

## **24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress Organising Committee drives strong participation from Korean energy leaders**

*Korean WEC Member Committee signs MoU to achieve significant presence of Korean companies at exhibition pavilion*

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), 22 January 2019** - The UAE Organising Committee of the 24th World Energy Congress has wrapped up a successful round of meetings with Korean energy leaders, geared towards a significant Korean participation at September's Congress.

The leadership of the Organising Committee was invited to join the annual meeting of leading Korean energy companies organised by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), and presented progress on the Congress to Yunmo Sung, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as well as senior executives from the top Korean energy companies including Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), and Korean National Oil Company (KNOC).

The Organising Committee also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Korean Member of the World Energy Council, to bring a Korean national pavilion to the exhibition running alongside the Congress.

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress will bring together heads of state, ministers, corporate leadership, innovators, investors and more for the world's largest and most influential energy event, held under the theme "Energy for Prosperity".

During the many interactions between the OC and Korean energy leaders, all stakeholders reiterated the importance of the Congress, and their keenness to participate, given that the Congress will be a platform for Korean energy companies to demonstrate their expertise to this global energy leadership.

**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 UAE and Korea are strategic partners in the field of energy, with collaboration in the field of nuclear energy, renewables, as well oil and gas. In light of this, and in addition to the successful meetings and interactions we have held here in Seoul, I am confident that Korean energy players will be a significant presence in both the Congress programme and exhibition, bringing world-leading expertise to both."

**Mubarak Al Shamsi, Director of the Abu Dhabi Convention Bureau and Member of the UAE Organising Committee for the 24th World Energy Congress, said** "The interest in the 24<sup>th</sup> World Energy Congress that we have heard from the Korean energy sector in the past few days has been extremely encouraging. It reflects Abu Dhabi's attractiveness as both a business and tourist destination, built on world-class conference facilities and hotels and direct flights to the world's business and population hubs. We look forward to welcoming a strong Korean delegation to Abu Dhabi in September."

Held every three years, the World Energy Congress is unique in its coverage of the entire energy spectrum from oil and gas to renewables and nuclear, as well as power, providing a forum for the industry's largest and most diverse conversation.

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, the 24th edition will take place from 9 to 12 September 2019 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). This will mark the first time the Congress has been hosted in a Middle Eastern city, and by an OPEC member country, in the event's 94-year history.

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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.