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Pledge Now to the Delhi International Action Programme and Scale Up Renewables



Pledges With the Most Visible Achievements Receive Awards

In conjunction with the Delhi International Renewable Energy Conference (DIREC), the host Government of India together with the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) is honored to invite governments and other stakeholders to pledge voluntary actions towards advancing renewable energy deployment and policy development.

Global Effort to Scale Up Renewables Deployment and Increase Energy Access for the Poor

The Delhi International Action Programme (DIAP) encourages governments at all levels, international organisations, private companies, industry associations, and civil society groups to take action in order to scale up renewable energy within their own jurisdictions or spheres of responsibility. The DIAP is a continuation of the International Action Programme (IAP) that was initiated at the first International Renewable Energy Conference in Bonn 2004 (renewables2004) and which has proven to be a powerful and flexible way to stimulate voluntary action on renewables.

Since then, REN21 has developed and administered the IAP, also known as the Renewables Pledge Programme, and today maintains a database of more than 340 pledges from both the Bonn 2004 and Washington 2008 (WIREC) International Renewable Energy Conferences. The database is a rich collection of concrete actions, programmes and initiatives on international, national or sub-national

levels, constituting an invaluable source of information on specific steps and the best practices for advancing the uptake of renewable energy.

DIREC 2010 is a new opportunity for governments and other major stakeholders to make even bolder pledges to develop and enact policies and actions that will tackle energy security, environment and economic challenges through renewable energy. From 'start-up' at the Bonn 2004 conference to 'scale up' at WIREC 2008, the renewable energy sector experienced unprecedented growth. The theme of this year's Pledge Programme is 'mainstreaming' renewable energy into the development of a low-carbon pathway. This is to ensure the collected commitments will lead to many long-lasting impacts on both political and economic framework conditions.

Furthermore, as the DIREC is being held in India, which like many countries faces enormous challenges regards to providing its population with electricity and energy services, pledges that target deploying renewable energy in rural areas are particularly encouraged. In implementing those pledges countries can share good policy practice and business models to overcome these challenges.

Awards for Pledges with the Most Visible Achievements

REN21 is introducing a new element to the Pledge Programme. Submitters of pledges to the DIAP will be eligible to receive an award based on the progress achieved in their implementation of the pledge up to the next International Renewable Energy Conference, which will likely be held in 2012.

For more information on DIAP and pledge submission, please visit www.ren21.net/diap/diap.asp.

About DIREC 2010

DIREC 2010, hosted by the Government of India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will take place from 27th and 29th October in New Delhi / NCR, India. DIREC 2010 is an international platform for government, private sector, and civil society leaders to jointly address the goal of advancing renewable energy to combat climate change and to promote economic development and access to energy services. It will be the 4th global ministerial level conference on renewable energy, following the previous events in Washington D.C. in 2008, Beijing in 2005 and Bonn in 2004.

For more information on DIREC 2010, please visit <http://direc2010.gov.in/direc2010.html>.

About REN21

REN21 is a global policy network that provides a forum for international leadership on renewable energy. Its goal is to bolster policy development for the rapid expansion of renewable energies in developing and industrialized economies. Open to a wide variety of dedicated stakeholders, REN21 connects governments, international institutions, non-governmental organizations, industry associations, and other partnerships and initiatives.

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