

**Plenary Session D:
Closing Session and Adoption of
Conference Outcomes**

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Ladies and gentlemen,

We've made it together! Especially if we look back on this week. The outcome of our work will resonate well beyond this Conference. We have reached our common goal - renewables can no longer be ignored. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this.

At the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg we formulated the goal of increasing the use of the renewable energies globally. But there was one thing we were not able to do at that time - we were not able to underpin this goal with concrete measures.

However, initiatives were formed in Johannesburg geared towards setting such concrete goals and measures. I would like to thank those who supported this cause, such as the JREC. By the way, the Danish delegation has expressly stated that the JREC will continue.

It has been a long journey from Johannesburg to Bonn. But now we have made it. We have an ambitious Action Plan for a global increase in the use of renewable energies.

We have formulated the need to create access to modern energy for one billion people.

We have succeeded in agreeing on 165 concrete projects. More than 30 further projects are still under review.

We have succeeded in adopting recommendations for good policy. A range of countries has set ambitious goals for increasing the use of renewable energies:

China is aiming for a 10% share of its electricity from solar and wind power, and small-scale hydropower by 2010.

The Philippines are aiming to double the share of renewables by 2013, that would then be more than 40%. They would then be world champions of geothermal power.

Egypt has set itself a goal of a 14% share of renewable electricity by 2020.

Germany is aiming to produce 20% of its electricity from renewables by 2020. We have additional and ambitious financial commitments:

From the World Bank.

The Global Environment Facility will provide 100 million dollars per year to enable countries of the South to expand their renewable energies sectors with favourable credits.

In the field of electricity, the European Investment Bank wants to grant half of its credits to renewable energies by 2010.

Germany has announced a further 500 million euros for the countries of the South for the expansion of renewable energies and for increasing energy efficiency.

We have significant pledges to invest in research and development.

The USA has committed itself to reducing costs per KWh for renewables to 5-6 cents within a concrete framework by 2010, thus making them affordable for the countries in the South.

The Action Programme will help protect the global climate. If all measures are implemented it will save over 1.2 billion tonnes of CO₂ in 2015. In this one year alone! This shows that renewables are a fundamental pillar of climate protection.

Why have we been able to achieve all this?

We focused on one issue,
154 countries showed their commitment in Bonn,
30 international organisations were involved and

more than 1000 representatives of non-governmental organisations and industrial associations.

I don't wish to repeat Heidi's thanks to individual participants. I would like to thank each and every one of you. On Tuesday I said that we need to make real headway here in Bonn. That our words need to be followed by deeds. Now I can safely say that we are moving along in leaps and bounds!

The idea for this Conference came into being at the World Summit in Johannesburg. Now we want to re-establish the follow-up process in the framework of the United Nations. The Commission on Sustainable Development will devote its review in 2005 and 2006 to the issue of energy, incorporating this Action Programme.

Here in Bonn we have been able to overcome the conflicting opinions in Johannesburg. Multilaterality and voluntary commitments are not opposites. They belong together. Here in Bonn we have proven just how well they go together. We have also shown that different positions in some areas are no reason not to work together.

We want to continue the momentum created by this Bonn Conference:

If we want to combat global poverty

If we want to protect the climate we have to commit ourselves to renewable energies.

We have set the ball rolling. The age of renewables has begun.

Thank you for coming.

Thank you for your dedication and your work.

I wish you all a safe and pleasant journey home.