RENEWABLE ENERGY:
RE-ENERGISING THE FUTURE

High-level day

The climate is changing more rapidly than at any time in human history. Renewable energy represents an immediate, unprecedented opportunity to decarbonise our world and leave it both healthier and wealthier for our children and future generations.

The energy sector, accounting for more than two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions, holds the greatest potential for addressing the climate crisis in a sustainable, diverse and cost-effective way. While the transition to a sustainable energy future is already underway, it can and must be accelerated – with renewable energy’s attractive economic performance, widespread availability, and social and environmental benefits uniquely positioning it to lead the transition.

These issues will be explored in an exciting and inspirational format at “RE-Energising the Future,” a conference hosted by a partnership consisting of the European Commission (EC), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21), the Syndicate for Renewable Energy of France (SER) and the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

High-level speakers will share their visions for a future powered by renewable energy: business leaders will describe why their companies are opting for 100% renewable energy in their operations; government leaders will discuss their ambitious plans for scaling up renewable energy investments; renewable industry leaders will showcase innovation and breakthroughs which resulted in faster deployment and on a greater scale than analysts had anticipated. Speakers will also identify obstacles and challenges, and the means to overcome them.

→ DATE: Sunday 6 December, 2015
→ TIME: 9:30–19:00, including lunch and closing cocktail
→ VENUE: Palais Brongniart 28 Place de la Bourse 75002 Paris - France (Old Paris Stock Exchange)
→ MODERATOR: Mrs. Ghida FAKHRY, Leading international broadcast journalist

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAMING  www.re-energising.org

#REenergise
09:30-10:00 OPENING
Miguel ARIAS CARETE, EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
Ségolène ROYAL, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France*

 moderation by Ghida FAKHRY, international broadcast journalist

10:00-10:55 SESSION 1
GOVERNMENTS LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A RENEWABLE WORLD
moderated by Adnan Z. AMIN, Director-General, IRENA

This session will emphasise action at the regional, national and sub-national level. A panel of high-level speakers will be asked to focus on:
• How their country/city/region is leading the way towards climate solutions through renewable energy
• Obstacles they encountered and how they overcame them
• Plans for accelerating action further

Abdelkader AMARA, Minister of Energy, Morocco
Edmund Gerald 'Jerry' BROWN, Governor, California
Elham M.A. IBRAHIM, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
Clover MOORE, Lord Mayor of Sydney

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COLLECTIVELY'S NEW ‘WE GOT POWER’ CAMPAIGN

11:30-12:25 SESSION 2
ADVANCEMENT OF THE RENEWABLE INDUSTRY
moderated by Jean-Louis BAL, President, SER

This session will emphasise how the renewable industry is growing rapidly, creating jobs, and innovating in ways that had not been predicted. Speakers will be asked to focus on:
• What surprised them; what has happened beyond what they thought would be possible
• Innovations that are accelerating the pace of deployment
• Identification of obstacles that are holding back the transition, and the means to overcome them

SCENE-SETTING STATEMENT: Patrick GRAIChEN, Agora Energiewende
Ahmad BELHOU, CEO, MASDAR
Wandee KHUNCHORYKAKONG, CEO, Solar Power Company Group
Boris SCHUCHT, CEO, SO Hertz
Xabier VITERI, CEO, Iberdrola Renewable Energy Business

Poem by Kathy JETNIL-KIJINER, Marshall Islands Poet

12:45-14:30 LUNCH

14:45-15:40 SESSION 3
BUSINESSES LEADING THE WAY TOWARDS A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE
moderated by Christine LINS, Executive Secretary, REN21

The purpose of this session will be to demonstrate that renewable energy investments make good business sense apart from their benefits for climate and the environment. Speakers will be asked to focus on:
• Why the deployment of renewable energy makes good business sense for their companies
• How the CEO became convinced to invest in renewable energy and what it took to convince others in the company
• How the company fosters innovation

Christine BARGAIN, Director of Social and Environmental Responsibility, La Poste
Antonio NEVES DE CARVALHO, Head of Corporate Sustainability Office, Energias de Portugal
Bjørn Otto SVERDRUP, Senior Vice President of Sustainability, Statoil
Bill WEHL, Director of Sustainability, Facebook
John WOOLARD, Vice-President Energy, Google

16:00-16:55 SESSION 4
INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE
moderated by Dominique RISTORI, Director General for Energy, European Commission

The purpose of this session is to demonstrate innovation in commercial renewable energy research, development and deployment. Speakers will be asked to focus on:
• How innovative ways of thinking and new technologies have the potential to make large-scale advances in the uptake of renewable technologies

SCENE-SETTING STATEMENT: Fatih BIROL, Executive Director, IEA
Ad HUANG, Senior Vice-president and General Manager, Build Your Dreams
Chad LARSON, Co-founder and Finance Director, M-KOPA
Andrew MANLEY, Executive Director, Tidal Lagoon Power
Susan PETTY, President & Chief Technology Officer, AltaRock
Afshin PISHEVAR, Co-founder, Hyperloop Technologies, Inc.

17:15 -17:45 CLOSING
moderated by Ghida FAKHRY

The purpose of the closing session will be to briefly summarise the main outcomes from the day.

Sultan AL JABER, Minister of State and Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change, United Arab Emirates
Abdelkader AMARA, Minister of Energy, Mining, Water & Environment and incoming COP22 Presidency, Morocco
Adnan Z. AMIN, Director-General, IRENA

17:45–19:00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Remarks by Arthouros ZERVOS, Chair, REN21