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Energy partnership between the UAE and Germany serves as model for successful cooperation



Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park in Dubai

Source: Dubai Electricity and Water Authority

In recent months Germany and the United Arab Emirates have continued to intensify their existing energy partnership with several high-ranking bilateral visits, discussions and agreements between representatives from politics and the private sector. H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck, German Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, met with H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology of the UAE, Managing Director and Group CEO of the ADNOC Group, Chairman of Masdar and the UAE's Special Envoy for Climate Change, on 10th May 2022 in Berlin, where they discussed issues regarding energy cooperation, focusing on hydrogen as well as ways of enhancing strategic relations and investment opportunities.

Following this meeting, a joint round table was held with representatives of the German business community to expand hydrogen production and

trading, the shared goal of the two countries being to establish and enhance the hydrogen sector. In this regard, H.E. Dr. Robert Habeck described green hydrogen as vital for a carbon-neutral industry. Germany is taking additional measures to mitigate climate change, expanding the necessary infrastructure to accelerate the implementation of green hydrogen technologies and planning to import large quantities of green hydrogen from MENA countries such as the UAE. The joint hydrogen projects between German industry and its partners in the UAE will play a significant role in accelerating this process. H.E. Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber stressed that the UAE is exploring opportunities for cooperation and joint investments in vital areas, such as wind and solar power, advanced industries, smart manufacturing, digitalisation, artificial intelligence, infrastructure, tourism and agriculture, aiming to ensure sustainable economic growth.

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