

Renewables and Islands Global Summit
 Malta, 6-7 September 2012
 Ballroom, Radisson Blu Hotel & Resort, St. Julian's

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 6 September 2012

9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Renewables and Islands – The Road from Rio
Opening Session <u>Welcome remarks</u> H.E. Mr. George Pullicino, <i>Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs, Malta</i> Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, <i>Director-General, IRENA</i>	
Sustainable Development: The Road from Rio <u>High-level panel discussion</u>	
<u>Moderator:</u> Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson, <i>Executive Coordinator, Rio+20 Conference</i>	
<u>Remarks:</u> H.E. Mr. Darcy Boyce, <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Barbados</i> H.E. Mr. Abdulmatheen Mohamed, <i>Minister of State for Environment and Energy, Maldives</i> H.E. Mr. George Pullicino, <i>Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs, Malta</i> H.E. Mr. Riddell Akua, <i>Minister for Utilities, Nauru</i> H.E. Mr. Rolph Payet, <i>Minister of Environment and Energy, Seychelles</i> H.E. Mr. Kausea Natano, <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Communication and Public Utilities, Tuvalu</i> Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, <i>Director-General, IRENA</i>	
<p>This session will set the scene for the Summit discussions by providing the policy perspective of leaders on specific socio-economic challenges within the broader sustainable development context. The high-level panel will address the implications of the Rio outcome document on the sustainable development of islands with the focus on energy, and particularly renewables.</p>	
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Coffee Break
Islands Energy Trends and Strategies <u>Expert panel discussion</u>	
<u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Valerie Browne, <i>Permanent Secretary, Division of Energy and Telecommunications, Office of the Prime Minister, Barbados</i>	
<u>Presentation:</u> Mr. Dolf Gielen, <i>Director, IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre</i>	
<u>Panelists:</u> Mr. Crispin Gregoire, <i>Chief, Caribbean Strategic Monitoring and Support Unit, Regional Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme</i> Ms. Georgina Grenon, <i>French Representative, IEA/RETD Executive Committee</i> Ms. Wendy E. Hughes, <i>Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank</i> Prof. Manfred Weissenbacher, <i>Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta</i>	
<p>Renewables provide decentralized energy solutions that are already cost-effective today. Islands can be early beneficiaries of renewable energy systems. As resource endowments and energy needs vary, the type of technical solutions that can be applied also varies. Experience to date has shown that island environments create specific challenges, which require tailored technical solutions. This session will focus on island specific energy opportunities and challenges, and different strategies devised to address them.</p>	

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1.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.30 pm – 5.30 pm	Unlocking the Investment Code
Strategic Partnerships for Renewable Energy in Islands – Identifying the Needs and Requirements for Financing <u>Bilateral and multi-lateral partners panel discussion</u>	
<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, <i>first Executive Secretary, UNFCCC</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Mr. Jose Brito, <i>Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Cape Verde</i> H.E. Mr. Michel Vandepoorter, <i>Ambassador to Malta, France</i> Dr. Karsten Sach, <i>Deputy Director-General, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i> Ms. Merinda-Lee Hassall, <i>Pacific Energy Summit Project Manager, Sustainable Economic Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand</i> Mr. Ibrahim M. Babelli, <i>Chief of Strategies, King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (KACare), Saudi Arabia</i> Dr. Robert Ichord, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Transformation, USA</i> Mr. David Payton, <i>Senior Advisor, United Nations Development Programme</i></p> <p>Financing renewable energy systems can be seen as one of the most important determinants in market transformation, especially when combined with other measures, such as public awareness campaigns, institutional and technical capacity building, and legislation. This session will address financing of renewables both in terms of public funding and Public-Private Partnerships, and the incentives for mobilizing private financing.</p>	
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break
Enabling Frameworks for Investment <u>Private sector panel discussion</u>	
<p><u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Robert Ichord, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Transformation, USA</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Mr. Nicolas Buriez, <i>Chief, Smart Grids Project, EDF</i> Mr. Peter Grima, <i>Eurelectric</i> Mr. Akira Kobayashi, <i>Chief Project Manager, Smart City Systems Engineering Dept., Hitachi</i> Mr. Leopold Faye, <i>Manager, Vergnet</i> Mr. Alexander Voigt, <i>CEO, Yunicos AG</i></p> <p>With global total investment reaching a record USD 257 billion in 2011, renewable energy is moving closer to a trillion dollar industry. While the cost of renewable energy technologies continues to fall, the gap between conventional and renewable energy capacity additions is closing rapidly. The widespread adoption of renewable energy however remains constrained by a multitude of policy, regulatory and financial barriers. Support for research and development, market incentives, and energy prices that fully reflect environmental and social costs may all contribute to the uptake of renewable energy. This panel will discuss opportunities and barriers from the private sector perspective, as well as the requirements for the development of an enabling framework for investment.</p>	
Gala dinner hosted by the Government of Malta (7.30 pm departure from hotel lobby to Upper Barakka Gardens)	

Friday, 7 September 2012

9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Showcasing Islands Solutions
Best Practices and Challenges in Deploying Renewable Energy <u>Case studies and discussion</u>	
<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, <i>Director-General, IRENA</i></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Mr. Jose Brito, <i>Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Cape Verde</i> Mr. Søren Hermansen, <i>Director of Samsø Energy Academy, Denmark</i> Mr. David Pérez Méndez-Castrillón, <i>Deputy Director, Sub-directorate for International Energy Affairs, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism, Spain</i> Mr. Benedikt Höskuldsson, <i>Head of Energy Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland</i> Mr. Nicolas Buriez, <i>Chief, Smart Grids Project, EDF</i> Ms. Gauri Singh, <i>Director, Knowledge Management and Technology Cooperation, IRENA, “IRENA Renewables Readiness Assessments”</i> Dr. Raymond Nurse, <i>Senior Energy Specialist/Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Planning, Energy, Economy and Foreign Trade, Grenada</i></p> <p>A series of concrete case studies and success stories on renewables deployment in islands. IRENA-sponsored island Renewables Readiness Assessment currently underway will be also presented.</p>	
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Advancing Sustainable Agenda in Partnership with IRENA
New Solutions for Islands <u>Ministerial dialogue</u>	
<p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson, <i>Executive Coordinator, Rio+20 Conference</i></p> <p>This session is dedicated to a high-level discussion on key issues emerging from the discussions during the Summit, including on the direction that IRENA is taking in helping to address islands’ priorities and the plan of action for the future.</p>	
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Coffee Break
Closing Session <u>Presentation of outcomes</u> Closing remarks	
Side Events	
Thursday, 6 September (17.45-18.30)	
Smartening Renewable Energy Supply on Islands – Addressing Technical, Economic And Systemic Challenges	
<p>Organised by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).</p>	
Saturday, 8 September (9.00-11.30)	
Site Visit: Sant’ Antnin Waste Treatment Plant	
<p>Organised by the Government of Malta – Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs.</p>	