

Award & Panel Discussion, Global Solar Leaders Summit, 27 Nov 2017

On 27 November Dr. Nasser Saidi, Chairman of the Clean Energy Business Council (CEBC) participated in the Global Solar Leaders Summit, part of The Big 5 Solar. As well as sharing his insight and knowledge through the Policy and Regulation panel, Dr. Nasser was honoured with an award (photo) for his work as a Renewable Energy Ambassador. The award, presented by H.E. Dr. Matar Al Neyadi, Undersecretary of the UAE Ministry of Energy, recognised Dr. Nasser's work in founding the Clean Energy Business Council, his role as a global ambassador for clean energy, and commitment to the advancement of women and the education of our next generation of renewable energy leaders.

"The UAE has always been a pioneering nation that has strived to reshape and define its future and as it transitions its own economy from oil into knowledge and investments it can become the clean energy finance capital of the world by developing the ecosystem to finance clean energy and technology," said Dr. Saidi. A recent study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology warned of regional catastrophe and 'heatwaves beyond the limit of human survival' in the GCC by 2070 should global warming continue unabated. "Managing climate change is the central challenge facing humanity today. There is no trade-off between investments required for a low-carbon economy and economic growth." Dr. Saidi continued "Decarbonisation is a major investment opportunity for generations to come and 'climate' must be integrated into economic decision-making processes at the levels of government, society and businesses. This means a major shift by policymakers and business leaders in their strategic outlook. With pledged renewable energy targets of more than 100GW for the GCC region by 2030, it is connecting these parallel worlds of regional policy, finance and business that the Global Solar Leaders Summit will facilitate," he said. "Now, more than ever the economic, financial and

political communities must join the dots to successfully scale up the pace of renewable energy deployment.”

A video of the highlights from the event is posted below:

Watch below the interview with Dr. Nasser Saidi at Big 5 Solar event: