

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

International Conference for Renewable Energies

Bonn 2004

In June 2004 Germany will be hosting the International Conference for Renewable Energies. The Conference was announced by the Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September 2002. It will give further impetus to the dynamic process initiated in Johannesburg for the global development of renewable energies. It will also use the momentum generated by the coalition of like-minded countries for the promotion of renewable energies (so called "Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition").

Key consideration will be given to:

- The elaboration of strategies for the increased use of renewable energies/sustainable energy supply, including the further development of financing and assistance models
- Information exchange on technologies, framework conditions, best practices
- Agreement on action plans for industrial and developing countries at national, international and global levels.

In addition, the process commenced through the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition will be further developed in content. We hope that more signatory states to the Declaration "The Way Forward on Renewable Energy" will be gained.

Conference participants will include representatives from national governments, international organisations, non-governmental organisations and major groups. It is expected that governments will be represented on ministerial level and include in their delegations officials with responsibility in the environment, energy and development cooperation fields.

VENUE AND DATE

International Congress Centre (Bundeshaus), Bonn, first week of June 2004

HOST

The Conference is hosted and convened by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

SECRETARIAT

A Conference Secretariat is provided by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH.

Conveners

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

An International Steering Committee has been formed to advise the convener, in particular on the political and substantive preparations. The first meeting of the Steering Committee will take place on 11 and 12 June 2003.

The Conference will furthermore be publicised and prepared through decentralised preparatory meetings and side events to international events.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

The outcome will be discussed and prepared by the International Steering Committee. Among the options to be considered by the Committee will be:

- § a ministerial/ high level declaration to be adopted by participants addressing the major political concerns and giving guidance to governments and stakeholders on the action required
- § the elaboration of strategies for the increased use of renewable energies/sustainable energy supply, including the further development of financing and assistance models
- § assessment of measures and instruments for the promotion of renewable energies
- § the enhancement of information exchange on technologies, framework conditions, best practices, standards
- § an agreement on an action plan for the development of renewable energies which is linked to agreements on national, regional and international targets for increasing the share of renewable energies
- § the establishment of a long term follow-up process
- § the strengthening of institutional arrangements

Besides achieving a common result at the conference, it is possible and desirable that the conference participants – in various combinations – agree on additional, more extensive results, which open up possibilities for varying the pace and methods in the use of renewable energies.

Additional presentations and side events will be foreseen.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Progress of the preparation is documented on the internet (www.renewables2004.de) and in a Newsletter to be issued in July, November 2003, and April 2004. For further information contact the Secretariat of the International Conference for Renewable Energies, Postfach 5180, 65726 Eschborn, Germany; phone: +49 (6196) 79 4404; fax: +49 (6196) 79 4405; e-mail: info@renewables2004.de

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