



Dear Members,

Please find below the last 2013 edition of the REN21 member newswire. As always, we remain at your disposal for any questions or suggestions you may have!

The entire REN21 team wishes you Happy Holidays!

Over the past two months the Secretariat has:

- Produced its [2013 Annual Report](#)
- Issued the [fourth REN21 quarterly newsletter in 2013](#)
- Held the 14th REN21 Steering Committee meeting on 18 November 2013 in Warsaw/Poland
- Participated in COP 19
- Submitted an application for Observer Status to the UNFCCC (climate change secretariat)

Below is a short summary of specific activities carried out by the Secretariat over the past months:

OUTREACH

We continue to prepare and publish regular entries to:

- the [REEGLE](#), the clean energy info portal
- the UNEP DTIE newsletter¹
- Inclusion of the 2013 GSR, 2013 GSR Key Findings and the Renewables Global Futures Report in the UNEP DTIE information CD that was distributed at COP 19

Other outreach included:

- Mention of REN21 in [a Washington Post article](#) on the Brazilian wind sector
- Preparing input for the GWEC September newsletter
- Inclusion of GSR material in *Berufskolleg 2014* – a German text book that prepares German students for the university qualifying exams
- Providing REN21 material to a new UNITAR-accredited Course “Renewable Energies for Developing Countries: Environmental Necessity – Economic Opportunity” is an online course has been co-developed by [CIFAL Scotland](#), [UNITAR](#), [University of Strathclyde](#) in partnership with Scottish Government.
- Linking the IRENA Global Atlas to the REN21 Interactive Map

¹ The current issue is not currently available on the host website. For a copy please of the newsletter please contact Laura at: laura.williamson@ren21.net

PROMOTION, PRODUCTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Since receiving the Google grant in August users to the REN21 website have increased by 80%. The dedicated GSR page has seen a tripling of users which has led to a 35% increase in GSR pdf-report downloads. Users are predominately interested in REN21's reports (GSR, GFR, regional reports), the renewables interactive maps as well as the GSR-webinars.
- REN21 has signed a contract with the [ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency \(ECREEE\)](#) to produce a regional renewable energy status report on West Africa. A call for tender was posted on both the REN21 and ECREEE website and thirteen proposals were received. The selection process is underway.

REN21 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The annual Steering Committee meeting was held 18 November in Warsaw Poland with over 30 of our members in attendance. It was an extremely productive day that included approval of the 2014 Work Programme and a roundtable discussion on the proposed publication Ten Years+. All meeting documents, including the meeting minutes can be downloaded from the [Member section](#) of the REN21 website. Login: REN21SC password: membersonly

GSR UPDATE



A GSR debriefing meeting was held 30th September to 2nd October at the Paris office. Janet Sawain (lead author) Freyer Sverrisson (researcher) and REN21 Secretariat staff (including Jonathan Skeen and Sandra Chavez who both worked on the report) all participated. Ways to improve the data collection, logistics and deadlines were discussed as was content for the 2014 publication.

The Secretariat just received a translated copy of the GSR in Korean from the Green Energy Strategy Institute. This was an unsolicited translation. This work demonstrates the value of the GSR and the desire to make the information widely accessible. It is available for download [here](#).

PRESENTATIONS

We continue to raise awareness about REN21 and the GSR in particular. Staff presented at the following events:

- Renewable Energy Forum (Oslo) 3rd September
- Brazil Windpower 2013 (Rio de Janeiro) 3rd – 5th September
- INDABA (Cape Town) 3rd – 5th September
- 21th OSCE Economic and Environment Forum Concluding Meeting (Prague) 11-13th September
- WINDABA South Africa (Cape Town) 25th - 27th September
- EU PVSEC (Paris) 30th September – 4th October
- Les énergies renouvelables au service de l'humanité : enjeux actuels et perspectives aux horizons 2030 et 2050 (Paris) 3rd October
- International Herald Tribune's fourth annual Global Clean Energy Forum (Doha) 9-10th October
- China Windpower (Beijing) 16th - 18th October
- Arab Forum for Environment and Development (Sharjah/UAE) 28th - 29th October
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP 19 (Warsaw) 18 – 21 November (REN21 participated in two side events hosted by its members: one by the REN Alliance and another by HELIO International)
- "Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development in the Rural Areas of ESCWA Region (Rabat) 26 – 28 November
- Energy and Global Governance under transformation (Madrid) 28-29 November