



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS IN THE ECONOMY

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### **The IPHE Welcomes its Newest Member – the United Arab Emirates**

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The International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) welcomes its newest member to the organisation, the United Arab Emirates.

"We are very pleased to welcome the UAE into the IPHE. The UAE brings a new perspective to the work of the IPHE, being the first country from the Middle East region and given their leadership in implementing actions on low-carbon hydrogen both in their economy and as a new export source" said IPHE Chair Noé van Hulst of The Netherlands. "We very much welcome the UAE and look forward to working together to accelerate the growth in the role of hydrogen globally."

"The UAE is both thrilled and excited to collaborate and be part of the prestigious IPHE organization and look forward in working very closely with all its country members. We aspire to be leaders in the hydrogen economy and accordingly have been working diligently both in terms of planning and developing our National Strategy" said His Excellency Eng Sharif Salim Al Olama, Undersecretary for Energy and Petroleum, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, UAE.

"We are well positioned to be a leader in low carbon hydrogen with natural competitive advantages in both blue (available gas at the right price) and green (lowest cost solar with available land for solar PV) hydrogen and the UAE is blessed with a favourable geographic positioning to key future hydrogen markets both in Asia and Europe" added H.E. Eng Sharif Salim Al Olama.

H.E Eng Sharif Salim Al Olama further elaborated that "New alliances are already in place with partners (Japan, South Korea, Europe, etc.) who are excited to be part of the UAE's hydrogen future and who will bring new capabilities and technologies. Green hydrogen is envisaged to play a significant role in UAE's domestic strategy to meet the UAE National Energy Strategy 2050 and UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative. As the objectives of both, the UAE and the IPHE towards "hydrogen & fuel cells economy" are very much aligned i.e., to enhance the security and efficiency of energy systems, to help address environmental objectives, and to grow the economy, the UAE very much looks forward to this collaboration and partnership."

The IPHE, established in 2003, is an international inter-governmental partnership whose objective is to facilitate and accelerate the transition to clean and efficient energy, industry, and mobility systems using fuel cells and hydrogen technologies. It provides a forum for sharing information on policies and technology status, as well as on initiatives, codes and standards to accelerate the cost-effective transition to the use of FCH in the economy. The goal to enhance the security and efficiency of energy systems, to help address environmental objectives, and to grow the economy.