

IVS – INDUSTRIAL VALVE SUMMIT presented to African and Middle eastern countries



The leading event for the industrial valve and flow control industry meets the Ambassadors to Italy of countries that are highly strategic for the broader energy supply chain

Today, at the headquarters of Confindustria in Rome, the sixth edition of **IVS – Industrial Valve Summit** was presented to the Ambassadors of African and Middle Eastern countries, in collaboration with Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo. The event is scheduled to take place from 19 to 21 May 2026 at Fiera di Bergamo.

Following the welcome address by Patrizia Mauro, Director General of Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo, the proceedings opened with a video message from Fabrizio Lobasso, Deputy Director General for the Promotion of Italy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Contributions were made by Maurizio Forte, Managing Director Export Promotion Department at Italian Trade Agency, Andrea Carapellese, Deputy Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy, and Antonio Passarelli of AVR Anima, all of whom reaffirmed their support for the initiative and highlighted the importance of the industrial valve sector as a flagship of Italian industry.

The Summit was presented by Luca Pandolfi of Confindustria Bergamo, IVS Project Manager, who outlined the key themes and innovations of the 2026 edition.

The meeting concluded with a round of remarks and a networking session, during which the representatives of the Embassies in attendance expressed their strong interest in the initiative, the strategic relevance of the sector in the markets of their respective countries, and their willingness to actively promote the event by involving regional delegations – both institutional and business – at the upcoming edition of IVS in Bergamo.