

RenewablesTalk

for IRENA Permanent Representatives

The IRENA Secretariat and the Delegation of the European Union to the United Arab Emirates, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to IRENA, are pleased to co-host the 11th meeting of the Renewables Talk for IRENA Permanent Representatives on **12 April 2023 from 18:30 to 21:00 GST. Iftar will be served prior to the debate.**

We would like to invite you to register for this in-person meeting **to be held at the EDITION Hotel, Al Bateen Marina, Abu Dhabi.**

The 11th Renewables Talk presents an interactive platform for engagement between IRENA Permanent Representatives, the speakers, and the diplomatic community under the overarching theme **‘The European Green Deal: challenges, opportunities and best practices in reaching renewable energy targets’.**

Speaking ahead of the COP28 Climate Conference in the UAE in November, H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, President-Designate for COP28, said that, “We must triple renewable energy capacity over the next seven years and expand it six times by 2040 to 50,000 terawatt hours. Renewable energy is transforming the power sector – providing almost 90 percent of all new generating capacity last year. We need to build on that growth.”

The production and use of energy account for more than 75% of the EU’s greenhouse gas emissions. Decarbonising the EU’s energy system is therefore critical to reach 2030 climate objectives and the EU’s long-term strategy of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The way to do that, from a European perspective, is the European Green Deal. It aims at transforming EU’s societies and economies by embracing the opportunities the twin green and digital transitions are offering while addressing the threats that come with the emissions of CO₂ and other gases that threaten natural environment.

The EU introduced a 32% binding minimum target for the share of renewables in the EU’s gross final energy consumption by 2030 and there is a proposal on the table for an even more ambitious target of 40/45% by 2030. Although already underway, the transition towards a clean and renewables-based energy system needs to speed up and transform key sectors, including power, transport, industry and heating and cooling, and put in place the infrastructure and governance needed.

The 11th Renewables Talk will provide an exceptional opportunity for in-depth exchanges on challenges, opportunities and best practices that the transition towards clean and renewable energy systems can bring to a country, a region and the entire world.

For more information, please contact Representation@irena.org

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HOSTS AND KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Francesco La Camera
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H.E. Andrea Matteo Fontana
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H.E. Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany
Permanent Representative of
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Walburga Hemetsberger
Chief Executive Officer
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Mattias Frumerie
Head of Delegation to UNFCCC at
the Swedish Ministry of Climate and
Enterprise

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AGENDA

18:30-18:45	Meet at the EDITION Hotel
18:45-19:45	Iftar and Networking Session <i>Participants will be involved in a networking session where dinner will be served</i>
19:45-20:00	Welcoming Remarks and Photo Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Andrea Matteo Fontana, EU Ambassador to the UAE• Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA
20:00-20:10	Keynote Speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walburga Hemetsberger, CEO, SolarPower Europe• Mattias Frumerie, Head of Delegation to UNFCCC at the Swedish Ministry of Climate and Enterprise
20:10-20:55	Interactive Discussion <i>Participants will have the opportunity to engage in an open discussion and share their lessons learned</i>
20:55-21:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Nawal Al-Hosany, UAE Permanent Representative to IRENA