

	<p><i>The Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition</i></p> <p>Information Note</p> <p>Conclusions from the Ministerial Consultation at the World Conference for Renewable Energy in Bonn, 1-4 June 2004</p> <p>June 3rd 2004 7:30 - 8:30 AM Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn Görresstraße 15 53113 Bonn (Germany) Version 1-0 dd. July 29 2004</p>
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1. Objectives and participants of the conference

Ministers from the JREC Members participating in the World Conference for Renewable Energy met in Bonn on June 3rd, 2004 to discuss their contribution to the Conference and its follow-up.

The meeting was called by Ms Margaret Wallström, Commissioner for the Environment at the European Commission upon the request of JREC members represented in the Renewables 2004 International Steering Committee

The following countries attended: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Democratic Republic, Congo, Republic of (Brazzaville), Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Domenica, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Latria, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Morroco, New Zealand, Norway Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Gambia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen.

Ministers discussed and endorsed the outcome of the JREC Senior Officials' Meeting held on June 2nd 2004 and agreed to contribute through concerted action to the successful outcome of the World Conference for Renewable Energy. Ministers endorsed the conclusions from the Chair (see annex 1). Ministers also welcomed the Government of Morocco as a new Member and co-chair of the JREC.

2. Further Information

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For information on the World Conference for Renewable Energy please consult: www.renewables2004.de

Annex

JREC Ministerial Consultation Meeting Conclusions by the Chair Bonn, 3 June 2004

1. We remain fully committed to our declaration on “The way forward for renewable energy” made at the 2002 World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.
2. Building on the successful outcome of the first international high-level conference of the Coalition and of the subsequent regional conferences in 2003 and 2004, we have broadened the basis for international co-operation to achieve an urgent and substantial increase in the share of renewable energy on the basis of targets and timetables set at the national and regional level. The Coalition has grown from 66 to 88 governments and more are expected to join.
3. More than half of the Members have by now adopted ambitious time bound national or regional targets. Others are in the process of doing so. Some are engaging in a process for setting longer term targets.
4. In view of our commitment to the regular review of progress and to reinforce our will to foster international co-operation, we have launched an international renewable energy policies and measures database. This action is also to promote transparency and international action based on solid policies and legislation.
5. Faithful to the commitments made at the World Summit for Sustainable Development, notably on the use of targets and timetables and international co-operation on the basis thereof, we consider it essential that a reinforced political support features prominently in the outcome of the Bonn Conference.
6. We remain equally committed to guide investments and develop markets. Through the Patient Capital Initiative we have looked into the feasibility of establishing an innovative global fund based mechanism for pooling public and private finance to increase access to affordable risk capital, in particular supporting business developers in developing countries and economies in transition. We are committed to further develop this initiative with a view to having the first investments on the ground by the end of 2006.
7. We are committed to ensure the follow-up to the World Conference for Renewable Energy toward CSD 14/15 and beyond. We have therefore agreed to strengthen the operational capability of the secretariat with a view to further increasing our co-operation with other parties and partnerships and to seek synergies wherever deemed necessary and appropriate.