

## **GCC energy stakeholders and future energy leaders gather in Abu Dhabi for the first scenarios workshop to take place in the region, ahead of the 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress**

- *Stakeholders from the public and private sector brought together to map out the key energy challenges facing the Gulf States & Middle East region*
- *Scenarios were developed looking at the drivers of change and critical uncertainties down to 2040*

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 7 November 2018** – Leading opinion formers in the region have gathered in Abu Dhabi to lay the groundwork for the future energy scenarios that will be presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress next year. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 24th World Energy Congress which is set to be held in Abu Dhabi from the 9th – 12th of September 2019, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.

The main workshop identified three potential scenarios that could play out within the global and regional energy market. Delegates debated each scenario before presenting potential outcomes and developments spanning the period to 2040. The World Energy Council will now use the discussion outcomes to develop more detailed narratives that will be presented to world energy leaders when they gather in Abu Dhabi for the 24th World Energy Congress.

The three-day event also played host to delegates from the World Energy Council Future Energy Leaders programme, a community of exceptional young professionals who share a commitment to shaping the global energy future. The Future Energy Leaders were charged with looking at national and regional energy challenges to identify the main current issues and discuss what the opportunities of tomorrow's market could be.

Reflecting on the intensive three-day programme H.E. Eng. Fatima Al Foora Al Shamsi, Assistant Undersecretary for Electricity and Future Energy and the CEO of the UAE Organising Committee of the 24th World Energy Congress commented: "We are delighted to have hosted the first workshop of its kind in the region here in Abu Dhabi, and we strongly believe the conversations and narratives developed over the three days will build a strong foundation for more detailed scenarios that will be used and debated by the world's energy leaders during the 24th World Energy Congress next year. I am particularly pleased to have witnessed the inspirational contribution of our Future Energy Leaders. Their unique views and opinions were a valuable part of the conversations and opened new pathways and ideas to consider."

Preparations for next year's 24th World Energy Congress are well underway with Host Sponsors including prominent UAE companies representing the full energy spectrum, namely Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), 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 the Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (APICORP), Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and the Gulf Cooperation Council Interconnection Authority (GCCIA).

In addition, other leading partners include 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.

Delegate registration for the 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress is now open. To find out more, visit our website: <https://www.wec24.org/delegate-registration>

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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.