

**IRENA events at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW)  
including the World Future Energy Summit (WFES)  
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)**

**13 Renewable Energy and the Water, Energy and Food Nexus**

**Wednesday, 21 January 2015, 02.00 pm – 04.30 pm  
Capital Suite 14, upper level**

Discussions on the development challenges posed by the water, energy and food nexus are gaining momentum and renewable energy is emerging as a key solution. Renewable energy technologies are generally less-resource intensive and have the potential to meet growing energy needs while enhancing long-term sustainability of both energy and non-energy sectors. These benefits further strengthen the business case for renewables, however, qualitative and quantitative evidence remains relatively dispersed and limited. As a first step towards bridging this knowledge gap, IRENA will launch a study during ADSW, *Renewable Energy in the Water, Energy and Food Nexus*, that analyses the benefits brought on by renewable energy in managing the nexus. This event will serve as a crucial platform to:

1. Disseminate the findings from IRENA's study on *Renewable Energy and the Water, Energy and Food Nexus*;
2. Discuss measures through which renewable energy can be better integrated into policy-making relevant to other sectors.

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**Draft Agenda**

<b>02.00 pm – 02.30 pm</b>	<b>Renewable Energy and the Water, Energy and Food Nexus</b> Capital Suite 14, upper level
02.00 pm – 02.20 pm	<b>IRENA's key findings and recommendations</b> Representative from IRENA
02.20 pm – 03.10 pm	<b>Panel discussion</b> Raed Bkayrat, <i>VP Business Development, Saudi Arabia, First Solar</i> Roula Majdalani, <i>Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia</i> Rabi Mohtar, <i>TEES Endowed Professor, Texas A&amp;M University (TBC)</i> Aditi Mukherji, <i>Theme Leader, Water and Air, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (TBC)</i> Diego Rodriguez, <i>Senior Economist, World Bank (TBC)</i>
03.10 pm	<b>Questions and answers</b>