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Welcome to the fourth **renewables 2004 Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue** newsletter. This fortnightly newsletter will keep you informed of progress towards the International Conference for Renewable Energy in Bonn, Germany.

From 1-4 June, 2004, Germany will host the International Conference for Renewable Energy, as announced by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

The conference - *renewables 2004* - will chart the way towards an expansion of renewable energy worldwide, responding to the call of the Johannesburg Summit for the global development of renewable energy. It will also keep up the momentum generated by the coalition of like-minded countries for promotion of renewable energy (the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition, JREC). More than 1000 participants are expected to meet in Bonn, among them official government delegations including energy, environmental, and development ministers, representatives of the United Nations and other international and non-governmental organisations, civil society and the private sector.

renewables 2004 will address these **central issues**: How can the proportion of renewable energy used in industrialised and developing countries be substantially increased, and how can their advantages and potential be better used? The conference will concentrate in particular on the **following themes**:

- Formation of enabling political framework conditions allowing the market development of renewable energies;
- Increasing private and public financing in order to secure reliable demand for renewable energies;
- Human and institutional capacity building, and coordination and intensification of research and development.

For more information on the Conference, including the expected outcomes, Conference documents and related events around the Conference please see www.renewables2004.de

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. We encourage you to pass the messages on to colleagues and friends who may be interested in *renewables 2004* and getting involved. We also welcome feedback, so feel free to contact us:
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MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE SURVEY NOW ONLINE

Have Your Say!

Stakeholder Forum have posted an online survey to gather information and views on stakeholder activities in renewable energy and their aspirations for *renewables 2004*.

We want to know about your organisation. How big it is, what stakeholder groups do you work with and in what area? How do you plan and focus for the future and what indicators do you use to measure your success?

We want to know what you think the key aims of the Conference should be and what you feel would be successful outcomes for the Conference. Are there obstacles that you think might effect the success of the conference?

Is awareness of the Conference as it should be in your region? If not, what should be done to raise it?

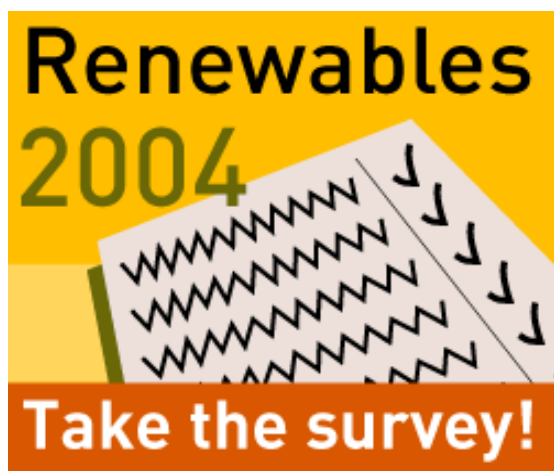
We want to know what renewable energy projects you are involved in and what challenges you have encountered. Have you got some great examples of innovation or good practice that we can share with others and add to the Best Practices and Success Stories on Day 2 of the Conference?

The data gathered could be used to match up potential partners. Our survey gives you the chance to talk about project ideas that you would like to develop that are in need of partners.

The information will be used to produce a snapshot of stakeholder views in the form of rich qualitative and quantitative data. In the days running up to the conference Stakeholder Forum will analyse this to produce a document to be fed back to

Stakeholders and into the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Process.

The survey is online now and the response has been good so far, so make sure that your area is represented by following the link and having your say! Go to <http://surveys.stakeholderforum.org/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=102> or click on the icon below.



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE UPDATE

Stakeholders Accredited for Conference

150 stakeholders have been accredited as delegates to the International Conference for Renewable Energy. The MSD International Advisory Group nominated representatives from the stakeholder groups and ensured an appropriate geographic and gender balance. Representatives from the following stakeholder groups have been put forward to the Secretariat:

- Women;
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- Local and Regional Authorities;
- Trade Unions;
- Private Consumers
- Business & Industry (including the financial sector);
- The Scientific and Technological Community;
- Farmers;
- Actors in Development and Poverty Alleviation; and
- Renewable Energy Manufacturers and Suppliers.



Other Major Groups as identified by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development will be represented at the Conference, with Children & Youth (including the Youth Alliance for Future Energy) and indigenous people.

The stakeholder delegates will dialogue with the Ministers and Senior Officials during the multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions on the first day of the Conference. The delegates can also participate and contribute to opportunities of renewables: best practices and success stories, Conference outcomes and Ministerial Segment, where stakeholders will be given the opportunity to present the results of the multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Recommendations for Good Policy

One of the expected outcomes of the Conference is guidance for good policy leading to greater impact and increased coherence of the policy strategies employed.

The International Steering Committee - a balanced selection of about 50 leaders and decision-makers from governments, international organisations, civil society, and the private sector (see www.renewables2004.de/en/preparation/sc.asp) and the MSD International Advisory Group were required to input and comments to the document.

The guidance paper is being finalised by the Conference conveners and will be presented at the Conference in Bonn.

Stakeholder Position Papers

The deadline for the Stakeholder Position Papers is May 1. Each stakeholder group is to submit a paper setting out the context, opportunities, challenges, recommendations and case studies for renewable energy. Stakeholder Forum will carry out a comparative analysis to identify the areas of convergence and divergence between the groups. These issues will help shape the structure of the dialogue sessions on the first day of the Conference. This will be developed during the final meeting of the International Advisory Group, scheduled for May 11 in London, UK.

MSD Preparatory Meeting—May 30-31, Bonn

All accredited stakeholder delegates should attend the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Preparatory Meeting on May 30-31 in Bonn, Germany. At this meeting, the structure of the dialogues will be discussed, speakers for each stakeholder group will be selected and the final preparations will be made.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Middle East and North Africa Regional Preparatory Meeting, Sana'a, Yemen, 21 –22 April

Situated in the so-called sunbelt of the earth, solar and wind energy may contribute significantly towards the future sustainable development in the Middle East and North Africa region.

The Minister of Electricity in Yemen, Mr Abdul-Rahman M. Tarmoom, stated that *“Yemen is aware of the significant role renewable energy may play in the context of developing electricity access to Yemeni people, and poverty reduction, particularly in rural areas.”*

Germany's Federal Environment Minister Jürgen Trittin has described the outcome of the preparatory conference in Yemen as a trailblazer for the use of renewable energy in Middle Eastern countries. At the closing session of the conference, representatives of almost 20 nations stressed the fact that this region harbours major potential for the use of renewable energy. These countries attach particular importance to hopes of a partnership with Europe for developing a future compatible energy supply.

The Conference in Yemen was attended by ministers and other high-ranking government representatives, UNEP Director Klaus Töpfer, as well as representatives of companies, the research industry and non-governmental organisations.

Business Forum Renewables

In addition to the conference the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH and the German Energy Agency (dena) offer participation in the accompanying but separate “Business Forum Renewables”, which will be located in walking distance to the main conference premises. It will host exhibition stands; conference rooms, an information point and catering facilities. For more information download [BusinessForum.pdf](#)

Continued Call for Actions

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 may use the following document: [call-for-action.pdf](#)

Side Events

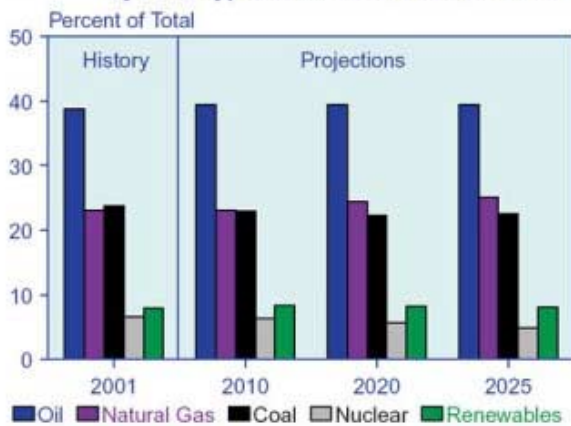
Some 60 side events have been scheduled to take place during the conference, close to the conference venue. For a preview, please look at the contributions already selected by the conveners: [Side Events](#)

World energy consumption to increase 54% from 2001- 2025

By U.S. Energy Information Administration

World energy consumption is projected to increase by 54 percent from 2001 to 2025 according to a report out this month from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), a statistical agency of the U.S. Department of Energy. Much of the growth in worldwide energy use is expected in the developing world.

Figure 6. World Energy Consumption Shares by Fuel Type, 2001, 2010, 2020, and 2025



Sources: 2001: Energy Information Administration (EIA), *International Energy Annual 2001*, DOE/EIA-0219(2001) (Washington, DC, February 2003), web site www.eia.doe.gov/iea/. Projections: EIA, *System for the Analysis of Global Energy Markets* (2004).

In the report, only moderate growth in the world's consumption of renewable energy resources is projected over the next 21 years, much of which is expected to result from the completion of large hydroelectric facilities in developing countries, particularly in developing Asia. In terms of its share of world energy consumption share renewable energy is expected to stay the same over this period. [Read more...](#)

UK Prime Minister: Climate change 'a critical issue'

By UK Government News

Speaking at the launch of the Climate Group, Mr Blair told the audience that climate change is 'the single most important long-term issue that we face as a global community.' The Climate Group aims to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas released into the atmosphere.

"We are committed to the Kyoto Protocol," said the Prime Minister. "We believe it is essential that we have that implemented." However, he warned that even if the Kyoto Protocol was implemented, it falls 'significantly short' of what is needed over the next 50 years. [Read more...](#)

Climate change move welcomed

Green Consumer Guide

The European Parliament's decision to expand aspects of the emissions trading scheme has been welcomed by the European Commission, which called the move an 'important measure in the fight against climate change'.

The Parliament this week voted in favour of a Directive, proposed by the Commission back in July 2003, that allows EU countries to count credits from emission reduction projects around the world in the Union's own scheme. The move encourages more sustainable practice in overseas operations. [Read more...](#)

Wind-blown Norwegian island being used to test new clean energy system

By Dough Mellgren

A windblown island off Norway is being used to test ways of overcoming a big drawback of alternative energy: How to store it.

Oslo-based Norsk Hydro ASA on Tuesday presented its project to test a combination of technologies, wind power and hydrogen fuel, to overcome that problem on the island of Utsira, off Norway's western coast.

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Wind policy battle as German economy minister favours credit trade

From WindPower Monthly

Germany should ditch its support mechanism for renewable energies once trading in CO₂ emission credits gets underway from 2005, the federal economy ministry recommended last month. It says the renewables law, the Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz (EEG), will become "ecologically useless" and "expensive" once CO₂ trading starts. The report coincided with a parliamentary debate on proposed amendments to the EEG.

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Centre completes solar power system

From The Japan Times

MITO, Ibaraki Pref. (Kyodo) Japan's largest solar power system was completed Tuesday at a national science research center in Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture.

It can generate over 1,000 kw of electricity and is expected to help reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 300 tons a year.



Japan has been the world's top user of solar energy since 2000, boosted by the implementation of a system that provides subsidies to place solar panels on homes. The total capacity of domestic solar power facilities is roughly 640,000 kw, nearly 50 percent of global capacity. The government has set a target of boosting this figure to 4.82 million kw by 2010.

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SARI/Energy Small Grants Program Launched

From Renewing India

Winrock International, Winrock International India and the Institute for International Education are working together to implement the USAID-sponsored South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Cooperation and Development (SARI/Energy) Small Grants Program, and are seeking proposals for projects that encourage regional cooperation in South Asia on issues of mutual regional concern in the energy sector. [Read more...](#)

Call for Contributions

Please send in articles you have written or seen that you would like to share to: renewables2004@stakeholderforum.org

Upcoming Events

4 May Frankfurt, Germany	Investment Security for Renewable Energies (ISRE) <i>Contact: Julio Lambing - lambing@e5.org</i>
4-5 May Luxembourg, Luxembourg	Third Annual European Energy & Transport Conference <i>Contact: TREN-conference@cec.eu.int</i>
10-14 May Rome, Italy	2nd World Conference and Technology Exhibition on Biomass for Energy, Industry & Climate Change <i>Contact: ETA—Italienische Energieagentur - biomass.con@rtaflorence.it</i>
11-14 May Hamburg, Germany	Hamburg International Trade Fair for Wind Energy <i>Contact: Hamburg Messe and EWEA - www.hamburg-messe.de/windenergy/we_en/start_main.htm</i>
28-31 May Bonn, Germany	Youth Energy Summit (YES) <i>Contact: irina.rau@yes2004.de or visit www.yes2004.de</i>
29-31 May Bonn, Bundeskunsthalle	2nd WCRE—World Renewable Energy Forum <i>Contact: EUROSOLA - info@world-council-for-renewable-energy.org or info@wcre.org</i>
30-31 May Bonn, Germany	Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Preparatory Meeting <i>Contact: Stakeholder Forum - renewables2004@stakeholderforum.org</i>
30-31 May Bonn, Germany	Regional Government Network for Sustainable Development <i>Contact: Federal State of Northrhine Westfalia - izaskun-iriarte@ej-gv.es</i>
31 May Bonn, Germany	Local Renewables 2004 <i>Contact: Agendatransfer and InWEnt gGmbH - claudia.moll@inwent.org</i>
1-2 June Bonn, Germany	'Creating the Climate for Change' - Sustainable Energy Finance featuring the 5th BASE International Investment Forum for Sustainable Energy <i>Contact: sef@energy-base.org</i>
2 June Bonn, Germany	International Parliamentary Forum <i>Contact: parliamentarians@renewables2004.de or visit www.ipf-renewables.de</i>
1-4 June Bonn, Germany	Business Forum Renewables <i>Contact: joest@deutsche-energie-agentur.de or katja.suhr@gtz.de</i>
1-4 June Bonn, Germany	Renewables 2004 <i>Contact: Secretariat - info@renewables2004.de</i>

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Stakeholder Forum's mandate is increasingly expanding from developing effective stakeholder participation in international policy negotiation, to include the creation of partnerships between stakeholders that delivers effective implementation at the national, regional and international levels. For more information please visit:

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