

Side Event at COP 15 in Copenhagen

Tuesday, 15 December 2009, 20.00 – 21.30

Room: Halfdan Rasmussen

Meet IRENA: Renewable Energy – Our Chance to Mitigate Climate Change

IRENA, the International Renewable Energy Agency, is mandated by its 138 members to promote the widespread and increased use of renewable energy worldwide.

IRENA and REN21 – together with the International Energy Agency (IEA), the IEA Implementing Agreement on Renewable Energy Technology Development (RETd), and the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) / Greenpeace – will present the leading renewable energy scenarios to show how renewables can help meet CO₂ reduction targets and secure affordable energy supply.

Moderator **Mohamed El-Ashry**, Chair of REN21 Steering Committee

Keynote **Hélène Pelosse**, Interim Director-General of IRENA

Presentations **Christine Lins**, Secretary General EREC, and
Sven Teske, Director Renewable Energy Greenpeace International,
Hans-Jørgen Koch, Deputy State Secretary Danish Energy Agency, and
Ryan Katofsky for RETD,
Paolo Frankl, Head Renewable Energy Division IEA

IRENA was established in January 2009 as an intergovernmental organisation to promote the wide-spread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy worldwide. To the benefit of its currently 138 members, IRENA will offer relevant policy advice and facilitate technology transfer, financing and capacity building in the field of renewable energy. www.irena.org

REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century, is a global forum for international leadership on renewable energy. Its goal is to bolster policy development for the rapid expansion of renewable energy in developing and industrialised economies. Open to a wide variety of dedicated stakeholders, REN21 connects governments, international institutions, non-governmental organisations, industry associations, and other partnerships and initiatives. www.ren21.net

IEA, the International Energy Agency, is an intergovernmental organisation which acts as energy policy advisor to 28 member countries, in their effort to incorporate energy security, economic development and environmental protection into balanced energy policy making. Work on renewables encompasses scenario modelling, statistics, technology status and prospects, assessment of renewable energy markets and policies, and system integration issues. www.iea.org

IEA RETD, the IEA Renewable Energy Technology Deployment Implementing Agreement, acts as a catalyst for an increased rate of renewable energy technologies deployment, by proposing solutions and options to maximize both the share of renewable energy and the contribution renewables can make to climate change mitigation, security of energy supply and economic growth. International cooperation is essential in this respect. www.iea-retd.org

EREC, the European Renewable Energy Council, is the umbrella organisation of the major European renewable energy industry, trade and research associations active in the field of photovoltaics, small hydropower, solar thermal, bioenergy, ocean & marine, geothermal, wind energy, solar thermal electricity and biofuels. It represents an industry with an annual turnover of more than EUR 45 billion and more than 450,000 employees. www.erec.org

Greenpeace is a global organization that uses non-violent direct action to tackle the most crucial threats to our planet's biodiversity and environment. Greenpeace is a non-profit organization with 2.8 million supporters worldwide and is present in over 40 countries across Europe, Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific. Greenpeace does not accept donations from governments or corporations to maintain its independence. Greenpeace promotes the rapid expansion of renewables for the sake of a sound environment, political stability and thriving economies. www.energyblueprint.info, www.greenpeace.org

Refreshments will be served.

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