

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century (REN21), the Syndicate for Renewable Energy of France (SER) and the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

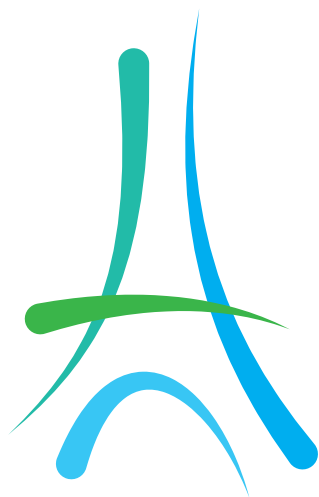
High-level speakers will share their visions for a future powered by renewable energy: business leaders will describe why their companies are opting for 100% renewable energy in their operations; government leaders will discuss their ambitious plans for scaling up renewable energy investments; renewable 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

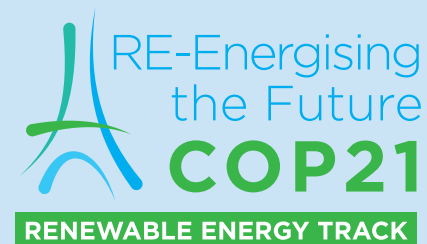
→ **VENUE:**  
**Palais Brongniart**  
28 Place de la Bourse  
75002 Paris - France  
(Old Paris Stock Exchange)

→ **MODERATOR:**  
**Mrs. Ghida FAKHRY,**  
Leading international  
broadcast journalist



THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAMING

[www.re-energising.org](http://www.re-energising.org)



# RE-Energising the Future Sunday 6 December, 2015 Palais Brongniart, Paris

**#REenergise**



→ moderated by **Ghida FAKHRY**, international broadcast journalist

09:30-10:00 **OPENING**

**Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE**, EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy  
**Ségolène ROYAL**, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France\*

**Ghida FAKHRY** in conversation with  
**AKON**, Founder, Akon Lighting Africa

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

**Ghida FAKHRY** in conversation with  
**Claude TURMES**, Member of the European Parliament

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COLLECTIVELY’S NEW ‘WE GOT POWER’ CAMPAIGN**  
**Marc BOLLAND**, Chief Executive Officer, Marks & Spencer  
**Keith WEED**, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer Unilever

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 BELHOUL**, CEO, MASDAR  
**Wandee KHUNCHORNYAKONG**, CEO, Solar Power Company Group  
**Boris SCHUCHT**, CEO, 50 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  
**António NEVES DE CARVALHO**, Head of Corporate Sustainability Office, Energias de Portugal  
**Bjørn Otto SVERDRUP**, Senior Vice President of Sustainability, Statoil  
**Bill WEIHL**, Director of Sustainability, Facebook  
**John WOOLARD**, Vice-President Energy, Google

**Ghida FAKHRY** in conversation with  
**Bertrand PICCARD**, Initiator and President, Solar Impulse project

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.

**Ghida FAKHRY** in conversation with civil society:  
**Ana TONI**, Chair of the Board, Greenpeace International

**Statement by Dikirani THAULO**,  
Malawian Zayed Future Energy Prize winner, Zayed Solar Academy

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