

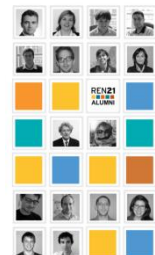
Dear Members,

Please find below the bi-monthly newswire. As always, we remain at your disposal for any questions or suggestions you may have.

Best regards,  
REN21 Secretariat

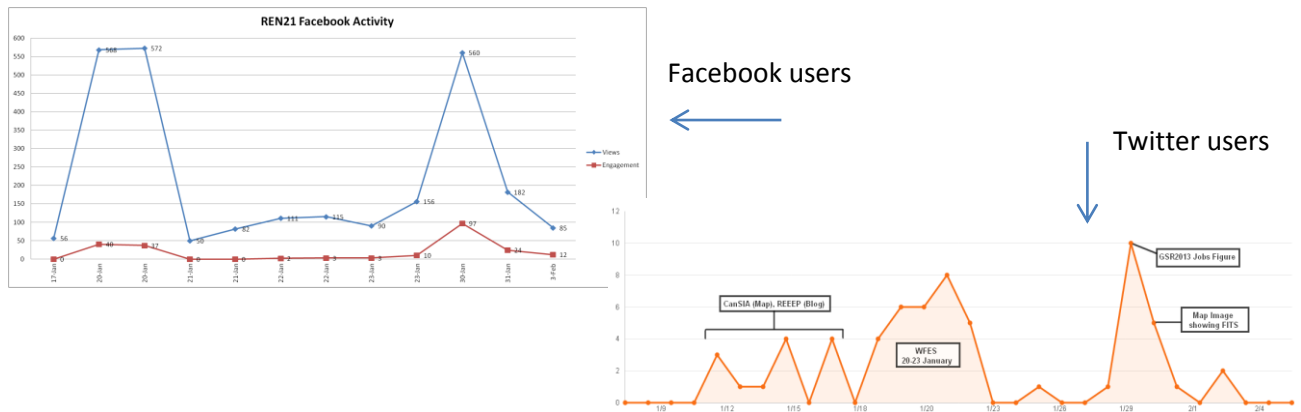
## SECRETARIAT WORK

- REN21 staff attended the [IRENA Assembly](#) 18 -19 January and the [World Future Energy Summit](#) 20 -22 January, both in Abu Dhabi. Presentations were made at the IRENA job conference as well as at the WFES. Furthermore, REN 21 co-organised the IEA RIAB-IRENA side event on Renewable energy industry cooperation in the Gulf Corporation Council (GCC) countries and disseminated the MENA Renewables Status Report. A series of bilateral meeting were also held regarding future collaboration on the Distributed Renewable Energy Status Report, an update of the MENA Status Report, the SE4All Global Tracking Framework as well as with SANEDI on SAIREC preparations.
- At the [Africa-EU Energy Partnership \(AEEP\) 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level Event](#) in Addis Ababa, REN21 co-hosted two side events: *Mini-grid Policy Toolkit Consultation Workshop* and *Closing the Data Gap Workshop*. Both events were well attended—over 45 people in each. Staff presided over a REN21 information booth and attended the high-level event.
- Christine Lins was invited to the newly constituted Expert Advisory Board for the [Covenant of Mayors](#).
- REN21 gave a presentation at the IEA workshop on Gaps and Strategic Opportunities in International Collaboration on Low-Carbon Energy Technologies which took place 27 February 2014 in Paris.
- Preparations for the ECOWAS Regional Status Report and the REN21 Renewables 2014 Global Status Report are on-going. The GSR will be launched early June 2014.
- Two new interns recently joined the REN21 Secretariat: Sarah Leitner and Stefano Mazzaccaro. Furthermore, the [REN21 Alumni Network](#) was launched. This page lists former interns, consultants, staff or Head of Secretariat. Contact information is available through the Secretariat.



## OUTREACH

- REN21 continues to prepare and publish regular entries to [reegle](#), the clean energy info portal.
- REN21 has been working to increase its presence on social media sites, primarily on Facebook and Twitter. Posted information has been a combination of announcements of events where REN21 participated and interesting statistics pulled from the GSR. The peaks seen in the graphs below show an increase in related, user activity (going from the Facebook page to REN21 website, retweeting the announcement etc.). The mirroring seen in the two graphs below illustrates that both media are experiencing similar increases in user activity.



- REN21 advised colleagues from the SE4ALL team on the planned SE4ALL Collaboration Platform. This support was done through the “Climate Knowledge Clinic” of the [Climate Knowledge Brokers group](#), of which REN21 is a member.

## PRESENTATIONS

Over the next two months, REN21 staff will present at the following events:

- Stakeholder/Expert Consultation on the development of IRENA’s institutional publication (Bonn), 13 March 2014
- Regional Kick-off Meeting: Development of the ECOWAS Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Action Plans and Sustainable Energy For All (SE4ALL) Action Agendas (Abidjan), 17–20 March 2014
- Parliamentary Hearing on Building Political Will for 100 % Renewable Energy (Brussels), 19-21 March 2014
- ARE Workshop: Clean Energy Hybrid Mini-grids in Remote Areas - an Investment Opportunity (Bad Hersfeld), 9 April 2014
- World Wind Energy Conference (Shanghai), 7-9 April 2014

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The dates for the ten year celebration of “renewables2004+10” and the REN21 SUMMER ACADEMY and have been set. These events will take place in Bonn/Germany; further details will follow. In the meantime, we invite you to save the following dates:

**25-27 August:** REN21 Summer Academy (2.5 days)

**27-28 August:** High-level Conference “renewables2004+10” (1.5 days)

**29 August:** REN21 Steering Committee Meeting

