

# Final Report

Premier to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
January 16–21, 2010

## Overview:

Premier Ed Stelmach travelled to Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to speak at the World Future Energy Summit and to promote Alberta as an environmentally responsible, global energy centre offering excellent opportunities for trade and investment. He met with senior UAE and international government officials and with potential UAE partners for Alberta industry in both trade and investment. Premier Stelmach signed two groundbreaking agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi, which should spearhead increased interaction between Alberta business and government departments and leading entities within Abu Dhabi.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

## Mission Objectives:

1. Demonstrate Alberta's commitment to energy sustainability by presenting at Plenary Session 1 – World Future Energy Policy – at the World Future Energy Summit;
2. Sign a trade and investment Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a carbon capture and storage MOU with the Government of Abu Dhabi;
3. Highlight investment and trade opportunities in Alberta through meetings with UAE government and private sector leaders; and
4. Promote annual senior-level visits to Alberta to explore investment and partnership opportunities.

## Results:

A climate change policy that strikes the right balance of environmental protection, energy security and economic growth was the Premier's focus at the World Future Energy Summit. The Premier shared the podium, and met with international leaders such as:

- H.E. Abdulla Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Deputy Premier and Minister of Energy and Industry, Qatar
- H.E. Mohamed Bin Dhaen Al-Hamli, Minister of Energy, UAE
- H.E. Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New and Renewable Energy, India
- Hon. Hanny Sherry Ayithey, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana
- H.E. Ambassador Wang Xuexian, China
- H.E. Tadahiro Matsushita, Senior Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

- H.E. Young Hak Kim, Vice Minister, Ministry of Knowledge Economy, Republic of Korea
- Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, United Kingdom
- H.E. Maria van der Hoeven, Minister of Economic Affairs, Kingdom of The Netherlands
- H.E. Mauri Pekkarinen, Minister of Economic Affairs, Finland
- H.E. Jürgen Becker, State Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Federal Republic of Germany
- H.E. Walter Steinmann, State Secretary of Energy, Director of Swiss Federal Office of Energy, Switzerland
- H.E. Ola Alterå, State Secretary, Ministry for Enterprise and Energy, Sweden

Premier Stelmach signed an economic cooperation MOU with the Department of Economic Development, representing the Government of Abu Dhabi. This MOU outlines strategies to explore future cooperation in energy, agriculture, environment, best practices and other trade and investment sectors. It also commits the parties to exploring the options of opening offices in each other's jurisdiction.

On behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Premier Stelmach signed an MOU with Masdar, Abu Dhabi's Future Energy Company. It commits the parties to explore areas of information sharing and potential joint venture projects as related to carbon capture and storage.

Premier Stelmach met with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. The two discussed areas of common interest and cooperation between Alberta and the UAE.

Premier Stelmach also met with the UAE's Ministers of Energy and Foreign Trade to discuss potential missions from the UAE.

Other meetings were held with Abu Dhabi and UAE government companies (equivalent to Crown Corporations) to promote Alberta products and services and investment opportunities in sectors such as infrastructure, energy, petrochemicals, agriculture, environment, aerospace, medical and biotechnology and manufacturing.

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