



World Utilities  
Congress



27 - 29 MAY 2025 | ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

## SUMMARY REPORT

19,764

TOTAL  
ATTENDEES

183

GLOBAL  
EXHIBITORS

443

EXPERT  
SPEAKERS

996

CONFERENCE  
DELEGATES

The World Utilities Congress 2025 concluded with resounding success, reaffirming its role as the premier global platform for the power and water utilities sector. Taking place at the ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi from 27–29 May 2025, the event united **183 international exhibitors, 443 expert speakers, and 19,764 industry professionals** from around the world.

The congress was inaugurated with an opening ceremony, held in the presence of VIPs, dignitaries and global CEOs. During the session, keynotes were delivered by **H.E. Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei**, Minister of Energy & Infrastructure, United Arab Emirates; **H.E. Dr. Abdullah Humaid Saif Al Jarwan**, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Department of Energy; **Jasim Thabet**, Group CEO and MD, Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA).

With **111 conference sessions**, vital MOUs signed and exclusive product launches, the event showcased groundbreaking innovations and fostered valuable connections, leaving a lasting impact on the future of the global utilities sector.

2025 also saw the launch of **FUEL (Future Utilities and Energy Leaders)** welcoming university students, young innovators and fresh graduates, to connect with, and learn from global leaders.



# THE EXHIBITION FLOOR

The World Utilities Congress brought together **183 international and regional exhibitors**, each showcasing the latest innovations across key sectors such as power generation, transmission and distribution, energy services, water and mobility.

This dynamic platform fostered high-value networking and strategic partnerships while highlighting the tools and systems that drive operational efficiency, resilience, and sustainable growth across the utilities landscape.

Within the exhibition floor the **Innovation Hub** provided an immersive experience where attendees explored the latest technologies in the Cleantech and Climate Tech Theatres, viewed live demonstrations and hands-on interactions, and through the **Utilities Connect** meeting hub, attendees held meetings and forged partnerships.

The newly launched **FUEL** welcomed over **120 students and young professionals**, who embraced the opportunity to connect with industry leaders, showcase their latest projects and attend conference sessions throughout the 3 days. Gaining valuable insight for their future careers within the utilities sector.



# DISCUSSIONS, DEBATES, DIALOGUES AND MORE

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Across 3 days, the conferences at World Utilities Congress convened **Ministers, CEOs, academics, and industry leaders** to address the critical challenges, share strategic insights and technical expertise and discuss the possibilities and opportunities facing the global utilities sector.

## Key themes discussed included:

- Building a more accessible, affordable and sustainable power system
- Putting water at the heart of energy and climate adaptation plans
- Unlocking the potential of AI and clean technologies
- Prioritising flexibility solutions for more resilient energy
- Adopting strategic capital reallocation and innovative financing models
- Shaping policies and partnerships for the future of utilities



# CONNECTING THE INDUSTRY ELITE



## LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLES

The invitation-only Leadership Roundtables brought together **82 CEOs, policymakers and senior industry leaders** for closed-door discussions. Considering challenges such as, power sector transition, the true potential of AI in the utilities sector and how to tackle the power demand surge and global electrification. Across 3 roundtable sessions, participants explored solutions to shape a cleaner, more secure energy future.



## UTILITIES CLUB

The exclusive Utilities Club welcomed over **533 distinguished members**, including Ministers, dignitaries, CEOs, and thought leaders. The club provided an ideal setting for building strategic partnerships with industry decision-makers. It also featured dedicated meeting suites for executives from ABB, CNNC, PwC, Siemens Energy and SUEZ, facilitating high-level meetings throughout the event.

## GALA DINNER

A memorable evening at the Erth Hotel, Abu Dhabi, celebrating collective progress with industry colleagues from the global utilities community. This event highlighted the power of exclusive networking, fostering new connections and reinforcing existing relationships. Guests also enjoyed a **fireside chat** between John Deferios and Mo Gawdat.



## ATTENDEE TESTIMONIALS

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As one of the UAE's leading utilities companies, Tabreed and this event are a perfect match, and I am proud that we have been sponsors and participants in it from the beginning. For me and my executive management team, the three days present unrivalled networking opportunities and give the company a platform to show the global business community what we do and the positive impact we have on the world.”



**Khalid Al Marzooqi**  
CEO



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The World Utilities Congress was exceptionally well-organized, bringing together industry leaders for discussions focused on timely and globally essential topics that are vital to shaping the future of utilities. The event offered a pragmatic and forward-looking view on how to address the evolving energy landscape and needs of the global population. Congratulations to all involved for delivering such a successful and impactful experience.”



**Zainub Noor**  
Executive Director,  
Technology & Innovation



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Our participation in the World Utilities Congress underscores Iberdrola's commitment to advancing innovation that supports the electrification of the economy. As AI reshapes how energy systems operate and global demand continues to grow, this event offered a critical platform to share how we're applying cutting-edge technologies to build smarter grids, accelerate efficiency and sustainability across utilities, and address rising pressures across the water-energy-food nexus. Innovation is key to redefining how we manage these interconnected systems and to shaping a more sustainable, resilient future.”



**Santiago Bañales López**  
MD



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Being a speaker at the World Utilities Congress was an incredibly rewarding experience. The conference brought together forward-thinking individuals and institutions with a shared commitment to meaningful change. I was honoured to be a speaker on panel discussions focussed on women leading in the field of energy, as well as building sustainable cities. The organizers created a space that was not only well-run and engaging, but truly impactful. I left inspired, energized and hopeful for what we can accomplish together.”



**Kehkashan Basu**  
Founder-President



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