

# UAE-US nuclear cooperation aims to mitigate carbon pollution

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Abu Dhabi: US Deputy Energy Secretary Daniel Poneman said nuclear cooperation between the US and the UAE aims to ultimately mitigate carbon pollution.

"Nuclear energy has a very important role to in a low-carbon future," Poneman told WAM in Abu Dhabi following a meeting with UAE energy officials.

The US senior official hailed the long-standing and diverse relationship that the US developed with the UAE.

"It embraces almost every aspect of endeavour, from security cooperation to energy and environment, to education and culture", Poneman told WAM at a press briefing following a meeting in Abu Dhabi with senior officials of Masdar, Abu Dhabi's initiative for development, commercialisation and deployment of renewable and alternative energy.

Poneman said that during his current visit to the UAE, he held discussions with UAE officials on Masdar, energy efficiency, nuclear energy cooperation and oil and gas matters.

"One thing we are very much looking forward to is the next clean energy ministerial in Abu Dhabi," he said.

He commended the UAE "agreeing to chair this very important session that Secretary of Energy Steven Chu will attend."

"It is very important because it shows how our nations and the others participating at the clean energy ministerial and can work together to promote their mutual interest ...and protect the environment," Poneman added.

He added that, at Masdar, he viewed a number of solar PV panels that have just been sent from the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

Poneman said he and Masdar officials also discussed building efficiency, advanced cooling ideas, efforts on carbon capture, a diverse range of activities aimed at building a new energy economy and smart grids.