

## Speaker profile

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Philip de Smedt is currently Manager for the Lower Olefins and Aromatics Sector Groups at Cefic (European Chemical Industry Council) which is the forum and the voice of the chemical industry in Europe. He is seconded from Total.

Philip de Smedt obtained a PhD in Physics at the KU Leuven, Belgium, in 1983 and followed studies of chemical Engineering at University of Twente, the Netherlands, while working at Shell. After a postdoctoral position at Rutgers University (US), he worked in various engineering functions at Shell, Jacobs Engineering and Total. The last position he held at Total, before his transfer to Cefic, was that of Head of Energy Department of the Refining and Chemicals Branch.

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