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Ms Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul
and Mr Jürgen Trittin

Welcome Address

The International Conference for Renewable Energies will meet in Bonn, Germany, from 1 – 4 June 2004. It was announced at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg 2002, by German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and will be hosted by the German government. The conference is intended to contribute to a global expansion of renewable energies, integrated into a broader effort to shape a highly efficient and sustainable energy future.

The conference will focus on solutions and political commitments to address the challenges which industrialised countries, developing countries and economies in transition are facing: how can renewable energies facilitate access to energy for the 2 billion people without access to modern energy supply, how can they expand their key role for the protection of the global climate, and how can they contribute to economic development and employment as well as to energy security and technological advances?

renewables 2004 will build on success stories from all parts of the world. Sharing lessons learnt and drawing conclusions from experiences on the ground will be an important part of the conference.

We encourage governments from all regions of the world to participate in this conference, which will bring together ministers and officials primarily responsible for energy, environment, development and planning.

Furthermore, we invite international organisations and a broad stakeholder spectrum, including the private sector, local authorities and non-governmental organisations, to participate and contribute to a successful outcome.

We welcome all participants to the International Conference for Renewable Energies 2004 in Bonn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul'.

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul

Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation
and Development

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jürgen Trittin'.

Jürgen Trittin

Federal Minister for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Aims of the Conference

The overarching aim of the International Conference for Renewable Energies – *renewables 2004* – is to prepare the ground for a global expansion of renewable energies, integrated into a broader strategy to create a highly efficient and sustainable energy future. The conference will identify the key obstacles to the wider use of renewable energies and will focus on practical solutions to overcome these barriers. In bringing together the key decision-makers from the fields of energy, environment, development and planning, the conference will address key challenges in sustainable development such as access to energy for the poor and the protection of the global climate.

In pursuing these aims, the conference is responding to the call of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg (see left). The conference will also maintain the momentum generated by the coalition of like-minded countries for the promotion of renewable energy (known as the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition, JREC), as articulated in their joint declaration, “The Way Forward on Renewable Energy”.

Johannesburg Plan of Implementation

§ 20 (...) (e) Diversify energy supply by developing advanced, cleaner, more efficient, affordable and cost-effective energy technologies, including fossil fuel technologies and renewable energy technologies, hydro included, and their transfer to developing countries on concessional terms as mutually agreed. With a sense of urgency, substantially increase the global share of renewable energy sources with the objective of increasing its contribution to total energy supply, recognizing the role of national and voluntary regional targets as well as initiatives, where they exist, and ensuring that energy policies are supportive to developing countries' efforts to eradicate poverty, and regularly evaluate available data to review progress to this end; (...)

Source: Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development



Large-scale solar thermal power plant with parabolic trough technology, Spain

Conference Issue

Energy services are fundamental for human welfare and important preconditions for social and economic development. However, most economies rely on an inefficient use of energy with high shares of fossil sources. Today's global energy system is unsustainable in economic, social and ecological terms. The key question is how to make a global transition to a sustainable energy system in an active and timely manner, while allowing for the social and economic development of both industrialised and developing countries. Renewable energies can significantly contribute to this great challenge:



Production of biogas on an Indian tea plantation



Repowering in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany



Minihydro power station for an Indonesian village that has no grid

- Renewable energies reduce the reliance on energy imports and diversify energy supply mixes by making use of locally available resources. Renewable energies thus contribute to energy security and reduce dependency on foreign-currency-consuming fossil fuel imports.
- As renewable energies have low to zero greenhouse-gas emissions, they reduce human-induced climate impacts.
- Renewable energies help to reduce negative health impacts from airborne emissions.
- In industrialised countries, renewables already have spurred the development of new industries and services for planning, manufacturing, operating and maintenance and demonstrated their potential to create highly qualified employment in new small- and medium-sized enterprises.
- Being modular, diverse and distributed, renewable energies offer potentials for decentralised technological innovation by small and medium-sized enterprises and allow for wider participation in decision-making about energy options. This is valid for all countries.
- Renewable energies can create decentralised markets, thus contributing to local economic development by creating employment, introducing new capital and innovation and by developing new sources of revenue for local communities.
- Especially in the case of traditional biomass use, improved technologies can help combat the depletion of the resource.
- For many remote areas, renewable energy technologies are cost-effective and competitive supply options and can contribute to offering access to modern energy services for large parts of the rural population in the developing world.

Therefore, it is important to create an enabling environment for renewable energies. This will mobilise the necessary dynamics for an increased use of the existing renewable energy potentials. Three **key issues** have been identified to be addressed at *renewables 2004*:

- Policies for market development
- Finance
- Strengthening of human and institutional capacity

The massive development of relevant markets is a prerequisite for a substantial increase in the use of renewable energies. Today, however, renewable energies do not always have the necessary enabling policy framework to fully develop their market potentials and the risks of relying upon fossil energy sources are not well translated into appropriate market signals. **What can governments, international organisations and stakeholders do to develop the market and create a level playing field for renewable energies?**

The characteristics of renewable energy technologies imply high up-front investments that require particular financing solutions. Due to the lack of experience, financial markets tend to rate risks of innovative technologies higher than those of their conventional competitors. This makes financing renewable energies comparatively expensive. Moreover, many renewable energy technologies are decentralised and small-scale in nature, and hence appropriate for markets in rural areas. However, poor rural households often do not have access to the proper financing or to support schemes to afford renewable energy. **How and under what preconditions could public and private capital providers improve financing of renewables in both industrialised and developing countries?**

When dealing with renewable energies, political decision-makers, administrations, technology and project developers, financiers and consumers are confronted with new and rapidly changing challenges. Individual knowledge and institutional structures are not yet sufficient to overcome the market shortcomings and barriers to financing. **What is necessary to place capacity building, research and technology development and institutional improvements high on the agenda?**



Wind energy, a natural resource in Inner Mongolia

Expected Outcomes

In the spirit of a shared commitment to facilitate a global breakthrough for renewable energies, conference participants will draw conclusions for political decision-making and action on local, national, regional and global levels, building on the rich experience with renewable energies in the North and South. Three elements, which should be linked closely, are envisaged:

- Governments will wish to express their aspirations and priorities in a **political declaration** containing shared political goals for an increased role of renewable energies and reflecting a joint vision of a sustainable energy future, which provides better and more equitable access to energy as well as increased energy efficiency. Differentiated approaches will reflect widely differing situations in countries and regions and address the roles and responsibilities of key actors.
- An **international action plan** will be on the agenda, including actions and commitments by governments, international organisations and stakeholders. Conference participants are invited to contribute to the action plan with voluntary commitments to goals, targets and actions within their own spheres of responsibility. They may benefit from alliances and partnerships forged through the conference. 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 should visit www.renewables2004.de/en/2004/outcome.asp
- The conference may in addition wish to adopt **guidance for good policy** which can be of benefit to governments, international organisations and stakeholders as they develop new approaches and political strategies. “State-of-the-art” policy guidance based on national experiences in the North and South, best practices and “success stories” can transfer critical knowledge from actors with extensive experience on particular issues to others.

The conference outcome will include arrangements for a follow-up and a mechanism to share information on progress in implementing the international action plan.

Preparatory Process

In order to conduct the conference at the highest possible level of expertise and ensure broad international acceptance of its outcomes, a careful preparatory process is underway (see also page 12, Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue).

An **International Steering Committee (ISC)** has been formed to advise the conveners regarding themes, structure and outcomes of the conference. The ISC is made up of a balanced selection of about 50 members chosen by region and function (leaders and decision-makers from governments, international organisations, civil society and the private sector). Members were individually invited “ad personam” by the German government to represent important stakeholders, giving due consideration to relevant political and professional groups. During the run-up to the conference, the International Steering Committee convenes in Germany three times in total.

Regional preparatory meetings take place to enable interested parties from countries and regions around the world to present their expectations for the conference and to discuss subjects of their choice and the outcomes they are seeking. These meetings will also allow countries and regions to discuss their potential contributions to the conference, as well as providing an opportunity to raise global awareness of *renewables 2004*. Describing best practices from the different regions is one appropriate way to further highlight specific regional issues, concepts and solutions. The meetings are convened by each host country and are organised under its responsibility, so that ownership of these meetings and their results lies within the regions themselves.

- Latin America and the Caribbean: Brazil, 29 – 30 October 2003
- Africa: Kenya, 20 November 2003
- Europe: Berlin, 19 – 21 January 2004
- Asia: Thailand, 25 – 26 March 2004
- Middle East: Yemen, 21 – 22 April 2004

In addition, the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit dedicated a special workshop (7 – 8 February 2004) for the region to prepare for *renewables 2004*. The Danish government convened a preparatory conference of the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition (JREC) in Sønderborg from 17 – 19 September 2003.

The **National Advisory Committee (NAC)** is the conference forum for German actors in the field of renewable energies and development cooperation. The group includes members of the Bundestag (German parliament) and representatives of the German federal states (Länder), associations, the private sector, academic and scientific institutions, and non-governmental organisations: all have expertise and experience in the conference fields – national and/or international – that are to be integrated into the preparation process. The 45 members were appointed by the two ministries in charge of the conference.



The International Steering Committee

List of members: www.renewables2004.de/en/preparation/sc.asp

List of members of the National Advisory Committee: www.renewables2004.de/en/preparation/nc.asp

Preparatory Documents

Participants in *renewables 2004* will receive a detailed **conference programme** prior to the conference.

Additionally, they will receive a **Conference Issue Paper** which will help to focus discussions at the conference addressing the three key issues (see page 6) and to embed *renewables 2004* in the wider political discourse and process concerning sustainable development. It will also serve as input for formulating ultimate conference output. Drawing on the results of the regional preparatory meetings as well as on the advice of the International Steering Committee and further public consultation, the Conference Issue Paper is published at the conference website.

The paper pulls together the main issues, findings and views derived from, among others, the **Thematic Background Papers**: twelve themes have been selected by the conveners. These papers cover a broad range of topics concerning the promotion of renewable energies and acquaint the conference participants with recent developments in the international political and professional debate. The thematic background papers were prepared by outstanding international experts and reflect the authors' views and opinions. They have been published under the authors' names on the conference website.

Thematic Background Papers

1. **Rationale for renewable energies:** Making the case for renewable energies – advantages and benefits
2. **Targets:** The rationale for targets
3. **National policy instruments:** Learning from variety – time to concentrate on success
4. **Level playing field:** Levelling the playing field for renewable energies
5. **Financing renewable energies:** Mobilising finance for renewable energies
6. **Clean development mechanism and joint implementation:** New instruments for financing renewable energy technologies
7. **Research and development:** R&D – challenges for sustainable development
8. **Capacity development:** Developing capacity for renewable energy
9. **International institutional arrangements:** Bundling the forces – but how?
10. **Potentials and demands:** Opening up the potentials and promoting new applications
11. **Traditional use of biomass:** Biomass – the big energy potential and the challenge of sustainable use
12. **Gender:** Gender equity and renewable energies

Papers available at:

www.renewables2004.de/en/cd

Conference Documents

The expected outcomes of the conference (see page 7), transformed into specific formats, will be the draft documents for discussion and adoption during the conference. Linkages and cross-references between the formats will be as strong as possible.

- 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.
- **Conference Report:** reporting on participants, agenda, themes and proceedings of the conference; also including also statements and qualifications by participants, as needed and appropriate.

Conference Structure

renewables 2004 is an intergovernmental conference with stakeholder participation. The conference will be augmented by several side events and an exhibition at the conference venue or nearby.

Programme Overview

| International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn 2004 | | | | Parliamentary Forum |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Tuesday 1 June | Wednesday 2 June | Thursday 3 June | Friday 4 June | Wednesday 2 June |
| Plenary Session 1 Opening Session | Plenary Session 4 Opportunities for Renewables – Best Practices and Success Stories | Ministerial Segment | | For details see page 17 and the programme of the International Parliamentary Forum on Renewable Energies |
| Plenary Session 2 Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue | | Plenary Session A Keynotes, Statements and Reports from Day 1 & 2 | Plenary Session C Ministerial Panels Plenary Session D Adoption of Conference Outcomes Closing Session | |
| Lunch Break | | | | |
| Plenary Session 3 Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue | Plenary Session 5 Best Practices and Success Stories continued | Working Groups | | |
| | | Plenary Session B Discussion of Conference Outcomes | | |

In addition: ■ Side events ■ Conference exhibition ■ Receptions ■ Excursions ■ Other events

Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

The multi-stakeholder dialogue (MSD) is the principal means of integrated stakeholder participation in the conference. It will be chaired by the two German ministers representing the German government as host of the conference. The MSD is convened as a plenary meeting with two sessions and will bring together the statements and commitments of different stakeholder groups and their demands on governments. For more information on the MSD, see page 12.

Presentation of Initiatives and “Success Stories”

On the second day of the conference, successful examples of renewable energy initiatives, policies, projects and case studies will be presented and discussed by conference participants. The selection of these “best practices” will be made by the conveners; they will ensure a balanced representation of regions and institutions.

Ministerial Segment

There will be two days of minister attendance (3 – 4 June). The ministerial segment will be opened by German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and other outstanding keynote speakers. It will bring together statements from governments playing key roles in fostering renewable energies and the reports and commitments of the different segments of the conference. For instance, stakeholders will be given the opportunity to present the results of the multi-stakeholder dialogue. Ministers and other delegates will discuss the proposed conference outcomes. The ministerial working groups, broken down into thematic panels, offer an interactive discussion, focusing on solutions. They are open to ministers and other delegates.

Solar panels on an Indian farmhouse roof provide power for an electric water pump



Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

At the International Conference for Renewable Energies, the multi-stakeholder dialogue (MSD) is the principal means of integrated stakeholder participation. It aims to set the stage for a transparent and participatory conference by enabling an interactive dialogue between civil society, business and governments (at top level). 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 outcomes of the conference.

For further information on the multi-stakeholder dialogue please refer to www.stakeholderforum.org/practice/renewables2004.php
E-mail renewables2004@stakeholderforum.org

The Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future is carrying out the overall preparation and coordination of the MSD at *renewables 2004* on behalf of the conference conveners and in close cooperation with the Conference Secretariat.

Besides providing political input into the ministerial segment, the MSD will contribute to identifying concrete actions and commitments by stakeholders to become part of the international action plan of the conference.

An **International Advisory Group (IAG)** has been appointed to reach out to various civil society groups. The members of the IAG may serve as focal points for MSD preparation 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 establish an appropriate gender and geographical balance. The IAG will propose the themes of the MSD and coordinate the input from their constituency base.

Offshore technology holds great potential



A Nepalese cook working with methane gas



Side Events

On all four days of the conference, a large number of side events will take place which are related to conference themes and are organised by conference participants on their own responsibility. The application process ends in mid-March. By **1 April 2004**, a committee headed by the conference conveners will make its selection from the proposals submitted and will then inform all applicants of its decision. The side events chosen will be announced on the conference website.

Costs of the side events will be borne by their organisers. Technical support and other inputs can be obtained from service providers, who will be designated by the Conference Secretariat. Details will be announced by the Secretariat after the selection of side events has been completed.

The conference conveners have appointed a committee which will select side events and exhibition entries from the applications submitted. All applicants will be informed of the selection by **1 April 2004**.

Please note that organisers of side events, those participating in them and exhibitors must be accredited.

Conference Exhibition

Some 600 square meters at the conference venue, the International Congress Centre (Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn, IKBB), have been made available for an exhibition to accompany the conference. The application process ends in mid-March. By **1 April 2004**, a committee headed by the conference conveners will select the exhibitors from the applications submitted. Further information will appear on the conference website when the selection process is finished.

Costs of the presentations will be borne by the exhibitors. Technical support and other inputs can be obtained from service providers, who will be designated by the Conference Secretariat. Details will be announced by the Secretariat after the selection has been completed.



The conference venue on the banks of the Rhine river

Conference Participation

Conference participants are expected to come from national governments, the United Nations and other international organisations, and from civil society, private sector and other stakeholder groups. Participants will be accredited either as delegates or observers (see details below). The conference conveners expect more than 1000 participants. Seats are limited, as is the capacity of the venue.

Participation of national governments

The government of the Federal Republic of Germany has invited all United Nations member states to participate in the conference at ministerial level. The draft conference programme, the technical information for participants and the registration forms were sent out at the end of **January 2004**. Additional copies may be obtained from the Conference Secretariat and from German embassies. Participating governments are kindly requested to forward a list of delegates to the conference conveners by **30 April 2004** via the German embassies. In addition, each delegate is requested to return a registration form to the conference registration office.

Participation of UN and other international organisations

The government of the Federal Republic of Germany has invited, at the highest possible level, UN and other international organisations to participate in the conference. The draft conference programme, the technical information for participants and the registration forms were sent out at the end of **January 2004**. Additional copies may be obtained from the Conference Secretariat and from German embassies/permanent representations. Participating organisations are kindly requested to forward a list of delegates to the conference conveners by **30 April 2004** via German embassies/permanent representations. In addition, each delegate is requested to submit a registration form to the conference registration office.

Geothermal power plant in Iceland



Financial Assistance

The conference conveners seek to facilitate participation of delegates from Least Developed Countries (LDC). Financial resources are limited.

Government delegates from LDCs

Financial assistance will be provided for one member of each LDC government delegation and will cover the air ticket (economy class) and per-diem allowances (according to UN standards). The delegation seeking funding is kindly requested to complete the financial assistance application form (provided with the invitation) for one of their delegates and submit it to the Conference Secretariat before **30 April 2004**. The Conference Secretariat will confirm funding by **15 May 2004** and will provide further details.

Stakeholder delegates from LDCs

Funding for stakeholder delegates from LDCs will be based on proposals by the International Advisory Group of the multi-stakeholder dialogue. It will be needs-based, taking into account balanced representation of gender and regions. The Conference Secretariat will confirm financial support by **15 April 2004** and will provide further details.

On arrival in Bonn, delegates eligible for financial assistance will be reimbursed for their travel expenses and given per-diem allowances at the Conference Secretariat upon presentation of the original ticket for the flight from the closest-to-home airport to Cologne/Bonn, Düsseldorf, or Frankfurt/Main.



Biogas plant in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

Participation of civil society, private sector and other stakeholders

The conference conveners encourage the active participation of civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders in the conference, within the limits of available capacities. A multi-stakeholder dialogue (MSD) with government representatives will provide the main forum for inputs from the stakeholder community. Stakeholder organisations, non-governmental institutions and private companies can propose representatives for accreditation to the Conference Secretariat, using the application form provided with this brochure. Deadline for proposals is **31 March 2004**.

Accreditation of participants from civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders will follow consultation with the International Advisory Group for the MSD. Accreditation will be based on the following criteria:

- Organisations should have a substantive interest in the promotion and use of renewable energies
- The date of application will play a role, due to the limited capacity of the venue
- There is to be a balanced representation of gender and regions.

As a rule, 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.

The Conference Secretariat will inform all accredited participants by **15 April 2004**. The confirmation will include a registration form which should be returned by **30 April** to the conference registration office.

Technical Information for Participants

Accreditation and registration

The accreditation process started in **January 2004**. All governments, the United Nations and other international organisations are kindly requested to forward a list of delegates to the conference conveners by **30 April 2004** via the German embassies/permanent representations. Accreditation will be based on the list of delegates or a letter of official notification. Each delegate is requested to submit a registration form to the conference registration office.

Stakeholder organisations, non-governmental institutions and private companies can propose representatives for accreditation to the Conference Secretariat by using the application form provided with this brochure. Deadline for proposals is **31 March 2004**. Accreditation of participants from civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders will follow consultation with the International Advisory Group. As a rule, participants from the stakeholder community will be accredited as observers. A limited number will be accredited by the conveners as delegates. The Conference Secretariat will inform all accredited participants by **15 April 2004**. The confirmation will include a registration form which should be returned by **30 April 2004** to the conference registration office.

Conference badges

In order to gain access to all conference events, each participant requires a conference badge which will be issued on presentation of the participant's passport at the conference venue/registration desk.

Accommodation

Accommodation at hotels will be facilitated by the conference registration office according to the information provided with the registration form. The service is being offered in combination with the registration process. Participants will be accommodated in hotel categories of their own choice. Please note that the participants pay their own expenses.

Travel

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements.

Conference languages

The conference languages are English, French, Spanish and German.

Conference documents

All relevant conference documents will be made available on the conference website: www.renewables2004.de

Visas

Participants are requested to make their own visa arrangements. Early contact with the consular authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany is strongly advised to allow sufficient time for a visa to be issued. To facilitate visa processing, a copy of the invitation/confirmation should be attached to the visa application.

Disclaimer

The organisers disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that conference participants obtain international medical insurance for the period of participation.



The International Congress Centre (IKBB) in Bonn

renewables 2004 – Related Events

renewables 2004 will be accompanied by a number of related events hosted by governments, national and international organisations and organisations of civil society on their own responsibility. A brief selection of relevant events is given below. For a full list, see www.renewables2004.de/en/around

International Parliamentary Forum

The German Bundestag has decided to hold a Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the International Conference for Renewable Energies. Some 400 parliamentarians from around the world are expected to meet in Bonn on 2 June. The one-day debate shall be concluded by a final resolution. This resolution will be presented to the plenary of *renewables 2004*. www.ipf-renewables2004.de

Sustainable Energy Finance event

The Sustainable Energy Finance event “Creating the climate for change” will be held in Bonn on 1 and 2 June 2004. Organised by UNEP Energy, UNEP Finance Initiative, and BASE (Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy), the event will bring together international financiers and project developers to discuss finance-related issues in the sustainable energy sector relevant for both developing and industrialised regions. The BASE Investment Forum forms part of the two-day event and will enable investors to make firsthand contact with innovative sustainable energy companies and projects. www.sefi.unep.org/sef_bonn

Second World Renewable Energy Forum

The World Council for Renewable Energies (WCRE) has scheduled a forum, entitled Global Benefits and Policies, to take place from 29 – 31 May 2004 in Bonn. The forum will focus on the significance of renewable energies for industry, rural regions and cities, and against this back-

ground will discuss relevant proposals and positions of international non-governmental organisations.

www.wcre.org

Business Forum Renewables

In addition to the conference, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH (German technical cooperation) and the German Energy Agency (dena) invite participation in the accompanying but separate “Business Forum Renewables”. The Forum will be held in the vicinity of the conference premises and will offer information points, lounge spaces for informal meetings including catering, exhibition stands and room for formal meetings. Companies wishing to engage and invest in the Business Forum will be offered various packages, i.e. club membership, exhibition facilities, day entrance tickets, sponsoring, etc. joest@deutsche-energie-agentur.de
katja.suhr@gtz.de

Municipal Leaders Conference

On 31 May an international community stakeholder forum will be held to which mayors and/or local decision-makers from around the world are invited. In the forefront of this high-policy component will be awareness-raising at the community action level with regard to renewable energies and energy efficiency models. “Local Renewables 2004” will be convened by the Service Agency Communities in One World/InWent gGmbH in cooperation with Agenda-Transfer/Nationwide Service Department Local Agenda 21. www.localrenewables2004.de

Regional pre-programme: programme series “renewable and efficient”

North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) and the city of Bonn are respectively the host state and city for *renewables 2004*. The Center for International Cooperation

(CIC) Bonn GmbH has prepared a series of programmes under the heading “erneuerbar und effizient – renewable and efficient”. It is supported by the NRW Energy Agency and the NRW State Initiative on Future Energies. www.renewables.bonn.de

Excursions and special events

Parallel to the conference, the state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) is offering excursions and special events dealing with renewable energies and energy efficiency. Conference participants are cordially invited to join the excursions, which are related to successful projects and initiatives. They are scheduled to take place on 30 and 31 May and on 5 and 6 June. www.renewables2004-nrw.de

“With Energy for Sustainable Development”

The President of the Federal Republic of Germany will host the “Environment Week 2004 – With Energy for Sustainable Development” in the park of the Villa Hammerschmidt in cooperation with the German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU) and the North-Rhine Westphalian Foundation for Environment and Development. The event includes four forums composed of prominent experts and an interactive exposition which will be developed by the DBU in cooperation with the German Energy Agency (dena). www.wochederumwelt.de

Bonn – a City with a Future

Once a Roman stronghold, later a medieval trading centre in the region and seat of the powerful Cologne archbishops, Bonn – now a university city rich in culture – can look back on a long history. Fifty years as the seat of government have made Bonn more than ready to meet its present-day responsibilities as a United Nations city and a focal point where UN organisations, six German federal ministries and more than 150 non-governmental organisations address tomorrow's issues today. The German government's decision to expand Bonn's UN Campus laid the foundations for the city's further development as an up-and-coming international hub for expertise in the fields of environment, development and health. Add to this the presence of major scientific institutions in this tradition-rich university city and the ease of access to leading business and research enterprises concentrated along the Rhine between the Main and Ruhr rivers. In Bonn itself, the economic focus lies in the telecommunications and service industries.



Bonn's Siebengebirge (The Seven Hills)



Colourful festivities in Bonn's market square



The University of Bonn

As a conference venue, Bonn has demonstrated its capabilities on the occasion of several UN member state conferences and major international meetings, such as the International Freshwater Conference in 2001. Rooms and facilities in the International Congress Centre Bundeshaus Bonn – directly adjacent to the UN Campus – as well as in the conference sites around it, and soon in a further large plenary hall with annexes, are all in accord with the high standards of quality and security demanded by the United Nations.

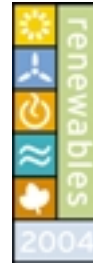
Bonn offers international organisations numerous network contacts, synergies, highly qualified staff and a pleasant working environment. Easy to reach for travellers and boasting all the advantages of a metropolis without the disadvantages, Bonn is a congenial city with a high quality of life. The cultural palette of Beethoven's birthplace is impressive, and its charming scenic surroundings, including the Siebengebirge hills and the Rhine, afford leisure pursuits to meet a diversity of interests.

Welcome to Bonn – an international city looks forward to your visit.

Application Form for Stakeholder Participation

Please complete all sections in BLOCK LETTERS and return the form by **31 March 2004** to:

International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn 2004
Conference Secretariat
Postfach 5180
65726 Eschborn
Germany



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International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn

Fax: +49-(0)6196-79-4405

The conference conveners encourage the active participation of civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders in the conference, within the limits of available capacities. Stakeholder organisations, non-governmental institutions and private companies can propose representatives for accreditation using this application form. **The deadline for proposals is 31 March 2004.**

Please note that in order for your application to be considered, it needs to be approved by the head of your organisation. Unapproved forms will not be considered.

Company/Organisation: _____

Mission/Mandate: _____

Please mark the stakeholder group which best matches your company's/organisation's mandate/mission (please mark **only one**):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women | <input type="checkbox"/> The scientific and technological community |
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Application Form for Stakeholder Participation

Please complete all sections in BLOCK LETTERS and return the form by **31 March 2004** to:

International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn 2004
Conference Secretariat
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Germany



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Proposed participants

Due to the limited capacity of the venue, the conveners reserve the right to restrict the number of persons per organisation.

| | Member's name | Position in the organisation |
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| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
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| 5. | | |

Please note:

Accreditation of participants from civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders will follow consultation with the International Advisory Group for the MSD. The selection process will be based on the following criteria:

- Organisations should have a substantive interest in the promotion and use of renewable energies.
- Date of application will play a role, due to the limited capacity of the venue.
- There is to be a balanced representation of gender and regions.

As a rule, 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. The Conference Secretariat will inform all accredited participants by 15 April 2004. The confirmation will include a registration form, which should be returned prior to **30 April 2004** to the conference registration office. Due to the large number of applications, only accredited organisations will be informed.

Approved by head of organisation:

Full name (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature:

Title

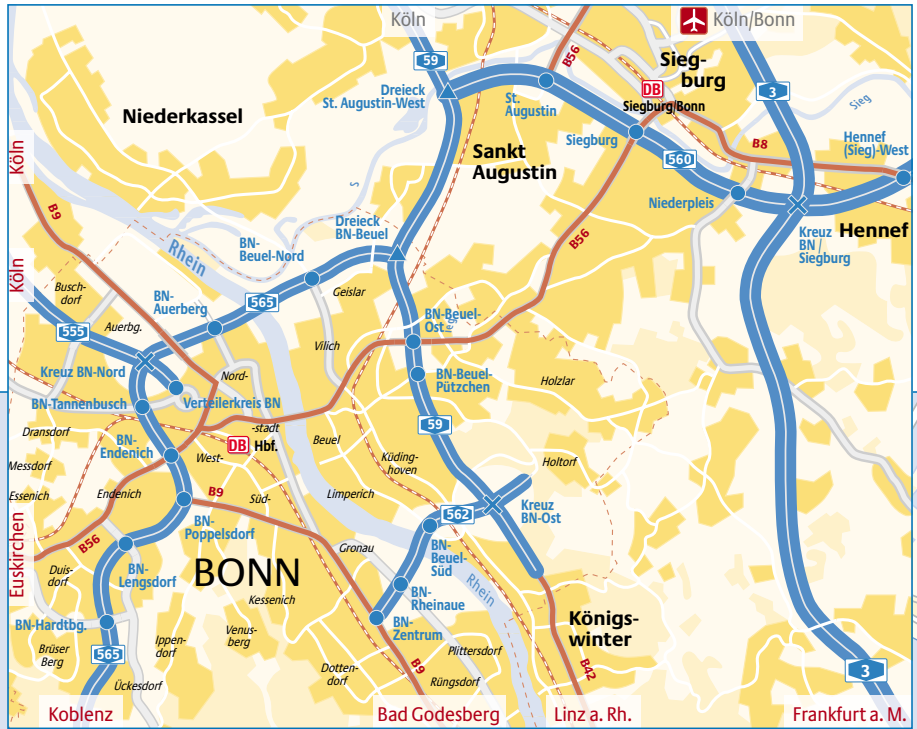
Conference Venue

The conference will take place at the International Congress Centre (Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn, IKBB). The IKBB consists of two main parts: the former plenary hall and the neighbouring waterworks (Wasserwerk). The first building was inaugurated at the end of 1992 as the plenary chamber of the Bundestag, the German parliament, which purpose it served until 1999. Some 772 seats are available in the chamber, another 503 in the gallery. The neighbouring waterworks have played an important role in German parliamentary history. Between September 1986 and October 1992, the former pump room was used by the Bundestag, while the old plenary chamber was being reconstructed and refurbished.

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