

RefComm Expoconference 2026 - Agenda at a glance

Monday, April 27	Training	8AM	Training opens
Tuesday, April 28	Training	8AM 3PM 5PM	Training continues Exhibition opens Close of training
Wednesday, April 29	Conference	8AM 9AM 3PM	Conference opens DCU, FCC, SRU & Fluid/Flexi Streams Workshops & Breakouts
Thursday, April 30	Conference	8AM 9AM 3PM 5PM	Conference continues DCU, FCC, SRU & Fluid/Flexi Streams Workshops & Breakouts Close of exhibition
Friday, May 1	Conference	9AM 9AM 2PM	Conference continues Safety Group (Invite only) Close of conference

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RefComm Expoconference 2026 - Detailed agenda of themes

Monday, April 27

7:00 AM	Registration Opens			
7:00 AM	Networking Breakfast (1hr)			
8:00 AM	Training Courses Open			
	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4
	Coker Process, Design, and Troubleshooting	Delayed Coker Fundamentals, Coker Operations and Reliability	Mechanical Integrity and Reliability of Coke Drums	Sulfur Recovery Fundamentals, Operations and Reliability
10:00 AM	Networking Break (30 min)			
10:30 AM	Training continues			
12:30 PM	Networking Lunch (1hr)			
1:30 PM	Training continues			
3:00 PM	Networking Break (30 min)			
3:30 PM	Training continues			
5:00 PM	Training Reception (1hr)			
6:00 PM	End of day one			

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Tuesday, April 28

7:00 AM	Registration Opens			
7:00 AM	Networking Breakfast (1hr)			
8:00 AM	Training Courses Open			
	Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4
	Coker Process, Design, and Troubleshooting	Delayed Coker Fundamentals, Coker Operations and Reliability	Mechanical Integrity and Reliability of Coke Drums	Sulfur Recovery Fundamentals, Operations and Reliability
10:00 AM	Networking Break (30 min)			
10:30 AM	Training continues			
12:30 PM	Networking Lunch (1hr)			
1:30 PM	Training continues			
3:00 PM	Exhibition Opens (30 min) Technical Showcases (2)			
3:30 PM	Training continues Technical Showcases (6)			
5:00 PM	Welcome Reception (2hr) Technical Showcases (2)			
7:00 PM	End of day two			

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Wednesday, April 29

7:00 AM	Registration Opens				
7:00 AM	Networking Breakfast (1hr)				
8:00 AM	Conference Opening and Keynotes				
9:00 AM	DCU Delayed Coking Unit	FCCU Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit	SRU Sulfur Recovery Unit	Fluid & Flexi Catalytic Cracking Unit	
	DCU Incident Review and Lessons Learned	FCCU Asset Integrity and Reliability Management	Process Safety Management in the SRU	Operations & Safety Highlights	
	- Operator-Led Incident Breakdown - Safety-Critical Failure Analysis	- Critical Fixed Equipment Reliability - Turnaround Optimization	- Effective HAZOP and Process Hazard Analysis Lifecycle Management	- Managing Unit Heat Balance - High-Hazard Scenario Management	
	- Corrective actions review		- Validating Layers of Protection for High-Consequence Scenarios		
10:20 AM	Networking Break (40min)		Technical Showcases (2)		
11:00 AM	DCU	FCCU	SRU	Fluid & Flexi	
	Digitalization and Automation in DCU Operations - Automated unheading systems - Advanced sensors and predictive analytics	Process Safety Management in FCC Operations - Human Factors Engineering - Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS) Modernization	SRU Incident Review - Operator-Led Root Cause Analysis - H2S Safety and Near-Miss Review	Turnaround Summaries - Turnaround Scope Optimization - Turnaround Execution and Lessons Learned	
12:20 PM	Networking Lunch (1:30hr)		Technical Showcases (4)		

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1:50 PM	DCU	FCCU	SRU	Fluid & Flexi
	Coke Drum Integrity and Life Extension	Digitalization and Automation in FCCU Operations	SRU Feed Quality and Catalyst Management	Core Equipment Reliability and Process Management
	- Advanced weld overlay and repair - Damage Mechanisms Mitigation	- Al for Predictive Analytics - Advanced Process Control (APC) Optimization	Mitigating Upstream Contamination from the Amine Unit Catalyst Selection and Deactivation Analysis	- Cyclone and Refractory Reliability - Solids Circulation and Standpipe Performance
3:10 PM	Networking Break (40min)		Technical Showcases (2)	
3:50 PM	DCU Breakouts	FCCU Breakouts	SRU Breakouts	Fluid & Flexi Breakouts
5:10 PM	Reception (2hr)		Technical Showcases (2)	
7:10 PM	End of day three			

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Thursday, April 30

7:00 AM	Registration Opens			
7:00 AM	Networking Breakfast (1hr)			
8:00 AM	Opening Keynotes			
9:00 AM	DCU	FCCU	SRU	Fluid & Flexi
	DCU Fired Heater Performance and Process Optimization - Heater reliability and fouling management - Optimizing for High–Value Coke	FCCU Incident Review and Lessons Learned - Operator-Led Incident Breakdown - Safety-Critical Failure Analysis - Corrective actions review	SRU Asset Integrity Management - Reaction Furnace Refractory Reliability - Waste Heat Boiler (WHB) Integrity	Feedstock, Products, and Overarching Strategy - Feedstock Flexibility and Product Handling - Environmental Performance and Scrubber Reliability
10:20 AM	Networking Break (40min)		Technical Showcases (2)	
11:00 AM	DCU	FCCU	SRU	Fluid & Flexi
	Advances in Decoking, Unheading, and Solids Handling - Cutting Water System Reliability - Severe-Service Isolation Valve Performance	Advances in FCC Process Hardware and Catalyst Technology - Next-Generation Reactor Internals - Catalyst and Additive Formulation	SRU Operations and Troubleshooting - Preventing Salt Plugging and Corrosion - Reaction Furnace and Burner Troubleshooting	Incident Reviews and Lessons Learned - Operator-Led Root Cause Analysis - Implementing Corrective Actions
12:20 PM	Networking Lunch (1:30hr)		Technical Showcases (4)	

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2:00 PM	DCU	FCCU	SRU	Fluid & Flexi
	Reliability and Maintenance for DCU Ancillary Equipment	FCCU Emissions Control: Reliability and Performance Optimization	Tail Gas Treating and Emissions Control Optimization	Technical innovation & Unit Performance Improvement
	- Cooling Water System Reliability - Blowdown System Reliability	- Wet Gas Scrubber Troubleshooting - Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) Performance	- Tail Gas Treating Unit (TGTU) Solvent Management - Incinerator and CEMS Reliability	- Leveraging Digital Tools for Optimization - Advanced Materials and Hardware
3:30 PM	Networking Break (40min)		Technical Showcases (2)	
4:00 PM	DCU Breakouts	FCCU Breakouts	SRU Breakouts	Fluid & Flexi Breakouts
5:00 PM	Welcome Reception (2hr)		Close of exhibition	
7:00 PM	End of day four			

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Friday, May 1

7:00 AM	Registration Opens		
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7:00 AM	Networking Breakfast (1hr)		
8:00 AM	DCU	Coker Safety Group	
	Technology and Hardware Solutions for DCU Service		
	- Severe-Service Isolation Valve Technology		
	- Advanced Instrumentation for Critical Measurements		
10:00 AM	Networking Break (40min)		
10:40 AM	DCU	Coker Safety Group	
	Specialty Services and Materials for DCU Life Cycle Management		
	- Chemical Treatment Programs		
	- Advanced Inspection and NDT Services		
12:40 PM	Networking Lunch (1:20hr)		
2:00 PM	Close of conference		

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