

## **UAE to Attend Power-Gen Conference in Bahrain**

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ABU DHABI — The Gulf region is witnessing an increase in demand for energy amid a fall in the availability of renewable water resources and rapidly increasing population, according to experts.

The Power-Gen Middle East conference in Bahrain, which will be held in February next year, will focus on these aspects of the Gulf and Middle Eastern countries.

The United Arab Emirates will send a delegation of experts to the conference to discuss and explore ways to enhance energy supply to meet the growing needs of the country. The conference will discuss the economic growth and developments in the Middle East, water shortage in the region, expansion of nuclear energy plants for civil purposes and ways to deal with rapid population growth in the Arab countries.

With all the GCC countries expecting a significant growth in the power and water sectors, an estimated \$120-billion investment is needed in the industry over the next 10 years.

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