



Policy Briefing: The Present and Future of Renewables around the World

Renewables 2013 Global Status Report and Renewables Global Futures Report

Hosted by UNIDO (Energy and Climate Change Branch)

Vienna International Centre (Room C2 in 7th Floor – C Building)

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Globally, renewable energy stands at an important crossroads. In 2012, many of the breathtaking advances seen in renewables in recent years either slowed, reversed, or fell flat, including in the areas of declining technology costs, capacity growth, new investments, and new policies. Despite challenges being faced in several countries, support for renewable energy technologies remains strong, and renewable energy is playing an ever increasing role in the world's energy mix. Lessons from around the world, as outlined by REN21, can play an important role in shaping an energy future that has renewables at its core.

The **Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)** is holding a policy briefing on the status and future of renewable energy around the world. The event features insights from two newly released REN21 publications – see <http://www.ren21.net/>

Renewables 2013 Global Status Report: The “GSR” has become the most frequently referenced report on renewable energy worldwide. Based on the contributions of more than 500 experts from around the world, it presents the most recent technology, market, and policy trends.

Renewables Global Futures Report: Launched in 2013, this innovative new report provides a range of possibilities for the future of renewable energy, grounded in the opinions of 170 leading experts from around the world as well as the projections of 50 recently published scenarios. The “GFR” draws key conclusions from these alternative scenarios.

Featuring opening remarks / commentary / presentations by:

- **Pradeep Monga, Director, Energy and Climate Change, UNIDO**
- **Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21**
- **Eric Martinot, Author, Renewables Global Futures Report**

