

UAE WELCOMES ENERGY INDUSTRY'S THOUGHT LEADERS AT WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL ENERGY EVENT

- *UAE Minister of Energy hails “historic” 24th World Energy Congress*
- *Over 15,000 attendees, 4,000 delegates, 72 ministers, 1000 media professionals, and 300 exhibitors heading for Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre this week*

Abu Dhabi, Sunday 8 September 2019: Global energy thought leaders are expected in the UAE this week as Abu Dhabi hosts the 24th World Energy Congress on 9-12 September, 2019, under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.

The World Energy Congress is the World Energy Council's global flagship event offering a unique platform for global energy leaders to explore new energy futures, critical innovation areas, and new strategies.

Following a successful international bid that was won by the UAE National Committee, the Congress, which will be held for the first time in the Middle East, is envisioned to see in Abu Dhabi its most successful edition since its inception in 1924.

Positioned as the flagship event of the World Energy Council, the triennial Congress is the longest-running and most influential energy event in the world.

Speaking at the opening press conference held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), H.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei, UAE Minister of Energy and Industry, said “The United Arab Emirates is honoured to be hosting the Congress, which builds on and reflects the ambitious energy transformation that the country is going through at present. We recently announced two of the largest solar generation projects in the world and have also embarked on a civil nuclear programme.

“The UAE’s 2050 Energy Strategy was started as a result of the country Leadership's vision towards sustainability and diversity. From that vision, we worked on the first long term energy strategy in the region aiming for 50% contribution from clean energy sources with zero Co2 emissions, and we are also investing in energy efficiency initiatives.

“The 24th World Energy Congress’s theme of ‘Energy for Prosperity’ represents the ambitious and dynamic energy transition the UAE is going through at present,” added the minister

“We are proud to host this historic 24th World Energy Congress – a truly global event with delegates from the across the world travelling to Abu Dhabi.

“Despite the different corners of the globe that we occupy, we all face the same challenge to achieve a collaborative, sustainable and innovative energy future that enables societal, commercial and community prosperity.

“The 24th World Energy Congress will help to lay the foundations for a more prosperous energy industry – with innovation helping to drive a low carbon economy and cleaner energy generation methods.”

Joining H.E Al Mazrouei to address the media, delegates and guests at the opening press conference were Eng. Fatima Alfoora Alshamsi, CEO of the UAE Organizing Committee for the 24th World Energy Congress, Younghoon David Kim, Chair of the World Energy Council, Jean-Marie Dauger, Chair-elect of the World Energy Council and Dr Christoph Frei, Secretary General & CEO of the World Energy Council.

Younghoon David Kim, Chair of the World Energy Council said: “The World Energy Council has been engaging leaders in all sectors from across the world, to meet the challenges of whole energy system innovation and work together to shape the energy future.

“We are bringing together the world’s energy leaders at the 24th World Energy Congress to find solutions to energy transition challenges that will enable whole societies to benefit as well as regenerate the earth’s natural life support systems.”

The UAE, along with host sponsors Abu Dhabi Department of Energy, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC), Emirates Water and Electricity Company (EWEC) and Mubadala, will host the most diverse gathering of ministers, governments, companies, IGOs, NGOs and academics ever to attend an event in the capital.

The 24th World Energy Congress aims to bring together international energy stakeholders, including governments, private and state corporations, academia and media. With over 15,000 participants expected, the Congress is set to welcome over 250 high-level speakers, 72 ministers, 500 CEOs, 1000 media with an 40,000 sqm exhibition space that will cover the entire energy spectrum.

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Note to editors

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About the 24th World Energy Congress

The 24th World Energy Congress will be held in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates from 9-12 September 2019. Under the theme "Energy for Prosperity", the Congress will be a global leadership forum that defines the strategy for a collaborative, sustainable and innovative energy future that enables societal, commercial and community prosperity. 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 95-year history.



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