

Official Side Event Application Form			
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Preferred dates (Please indicate more than one option to help with the scheduling process)	Priority	Date	Time Slot (Lunch/ Evening)
	First	27/10	Evening
	First	27/10	Lunch
	Second	28/10	Evening
Title of the Official Side Event (50 words max)	Green Jobs, higher energy security, GHG mitigation – can the benefits of renewable energy justify the costs?		
Side Event Theme / Description (300 words max)	<p>Since the 1990s, the increase of energy from renewable sources in Germany and worldwide has been accompanied by a vigorous discussion about its impacts on businesses, households and the economy as a whole.</p> <p>The main focus here has been on the costs of this expansion, -especially on those for heat and electricity when renewables are supported by a feed-in tariff (Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG)). In contrast, any benefits associated with the expansion of energy from renewable sources have tended to take a back seat. What is more, until now, the diversity of the effects and their many dimensions have resulted in the lack of a comprehensive, scientifically based overall picture of the effects that a cost-benefit analysis can provide.</p> <p>It was against this background that, in 2008, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment assigned multi-year scientific projects with a focus on costs and benefits and on the internationally discussed issue of green job creation. In spring 2010 first reports have been published, followed in June with updated key figures and a projection of the green jobs development until 2030 (and beyond) The reports show that a soundly based overall economic assessment of renewable energy sources needs to take account of a wide range of aspects and interactions and that RE have – besides cost –</p>		

	<p>significant benefits that shall not be neglected. Especially, the contribution to the job market has been increasing and withstanding the economic development in the 2008/ 2009 crisis.</p> <p>At the Side Event main findings of the cost and benefit comparison and the analysis of employment effects will be presented and discussed within an international panel taking into account international research on similar topics.</p> <p>The provisional agenda of the event is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Expert presentation • Expert remarks • Panel Discussion • Closing
Potential speakers and panelists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jürgen Becker, State Secretary at the German Ministry for the Environment (tbc), welcome address and introduction (&possibly discussant) • M. Ragwitz (tbc), Fraunhofer ISI –, presentation of the study on costs and benefits • Ulrike Lehr, GWS (tbc) presentation of the study regarding employment effects • Further discussants from India, EU-Commission, industrialized and developing countries, UNEP, IEA, Greenpeace, REN21, International Energy Economists.
How does your side event link / contribute to the main theme of DIREC? (200 words max including space)	<p>The impacts of scaling-up renewables with regard to business, households, employment and the economy as a whole as well as consequences for a country's economic development, climate protection goals and energy security concerns are at the centre of interest of the research conducted.</p> <p>Starting from the example of Germany and discussing the results obtained within a global perspective can provide a valuable contribution with regard to the DIREC's overall theme of "Upscaling- and mainstreaming renewables for energy security, climate change and economic development".</p>
To what extent your side event will include an international component in its organization? (100 words max including space)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution from international experts -information exchange of views on costs and benefits across developed and developing countries -Added value for the global RE community with insights gained from the German case.
Anticipated Attendance	Government representatives/Policy maker, regulators, NGOs, private business, media
Need a room that can accommodate a total of (Please chose one)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> up to 175 persons <input type="checkbox"/> 176-350 persons <input type="checkbox"/> 350-500 persons

Equipment and services including Catering Request¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Slide Projector <input type="checkbox"/> Foldable Screen <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Projector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laptop-to-Screen Projection Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Video Projector <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sound (in room microphones) <input type="checkbox"/> (or VCR w/ TV Monitor) <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
The cost related to the use of the above equipment and services will be covered by: German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety	
Signed by: Martin Schöpe	

¹ Catering and some of the equipment request will subject to a standard charge by the conference Manager.