100 technical papers presented in two parallel sessions. In addition, two virtual plant tours of Alba Smelter and EGA Al-Taweelah Refinery were organized, as well as a discussion panel on strategic supply of alumina. The forum proved again that ICSOBA has a unique opportunity to provide this valuable platform for learning and to exchange information on the latest progress.



A complete set of documents (TRAVAUX book No. 50, presentations, exhibitor documents, recorded Question and Answer sessions, etc.) are still available for download for the registered delegates next month on the vFairs partner's platform (<https://icsoba2021.vfairs.com/>). As usual, all papers published in the TRAVAUX book, as well as the presentations, will be accessible from the ICSOBA website at <https://icsoba.org/proceedings/>.

With over 300 delegates registered for the conference, 39 corporate members and 15 sponsors the organizers of ICSOBA 2021 are humbled by this realization. We were fortunate to have Alba as the Host Sponsor fully committed and motivated to support ICSOBA in this endeavor. Now, more than ever, during these challenging times, we deeply appreciate the staunch support of various businesses and individuals. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the conference this year. In addition, we are deeply grateful to the partners and sponsors who have worked with us at all stages of this important industry event.

Please become a delegate next year for this benchmark *Conference of the Aluminium Industry for the Aluminium Industry!*

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