

Twelve-month countdown begins until Abu Dhabi welcomes the 24th edition of the World Energy Congress

- *The 2019 edition of the World Energy Congress will focus among others on digitalisation, entrepreneurship and rethinking climate change*
- *15,000 attendees and more than 200 high level speakers expected*

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 12th September 2018 – With one year to go until the United Arab Emirates (UAE) hosts the world’s most influential energy leaders at the 24th World Energy Congress, details about the four-day programme have been released.

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, the 2019 Abu Dhabi World Energy Congress will run from the 9th to the 12th of September 2019 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). It will bring together heads of state, ministers, CEOs, investors, entrepreneurs and experts – alongside engaged citizens and NGOs – from around the world to provide a fresh perspective and ignite action on how to resolve the world’s energy challenges.

Next year’s event will centre around the theme of “Energy for Prosperity”. It is set to highlight the need for cross-sector collaboration and action-orientated goals to ensure that energy delivers prosperity for nations, organisations, the environment, communities and individuals.

The Congress sets itself apart from other energy and energy-related conferences by covering the entire energy spectrum, from oil and gas to renewables and nuclear as well as power, providing a unique forum for the largest and most diverse conversation. Session topics will include a focus on digitalisation, investment, access to energy, disruptive business models and the changing dynamics of the energy sector.

Participants will address the global energy trilemma - the challenge of simultaneously addressing the issues of energy security, access to affordable energy services and environmentally sensitive production and use of energy - through exchanges on the latest innovations, trends, and forecasts of the industry.

It will be the first time in its 95-year history that the Congress is hosted by an Arab nation and a member of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), aligning with the UAE’s commitment to lead and facilitate the global energy discussion. In 2017, the UAE launched a 2050 Energy Strategy that is ground breaking in its ambition to develop clean energy, curb energy demand and manage emissions.

Reflecting on the one-year countdown, **Dr. Matar Al Neyadi, Undersecretary at the UAE Ministry of Energy and Industry and Chairman of the UAE Organising Committee for the 24th World Energy Congress**, said: “The evolution of technology, customer orientated services, disruptive business models, national strategies and agenda has never been faster. Energy is required to power this evolution. We are excited to welcome the global energy leadership to Abu Dhabi next year to move beyond words in concrete actions that create the conditions for a more prosperous future for all. Our ambition, driven by the direction of our wise leadership, is to deliver the best and most-action oriented World Energy Congress ever. Participants at the 2019 edition will therefore not simply have the chance to better understand the market challenges and front runners but inform and direct the debate.”

Creating a lasting and unique platform for action

The UAE Organising Committee of the 24th World Energy Congress has already brought on board a variety of leading organisations in the energy and related sectors in the run up to the 2019 edition.

Host Sponsors include prominent UAE companies representing the full energy spectrum, namely Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), Emirates Nuclear Energy (ENEC) and Mubadala. The Host Sponsors will highlight how they are contributing to the development of the energy sector in the UAE and beyond and adapting to the ever-changing energy landscape. They will be supported by regional leaders such as Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and the Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (GCCIA).

In addition, other leading partners include Deutsche Energie-Agentur GmbH (dena) – the German energy agency, business insight provider IHS Markit and the World Nuclear Association. Working alongside these key players, the UAE will be able to cement its position at the epicentre of the energy debate in 2019.

To guarantee that the Congress' progressive outlook will be pursued, innovation and technology have been placed at the heart of the discussions. Among others, the Congress will bring the top 100 start-ups from dena's Start Up Energy Transition (SET) initiative. The SET initiative is an international platform that aims to support innovation in energy transition and brings together the most outstanding start-ups in the field of energy.

In the coming months, the UAE Organising Committee will announce additional strategic partnerships that will cement Abu Dhabi's position at the epicentre of the global energy industry.

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Note to editors:

Find more information about the programme in the factsheet 'What to Expect from the 2019 Abu Dhabi World Energy Congress'.

For more information about the 24th World Energy Congress, please visit:

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About the World Energy Congress

The World Energy Congress is the world's largest and most influential energy event covering all aspects of the energy agenda. Running since 1924, the triennial World Energy Congress enables dialogue

among Ministers, CEOs and industry experts on important developments in the energy sector. As the world's premier energy gathering, the Congress offers a unique opportunity for participants to better understand energy issues and solutions from a global perspective. Over the 90-year history of the World Energy Council the Congress has been key to the value of the organisation. The Congress has been staged in over 20 cities across the world.

About the UAE Organising Committee for the 24th World Energy Congress

The Organising Committee acts as the focal point between the World Energy Council and the 24th World Energy Congress. It is chaired by His Excellency Dr. Matar Hamed Al Neyadi, and the CEO is Her Excellency Fatima Mohammed Al-Foura Al Shamsi.