

Being situated in the so-called Sunbelt of the earth, countries of the Middle East and North Africa Region are endowed with solar and wind energy that can contribute towards the future sustainable development of the region.

RE Technologies provide a reliable and in many cases already a cost efficient way of harvesting energy offering solutions for problems many countries are facing (sustainable water supply, rural electrification, telecommunication, shortage of power capacities, etc.).

While a number of countries all around the world are reaping industrial and social benefits from the deployment of RE technology, many countries in the region are still not gaining significant benefit from the extensive RE resources available.

In order to exploit these resources, it is essential to increase regional cooperation in policy making, technology transfer, research, development, commercialization capacity, market awareness and appropriate capital investments to foster the capacity to master all range of RE applications.

The Government of Yemen invites all decision makers from the region to discuss these issues and to agree upon common efforts to promote RE in the Region (joint declaration). In order to raise the concerns of the MENA region at the *renewables 2004* in Bonn, which aims to support the expansion of RE worldwide. A joint side event for this major international conference will be prepared.

### Venue of the Conference

The conference will be held in Sana'a, the cultural capital of the Arab world 2004.

Delegates will be accommodated in a 5\* Hotel.

### Participating countries

Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, Yemen and Germany and other interested countries.

### Participating Organizations

EU, UNEP, UNDP, UNIDO, ESCWA, WB, GEF, IEA, REEEP, WREN, WWI, KFH, KFW, OPEC Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Club of Rome

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Under the auspices of  
the President of the  
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Ministry of Electricity  
and  
Ministry of Water & Environment

are hosting the



Middle East and North Africa  
Renewable Energy Conference

as a Preparatory Meeting for the  
*"renewables2004"* in Germany

21 - 22 April 2004

Sana'a, Yemen

From each participating country 2 high level delegates will be invited representing the concerned national governmental bodies for the promotion of Renewable Energy.

Each delegation is expected to prepare a specific RE country profile presenting the national status and vision for the RE the country profiles will be published in the proceedings of the conference. Furthermore, each delegation is invited to prepare a poster presentation of best practice national RE projects.

Due to the tight schedule of the conference unfortunately it is not possible to enjoy oral presentations of all national delegations but there will be a lot of opportunities for Thematic Round tables and bi- and multilateral discussions.

The Ministry of Electricity will host the Regional Conference at its premises in Sana'a – cultural capital of the Arab World 2004.

During the 2 days conference, after the opening ceremony four Technical Plenary Sessions will be held respectively.

Each session will be chaired by an International Expert also presenting the thematic key-note paper followed by 4-5 best practice presentations of several countries. On the second day the Heads of National Delegations are invited to discuss in small parallel sessions the final formulation of the joint declaration.

On the premises of the Ministry of Electricity the Yemeni private sector will organize an outdoor exhibition presenting the variety of RE Applications. Additionally on the first day the Yemeni Chamber of Commerce is inviting the private sector of the MENA Region to meet at a special side event that aims at improving regional industrial cooperation and establishing new business relations.

The course of the conference will be as follows:

### **April, 21**

➤ *Opening Ceremony*

➤ **Session 1**

*Policy Instruments for the promotion of RE*

➤ **Session 2**

*Regional and International cooperation*

- *Site visits in the afternoon (RE Training Center of Public of Electricity Corporation, PEC)*
- *Dinner and Round Tables (e.g. regional cooperation, private sector, MENA and EU Partnership on RE and Development, RE and Environment, awareness raising by NGOs)*

*Active participation of the private sector and universities in parallel sessions and exhibitions for the general public presenting the variety of RE applications.*

### **April, 22**

*Continuation of day one discussion*

➤ **Session 3**

*Financing Mechanisms*

➤ **Session 4**

*Capacity Development, Education and Research*

➤ *Concluding Discussion*

*Official closure after heads of delegation endorse a joint declaration, which will be distributed and discussed in the run-up of the conference.*

➤ *Site Visit in the afternoon*

*Old City of Sana'a, Wadi Dhar*

### **April, 23**

*Optional excursions including Old City of Sana'a, Shibam, Kokaban.*

### **General information:**

- Main conference languages Arabic/ English
- For paper written in Arabic, English executive summary are required.
- Poster presentation and oral presentations of country profiles are welcome.
- Conference Proceedings will be published by the Conference Secretariat