

Renewable energy is one of the key solutions to the current challenges facing the world's energy future. The current use of renewable energy, however, is still limited in spite of its vast potential. This is where IRENA - the International Renewable Energy Agency comes in.

Mandated by governments worldwide, IRENA aims at becoming the main driving force in promoting a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy on a global scale.

The side event will start with an introduction about the need for renewable energy followed by statements from different Ministers about the role IRENA plays. The side event will conclude with a Q & A session.

Promoting IRENA for a Stable Climate

Side Event at the United Nations Climate
Change Conference in Poznań

Thursday, 11 December 2008
from 13.00 - 14.30, Room: Grebe



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OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION

13.00 - 13.10

The Need for Renewable Energy, Introduction

13.10 - 14.40

The Role of IRENA

Mrs. Connie Hedegaard, Minister for Climate and Energy, Denmark

The Need for IRENA

Mr. Waldemar Pawlak, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, Poland

IRENA's activities

Mrs. Elena Espinosa, Minister of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, Spain

IRENA and the Challenges of Sustainable Energy Supply

Mr. Dessalegne Mesfin, Deputy Director General, Ethiopia

High Energy Demand and the Role of IRENA

High Level Representative, India

Building up IRENA

The Road Map and Vision of IRENA, Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, Federal Environment Minister, Germany

Moderator: Mohamed El-Ashry, REN21, Senior Fellow with the UN Foundation and former Chairman & CEO Emeritus, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

13.40 - 14.00

Question & Answer Session

What can we expect from IRENA?

14.00 - 14.30

Small lunch

All interested parties are kindly invited to visit the website for further information:

www.irena.org.



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