



WELCOME

Welcome to the first **renewables 2004 Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue** newsletter. This fortnightly newsletter will keep you informed of progress towards the International Conference for Renewable Energy in Bonn, Germany.

From June 1 to 4 2004, Germany will host the International Conference for Renewable Energy, as announced by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2002, Johannesburg. The conference *renewables 2004* – will chart the way towards an expansion of renewable energy worldwide, responding to the call of the Johannesburg summit for the global development of renewable energy. It will also keep up the momentum generated by the coalition of like-minded countries for promotion of renewable energy (known as the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition, JREC). More than 1000 participants are expected to meet in Bonn, among them official government delegations with ministers responsible for energy, environment and development, as well as representatives from the UN and other international organisations, non-governmental organisations, civil society and the private sector.

Renewables 2004 will address these central issues: How can

the proportion of renewable energies used in industrialised and developing countries be substantially increased, and how can their advantages and potential be better used? The conference will concentrate in particular on the following themes:

- Formation of enabling political framework conditions allowing the market development of renewable energies;
- Increasing private and public financing in order to secure reliable demand for renewable energies;
- Human and institutional capacity building, and coordination and intensification of research and development.

For more information on the Conference, including the expected outcomes, Conference documents and related events around the Conference please see www.renewables2004.de.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We encourage you to pass the messages on to colleagues and friends who may be interested in *renewables 2004* and getting involved. We also welcome feedback, so feel free to contact us:

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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE AT THE CONFERENCE

The term Multi-Stakeholder Processes (MSPs) describes processes which aim to bring together all major stakeholders in a new form of communication and decision-finding on a particular issue. MSPs have emerged because there is a perceived need for a more inclusive, effective manner for addressing the urgent sustainability issues of our time. A lack of inclusiveness has resulted in many good decisions for which there is no broad constituency, thus making implementation difficult. MSPs are based on democratic principles of transparency and participation, and aim to develop partnerships and strengthened networks between stakeholders. For more information on Multi-Stakeholder Processes please see www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/msp.php

The discussions during preparation and implementation of the MSD facilitate a wider understanding of renewable energy issues and help build consensus among major stakeholder groups. The results will have an impact on the decisions and outcomes of the conference. *Renewables 2004* aims at the following outcomes:

- A political declaration describing common political objectives, offering a vision of how renewable energy can play a greater role in a more efficient and sustainable energy system, and including agreements on a follow-up process;



- An international action plan in which various governments and actors propose concrete actions and voluntary commitments / goals for developing renewable energies;
- Guidance for good policy leading to greater impact and increased coherence of the policy strategies employed.

The MSD will be able to influence and input to the international action plan and the guidance for good policy. A call for actions and commitments from all stakeholder groups is available at www.renewables2004.de/en/2004/outcome.asp

As well as input to the Conference outcome documents, the MSD process will prepare stakeholder positions on selected issues. This will allow stakeholder groups to have dialogue with government ministers and senior officials during the Conference itself. There will be two MSD plenary sessions with governments (at top level) on the first day of the Conference (June 1st). Participants from the stakeholder community will be accredited as observers. A limited number of participants from the stakeholder community will be accredited by the conveners as delegates. Civil Society groups can propose representatives for accreditation to the Conference Secretariat by using the application form (www.renewables2004.de/en/participation/default.asp). Deadline for applications is **31 March 2004**.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE UPDATE

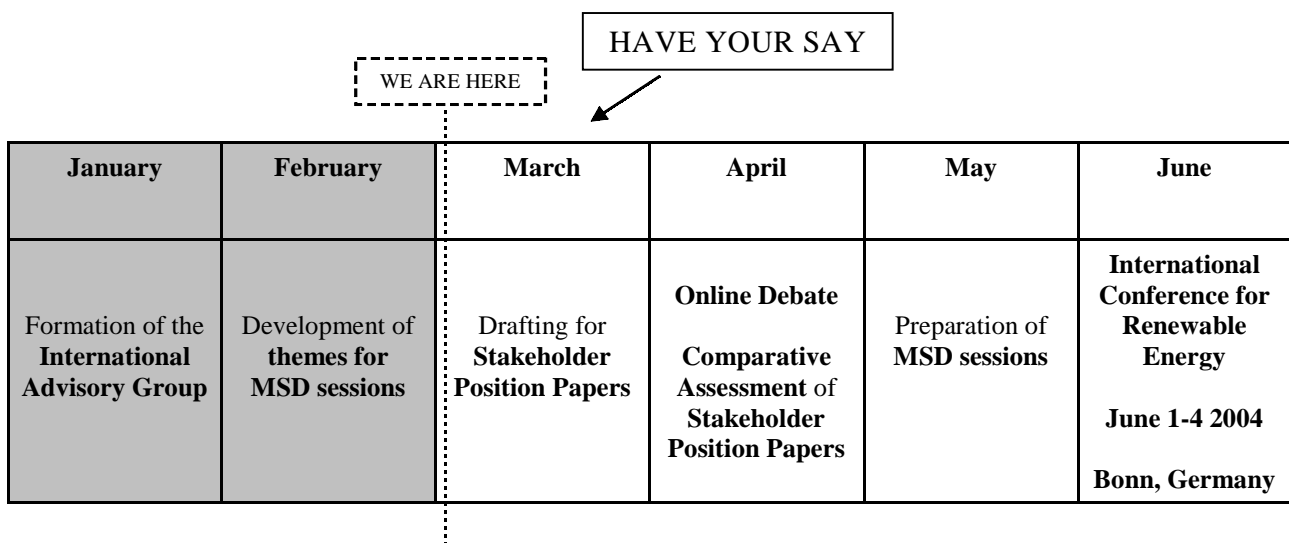
Stakeholder Forum carries out the overall preparation and coordination of the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue at the International Conference for Renewable Energy on behalf of the conference conveners and in close cooperation with the Conference secretariat.

An International Advisory Group (IAG) has been appointed for the outreach to different civil society groups (www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables/iag.pdf). The members of the IAG may serve as focal points for MSD preparations of the respective stakeholder group. The membership of the IAG reflects the range of actors with interest, expertise, and experience in renewables. It also aims to reflect the appropriate gender and geographical balance. The stakeholder groups / entry points to the dialogue for *renewables 2004* are as follows:

- Women
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- Local and Regional Authorities
- Trade Unions
- Business & Industry (including the financial sector)
- The Scientific and Technological Community
- Farmers
- Consumers
- Renewable Energy Manufacturers and Suppliers (including renewable energy associations)
- Actors in Development and Poverty Alleviation

The IAG will propose the themes of the MSD and coordinate the input from their constituency base.

MSD Roadmap to Renewables 2004



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

International Advisory Group Teleconference - January 30 2004

On January 30 2004, the MSD International Advisory Group had a teleconference meeting to discuss the themes and structure for the 2 MSD sessions at the Conference. The International Advisory Group (IAG) is responsible for proposing the themes for the MSD sessions: this will enable the 2 sessions with the ministers / senior officials to be used most effectively.

The starting point for the discussions is the Conference Issue Paper (latest draft to be published on the website soon): this paper concentrates on the most important issues to be addressed at the Bonn Conference and will provide guidance to the thematic and political discussions. The IAG identified areas for potential focus and also areas which they felt needed further emphasis.

There was concern for stakeholder representation from Less Developed Countries (LDCs) and Countries in Transition. There must be a concerted effort to inform and involve civil society from these countries. The IAG is comprised of members from international institutions who will aim to consult with their constituents across the globe. However, if you know

anyone who may benefit from this, please send this newsletter on and let us know their contact details.

Call for Actions

The conference conveners have issued a call for actions and commitments with information on the arrangements for contributing to the international action plan. Proposed actions and commitments should be significant in terms of their expected impact.

Governments, international organisations and other stakeholders wishing to contribute to the international action plan may use the following document (www.renewables2004.de/pdf/call-for-action.pdf).

Side Events and Exhibitions

Conference participants are invited to organise 1 1/2 hr side events or contribute to an exhibition related to the conference themes. Applications for side events can be submitted until **15 March 2004**. Application forms can be found at www.renewables2004.de/en/participation/default.asp

Environmentalists Head for the States

By Mathew L Wald - February 1 2004

Washington - Maryland's traffic lights will soon use less electricity, though they will shine just as brightly. Commercial refrigerators and freezers will do their work with less power, and commercial washing machines will save water, as well as electricity, under a law setting higher efficiency standards for new equipment. In all, Maryland expects a 2 percent reduction in its electricity consumption by 2010.

These changes will come about not because of anything Washington has done, but through a law passed by the Maryland Legislature. And environmentalists plan to introduce the same bill in about a dozen more states this year.

The states may be taking the lead on electricity usage standards, just as they did on car and truck pollution in the 1980's and 1990's, and as they soon may on power-plant pollution.

"Show me a good federal standard, and I'll show you three or four states that did it first," said Rob Sargent, a spokesman for the National Association of State Public Interest Research Groups. "State policy kind of raises the bar."

For full article see: www.truthout.org/docs_04/020304G.shtml

Global Access Grant

Aims to support women's participation in international events such as seminars, conferences, trainings related to women's rights issues. The objective is to facilitate the access of women active in this field to the international movement for the emancipation of women. The deadline is rolling.

For full article see: www.comminit.com/Scholarships2004/sld-9633.html

Out of Gas: They're Not Making More Oil

By Paul Raeburn - February 8 2004

If all you knew about David Goodstein was the title of his book, you might imagine him to be one of those insufferably enthusiastic prophets of doom, the flannel-shirted, off-the-grid types who take too much pleasure in letting us know that the vironment is crumbling all around us. But Goodstein, a physicist, vice provost of the California Institute of Technology and an advocate of nuclear power, is no muddled idealist. And his argument is based on the immutable laws of physics. The age of oil is ending, he says. The supply will soon begin to decline, precipitating a global crisis. Even if we substitute coal and natural gas for some of the oil, we will start to run out of fossil fuels by the end of the century. "And by the time we have burned up all that fuel," he writes, "we may well have rendered the planet unfit for human life. Even if human life does go on, civilization as we know it will not survive." He's talking about 100 years from now, far enough in the future, you might say, that we needn't worry for generations. Surely some technological fix will be in place by then, some new source of energy, some breakthrough. But with a little luck, many readers of these pages will live until 2030 or 2040, or longer. Their children may live until 2070 or 2080, and their grandchildren will easily survive into the 22nd century. We're talking about a time in the lives of our grandchildren, not some warp drive, Star Trek future. And what about that technological fix? "There is no single magic bullet that will solve all our

energy problems," Goodstein writes. "Most likely, progress will lie in incremental advances on many simultaneous fronts." We might finally learn to harness nuclear fusion, the energy that powers the sun, or to develop better nuclear reactors, or to improve the efficiency of the power grid. But those advances will require a 'massive, focused commitment to scientific and technological research. That is a commitment we have not yet made."

For full article see: <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9404E3DD1038F93BA35751C0A9629C8B63>

GFSE 4th Global Meeting

By Rush Kalsi - February 26 2004

The Fourth Meeting of the Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (GFSE-4) was held from 18-20 February 2004, in Vienna, Austria. The meeting considered the theme of "Energy for sustainable development: reconsidering the role of incentive measures" The prime focus of the forum was renewable energy issues which will provide valuable input to *renewables 2004*.



The Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (GFSE) launched by Austria's Foreign Minister in 1999 stems from outreach efforts of the World Energy Assessment, which was organized by UNDP, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the World Energy Council. The GFSE provides a platform for multi-stakeholder dialogues aimed at facilitating decision-making on energy policy issues in relevant forums as well as seeking to foster public-private partnerships.

GFSE-4 also facilitated an interactive platform for various energy initiatives announced at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg 2002. A working meeting was convened on 17 February 2004 in which some 15 energy initiatives shared information and discussed ways of collaboration and coordination.

In addition the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD), the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition (JREC), the EU Energy Initiative for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development (EUEI) and the Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP) held consultations and working meetings in the margins of GFSE-4.

The convenor for GFSE-4 was Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Special Representative and Assistant Director-General for UN Affairs at the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), with the Austrian government, the Austrian Federation of Industry, the City of Vienna, the Austrian Energy Agency, UNDP and UNIDO co-sponsoring the event. Approximately 250 participants attended, representing governments, UN bodies and representatives of civil society, including business and industry, non-governmental organizations and academia from all regions.

For further information see www.gfse.at/publ/word/gfse4_rec.doc

Call for Contributions

Please send in articles you have written or seen that you would like to share to: renewables2004@stakeholderforum.org

Upcoming Events

1- 3 March Las Vegas, USA	Power Gen—Renewable Energy - Conference for industry <i>Contact:</i> PowerGen - Lisa Gasaway - pgreconference@pennwell.com
4-5 March Wels, Austria	World Sustainable Energy Day <i>Contact:</i> EnergieSparVerein Wels - office@esv.or.at
8 -10 March Bahrain	8th Arab International Solar Energy Conference & the World Renewable Energy Conference <i>Contact:</i> Energy Research Centre Bahrain - Dr A Al-karaghoul - allkaraghoul@sci.uob.bh
10 - 11 March Manila, Indonesia	25th Annual PNOC-EDC Geothermal Conference <i>Contact:</i> Philippine National Oil Company, Energy Development Corporation - Mr. Ditto Los Bairos - geothermalcon@energy.com.ph
20-22 March Verona, Italy	Solarexpo—5th International Conference & Exhibition on Renewable Energies <i>Contact:</i> Dr Massimiliano Cecchin - exhibition@solarexpo.com
29- 31 March Seoul, South Korea	23rd Meeting—UNEP Governing Council of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum <i>Contact:</i> UNEP - eisinfo@unep.org
28-31 March Chicago, USA	Global Wind Power 2004 <i>Contact:</i> America Wind Energy Association - windmail@awea.org
1-4 April Lons le Saunier, France	Wood Energy 2004 <i>Contact:</i> ITEBE - info@itebe.org
7 - 9 April Beijing, China	Asia Bio-Energy Conference, Asia Wind Power Conference, Asia Geothermal Conference Asia Solar Thermal Conference, Asia Small/Micro Hydro Power Conference, Asia Marine Conference <i>Contact:</i> Grace Fair International Ltd. - info@gracefair.com
14- 30 April New York, USA	Commission of Sustainable Development 12th Session <i>Contact:</i> UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs - Division for Sustainable Development dsd@un.org
19- 24 April Cairns, Australia	Hannover Fair / Energy <i>Contact:</i> Hannover Messe AG - www.hannovermesse.de
10-14 May Rome, Italy	2nd World Conference and Technology Exhibition on Biomass for Energy, Industry & Climate Change <i>Contact:</i> ETA—Italienische Energieagentur - biomass.con@rtaflorence.it
1-4 June Bonn, Germany	Renewables 2004 <i>Contact:</i> Secretariat - info@renewables2004.de

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Stakeholder Forum's mandate is increasingly expanding from developing effective stakeholder participation in international policy negotiation, to include the creation of partnerships between stakeholders that delivers effective implementation at the national, regional and international levels. For more information please visit www.stakeholderforum.org

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