

## Largest-Ever Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Concludes with Renewed Commitment to Accelerate Sustainable Progress

### Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW) 2026 concluded its largest edition to date on January 15, reaffirming global commitment to delivering real-world sustainability solutions and accelerating systems transformation.

Held under the theme “*The Nexus of Next: All Systems Go*,” the world’s largest sustainability gathering brought together leaders across energy, finance, food, water, and nature to explore how interconnected systems can scale faster, work more effectively together, and deliver impact at pace.

### Most Ambitious ADSW to Date

ADSW 2026 convened **15 Heads of State and Government and more than 400 ministers and government officials**, alongside business leaders, investors, and civil society representatives from around the world. Hosted by Masdar, the event attracted **over 60,000 attendees**, a 20 percent increase on the previous year.

Over five days, ADSW featured **more than 240 sessions and over 800 speakers**, addressing global energy transformation, food and water security, climate resilience, and the role of emerging technologies in driving sustainable development.

Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, Chief Executive Officer of Masdar, said: “ADSW 2026 marked our biggest and most ambitious gathering yet. Leaders came together with a shared understanding that the systems shaping our future must evolve faster, work better together, and deliver at scale. ADSW provided a vital platform to align ambition with action and catalyze year-round collaboration, investment, and delivery.”

### Summits, Dialogues, and Global Platforms

The **ADSW Summit**, held January 13–14, featured more than 100 speakers across 30 sessions, enabling leaders to identify practical solutions and forge strategic partnerships. The Leadership Segment brought Heads of State and Government together to address pressing sustainability challenges.

The **ADSW Dialogues** program convened policymakers, investors, and industry leaders, with partners including ADNOC, BlackRock, Global Infrastructure Partners, and the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Key discussions focused on mobilizing capital, scaling infrastructure, and accelerating investment across the Global South.

ADSW also featured the **Blue Forum**, convened through the partnership between Masdar and the Sino-International Entrepreneurs Federation (SIEF), ahead of the 2026 UN Water Conference in the UAE this December. Held on January 15, the event brought together leaders from government, multilateral organizations and development banks, business and civil society to unlock transformative opportunities for a water-secure future, driving technology, resilience, and sustainable growth.

“Building on our participation last year, we are proud to join ADSW 2026 as a strategic partner with Masdar. Through initiatives including the Blue Forum, the AIB Reception, the Climate Sustainability Photography Exhibition, the Sci-Fi Innovation Pavilion, and the Sustainable Fashion Show, we are advancing awareness and driving action on sustainability across business, investment, culture, and society” said William Wang, Chief Representative of Middle East & Africa of SIEF.

## Youth and Women Empowerment

Youth and inclusion remained central to ADSW 2026. The **Youth for Sustainability (Y4S) Forum and Youth Hub** brought together more than **3,500 young people**, connecting them with leaders from government, industry, and academia. The annual **WiSER Forum**, held under the theme “*Inclusive Pathways for Transformative Growth*,” convened more than 120 leaders to advance dialogue on women’s leadership, inclusive finance, governance reform, and skills for the future workforce.

## Celebrating Progress and Innovation

ADSW concluded with the **Zayed Sustainability Prize Awards Ceremony**, recognizing pioneering solutions across Health, Food, Energy, Water, Climate Action, and Global High Schools. His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan personally presented the awards, underscoring the UAE’s commitment to inclusive and impactful innovation.

Masdar also marked **20 years of clean energy leadership**, announcing that its renewable energy portfolio reached **65 gigawatts**, placing the company two-thirds of the way toward its 2030 target of 100GW.

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