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**World Renewable Energy Congress and Exhibition
25-30 September 2010, Armed Forces Officers Club & Hotel,
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

The World Renewable Energy Congress 2010,(WREC XI) is the 20th anniversary of WREC which was established in Reading, United Kingdom in 1990.

So far the Congress has received 523 abstracts from 87 countries including 130 well-known invited speakers. Preparations are going very well with the help and support of H E Mr Majid Al- Mansouri, Secretary General of Environment Agency -Abu Dhabi and his colleagues. We have started to receive some of the full papers for the Congress and the Proceedings will be available at the Congress.

One of the highlights of the Congress will be the European Commission two-day Workshop on 27 and 28 of September under the title: **Renewable energy: opportunities and Challenges of grid integration**, where experts from all over the world, with a balance of representatives from developing and developed economies will be invited to participate. Representatives of different Directorates General (RELEX AIDCO RTD) of the EC dealing with international cooperation on energy will be invited to participate in the Introduction. The main organizer within the EC which provide the concept paper is DG RTD.

Another important workshop is our regular **Energy, Gender and Poverty Reduction** which will take place on 25 September under the leadership of Dr Barbara Farhar from US. Several well known personalities will take part in this workshop from Africa, Asia, Europe and South and North America.

This Congress is the Twentieth Anniversary of the World Renewable Energy Congress and Network and (WREC/WREN), and the Congress Trophy will be presented to the country which has most successfully promoted Renewable Energy during the last two years. In addition there will be a student competition, "Towards Sustainable Environment", in Green Building within the GCC Countries to encourage final year students of architecture in the various colleges and universities in the GCC to adapt green building design in the region.

The Congress is under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Ruler's Representative in the Western Region Abu Dhabi and Chairman of Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi.

Among the sponsors are: National Energy and Water Research Centre – Abu Dhabi (NEWRC), Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority – Platinum Sponsor and the Centre of Waste Management – Abu Dhabi – Gold Sponsor.

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