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## **WREC / Ali Sayigh Trophy awarded to GERMANY at the World Renewable Energy Congress XI in Abu Dhabi, UAE**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 the WREC / Ali Sayigh Trophy was awarded for the third time. After Cyprus in 2006 and Brazil in 2008, in this year the trophy went to the Federal Republic of Germany. The trophy was presented at the World Renewable Energy Congress XI in Abu Dhabi, UAE to Acting Ambassador Frank Neumann, who received the award on behalf of Dr. Norbert Röttgen, the Federal Environment Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany. The trophy was presented in a special ceremony by Prof. Ali Sayigh, chairman of WREC.

The WREC / Ali Sayigh Trophy is awarded every two years at the World Renewable Energy Congress to the country that has added most renewable energy to its portfolio in the two years preceding the WREC conference. The decision of the evaluation committee was announced by its chairman, Prof. Thorsteinn I. Sigfusson, Director General of The Innovation Center Iceland. The committee based its results on data from a number of sources such as the International Energy Agency (IEA) as well as official figures of the countries evaluated.

Germany increased the proportion of renewables in its energy portfolio from 9.3% in 2008 to 10.1 % in 2009. This increase of about 10% was mostly due to an increased contribution of solar and wind energy to the overall energy mix. In Germany the investment in renewable energy infrastructures increased from 14.8 billion Euros in 2008 to 17.7 billion Euros in 2009 which again underlines the fact that Germany has been doing extremely well in this field.



Prof Ali Sayigh (right) handing over the WREC / Ali Sayigh trophy to Mr Frank Neumann of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (left).



Prof Thorsteinn I. Sigfusson, Mr Frank Neumann and Prof Ali Sayigh (from left to right).