

**The Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
on Renewable Energies 2004
24-26 March 2004
The Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand**

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 March 2004

19:00 **Welcome Dinner**
 Hosted by Ministry of Energy, Thailand
 At the Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

Thursday 25 March 2004 Day one

8:30 Registration

OPENING CEREMONY

09:00 Welcome Remarks and Opening Address

- Minister of Energy, Thailand
H.E. Prommin Lertsuridej, M.D.
- Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
H.E. Margareta Wolf
- UN Representative, the Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
Ms. Keiko Okaido

10:00 **Coffee Break**

Session I: Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development

Chaired by Mr. Cherdpong Siriwit

Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Thailand

10:30 • Introduction to the workshop process
Mr. Conrado S. Heruela, SERT

Key notes

10:40 • The International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn 2004
Mr. Rainer Hinrichs Rahlwes
Directorate-General "Central Functions", Administration, Financing Instruments, Research and coordination, Climate Protection and Renewable Energies, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

11:00 • Opportunities and Challenges of Renewable Energy in Asia and the Pacific
Mr. Pranesh C. Saha
Officer-in –Charge, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP

11:20 • Discussions on advantages, and benefits of renewable energies

12:30 Lunch

Session II: Policies for Renewable Energy Development

Chaired by Mr. Pranesh C. Saha

Officer-in –Charge, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP

13:30 • Introduction to the subgroup discussions on policies to promote RE in Asia – Pacific
Mr. Conrado S. Heruela, SERT

14:00 Subgroup discussion (3 groups, separate room)

Group A: Structural mechanisms at Room Grand I

(governance to support and to remove barriers on RE development)

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Brahmanand Mohanty

Panel members:

- H.E. Ith Praing, MIME, Cambodia
- Mr. Song Yanqin, CREIA, China
- Dr. Sameer Maithel, TERI, India
- Mr. Pho Muangnalad, TRI, STEA, Lao P.D.R.
- Mrs. Teresita M. Borra, DOE, Philippines
- Mr. Surawit Khonsomboon, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Energy of the House of Representatives, Thailand
- Dr. Pham Khanh Toan, IOE, Vietnam

Secretary:

Ms. Marites Cabrera, UNESCAP

Group B: Market mechanisms at Room Grand II
(platform and financial for RE investment)

Chair:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sitanon Jesdapipat, CU

Panel members:

- Mr. Sebastian Gallehr, European Business Council for Sustainable Energy, Germany
- Mr. Trinh Quang Dung, Solarlab, Vietnam
- Mr. Alan Dale Gonzales, COGEN
- Mr. Chukiat Lertsupanon, Thai Power Supply CO., Ltd
- Dr. Surachet Tamronglak, Energy for Environment Foundation (E for E)
- Mr. Anat Prapasawad, Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand (IFCT)

Secretary:

Mr. Chris Greacen, Palang Thai

Group C: Capacity building mechanisms at Room Grand III
(including experiences and possible supports from Australia, Japan, and Germany. Needs and assessment of the region)

Chair:

Dr. Guillermo R. Balce, ACE

Panel members:

- Dr. Sat Samy, MIME, Cambodia
- Prof. Dr. Thierry Lefevre, DANIDA
- Dr. Rudolf Rauch, GTZ, Germany
- Mr. Kamal Rijal, UNDP
- Dr. Weerawat Chantanakome, ACE
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wattanapong Rakwichian, SERT, Thailand

Secretary:

Mr. Christopher G. Zamora, ACE

16:30 Conclusion of subgroup discussion and preparation for the presentation in day two

18:00 Reception
Hosted by German Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Protection and Reactor Security at Four Season Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

Friday 26 March 2004 Day two

- 8:30 • Review of the day one
Mr. Conrado S. Heruela, SERT

**Session III: Group presentation and adoption of the Bangkok Statement
Chaired by H.E. Ith Praing**

Secretary of State, Ministry of Industry Mines and Energy (MIME), Cambodia

- 8:45 Group A: Structural mechanism
9:00 Group B: Market mechanism
9:15 Group C: Capacity building
9:30 • Discussions of the group reports
 • Review draft Bangkok Statement on
 Renewable Energy

10:30 Coffee Break

- 10:45 • Adoption of the Bangkok Statement

11:30 Closing address

- Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
H.E. Margareta Wolf
- Minister of Energy, Thailand
H.E. Prommin Lertsuridej, M.D.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Press Release

- Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
H.E. Margareta Wolf
- Minister of Energy, Thailand
H.E. Prommin Lertsuridej, M.D.