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### **Turkey to host energy meeting in October**

Turkey is getting significant attention for the country's energy investments, and an up-coming international energy meeting will encourage even more activity in the sector.

The 11th Turkey Energy Congress, organized by the World Energy Council Turkish National Committee every three years, will take place at the Tepekule Congress and Exhibition Center in the Aegean port city of İzmir between Oct. 21 and 23.

The congress will focus on Turkey's position on energy and improvements in the sector.

Many national and international energy companies and energy specialists are expected to attend the meeting, which will focus on obstacles and the obligations that should be done for Turkey to generate or supply its energy securely. The activities to speed up and encourage energy investments and how to be more independent and benefit more from its own resources will also be covered.

Participants will also discuss how Turkey can benefit within the framework of political, economic, social and technologic issues in the energy sector. An exhibition will also promote companies' goods and services.

The World Energy Council is the world's foremost multi-energy organization. It has member committees in nearly 100 countries, including most of the largest energy-producing and energy-consuming countries. Established in 1923, the organization covers all types of energy, including coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear, hydro and renewable. It is a U.K.-registered charity headquartered in London.

### **Turkey-Iraq-Syria "Water Summit" convenes in Ankara**

Environment and Forest Minister Veysel Eroğlu, Energy and Natural resources Minister Taner Yıldız, Iraqi Water and Natural resources Minister Latef Jamal Rasheed and Syrian Irrigation Minister Nader al Bounni met at the Water Summit held in Ankara.

Possible locations for joint measurement stations to be set up on the Euphrates and Tigris rivers, and the calibration of the existing ones were taken up at the meeting.

Besides, hydrologic and metrological data Exchange on the both rivers and creation of a common data base were also discussed.

Detection of the effects of drought and climate change was among the topics taken up at the meeting.

Underlining that the relations should be strengthen, Minister Eroglu said, "It become quite clear in the years of 2007 and 2008 that how vital water is for Iraq and Syria". He added that Turkey released water from Atatürk Dam on the Euphrates to its neighbors at the cost of risking its own share of energy to meet the demands of Iraq and Syria.

Eroğlu underlined the need for a more energy-smart use of water.

Emphasizing their desire for the cooperation of a higher level in the water resources managemnet, Iraqi Water and Natural resources Minister Latef Jamal Rasheed said, "There is a sever scarcity of water in Iraq, dryness is becoming widespread".

Syria Irrigation Minister Nader al Bounni also underscored that Syria and Iraq have a huge demand in water.

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