



The Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition

Information Note

Conclusions from the Renewable Energy Section of the African Energy Conference Nairobi, Kenya (19-21 November, 2003)

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1. Conference Themes & Objectives

The African Energy Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya from 19 to 21 November 2003. The meeting was hosted by the Kenyan Government in co-operation with the EU Energy Initiative.

The African Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference for Renewable Energies in Bonn 2004 was an integral part of the Conference.

The meeting was chaired by Hon. Syda Bbumba, Minister for Energy and Mineral Development of Uganda. The co-chair was held by Mr Naceur Hammami, Director Renewable Energies of L'Agence Nationale des Energies Renouvelables (ANER), Tunisia. The meeting was supported by the German Government.

Ministers and delegates from the African countries and its small island states discussed a draft statement presented by Hon. Ayacko, the Kenyan Minister of Energy. The draft statement concluded following these discussions is attached in Annex.

African Ministers will meet again in spring to further develop their preparation for the International Conference for Renewable Energies in Bonn 2004.

2. Further Information

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Annex

Draft Statement on Renewables in Africa-Proposed for Adoption by the Africa Preparatory Meeting for the International Conference on Renewables, Bonn 2004

Africa is endowed with substantial renewable energy resources which can make a significant contribution to meeting the continents' energy needs for sustainable development.

We the participants of the Africa Preparatory meeting agree to:

1. Support the principal objectives of the International Conference on Renewable Energy 2004 which are to:
 - a. Forge ahead the process launched in Johannesburg for the global development of renewables; and,
 - b. Engender worldwide consensus on the Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition.
2. Ensure sustainable production and efficient utilization of biomass fuels in all sectors, given its current predominance in the overall energy supply of most African countries.
3. Initiate, promote and enhance studies to assess and analyse renewable energy resources, as well as appropriate benchmarks to evaluate progress on renewable energy development.
4. Increase the attention given to renewables in national, regional and international policy documents.
5. Promote the incorporation of renewables in existing and planned energy master plans (inclusive of power/electricity master plans), and associated investment programmes.
6. Ensure the establishment and the strengthening of enabling institutional, legal and regulatory frameworks for the renewable energy sector, and especially in the area of public-private sector partnerships.
7. Secure financial support for renewables from existing national, bilateral and multilateral sources and other innovative financial sources for example, levies on conventional energy, climate related funds and micro-finance.
8. Support technology development, transfer, adaptation and capacity building for renewables aimed at lowering the cost, encouraging local manufacture and wider use of renewables.
9. Promote increased community and public participation in renewable energy development and dissemination as an important option for poverty alleviation, empowering women, income generation and enterprise creation.
10. Promote the development of renewables as a measure of enhancing energy security.

11. Document for wider dissemination, renewable energy initiatives and case studies that demonstrate options for overcoming barriers to renewable energy development in Africa.
12. Encourage the development of renewables as a way to minimise desertification, and contribute to sustainable development.
13. Incorporate renewable energy education and awareness in educational curricula especially at secondary and tertiary levels.
14. Support Africa-based renewable energy programmes of international initiatives such as Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD), and the Global Village Energy Partnership (GVEP).
15. Support the facilitation of a one-day conference for the African ministers for energy in order to prepare for the Bonn Conference on Renewable Energy.