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Dear Members,

Please find below the May version of our bi-monthly newswire providing a concise overview of activities carried out by the REN21 Secretariat. As always, we remain at your disposal for any questions or suggestions you may have.

Best regards,  
REN21 Secretariat

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- **Update on GSR launch on 4<sup>th</sup> June and planned outreach**

We are in the final stages of preparing the *Renewables 2014 Global Status Report*. **A draft report will be circulated to the Steering Committee on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a request to have your comments back to us by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Given the tight schedule and the importance of your feedback, we would appreciate if you could **please mark these dates on your calendar**.

This year the GSR will be launched on June 4<sup>th</sup> in New York at the [Sustainable Energy for All Forum](#). We have a number of events planned around this launch including:

- a press briefing with the UN press pool (June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- a [webinar](#) in cooperation with the NREL Clean Energy Solutions Center (June 4<sup>th</sup> 14:00 Paris time)
- a high level luncheon and an afternoon panel discussion with the SE4ALL (June 4<sup>th</sup>)

A sneak preview of the report will be made at IRENA's Council Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Additional launch-related events will occur in Senegal at the Islamic Development Bank's Inter-regional Conference on Renewable Energy for Poverty Reduction (June 3-4<sup>th</sup>) and at the European Commission on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Presentations will also be made at:

- [Intersolar](#), June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Munich/Germany)
- [World Bioenergy 2014](#), June 3-5<sup>th</sup> (Jönköping/Sweden)
- [UNEP DTIE](#), June 5<sup>th</sup> (Paris/France)
- [INTPOW Annual Renewable Energy Conference](#), June 11<sup>th</sup> (Bergern/Norway)
- IRENA's [IOREC](#) and the ADB's [Asia Clean Energy Forum](#), June 16-19<sup>th</sup> (Manila/Philippines)
- ESCWA's [Second Arab Forum on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency](#), June 18-19<sup>th</sup> (Hurghada/Egypt)
- [Gleisdorf Solar](#), June 25<sup>th</sup> (Gleisdorf/Austria)
- SER's [Colloque national biomasse](#), July 1-2<sup>nd</sup> (Paris/France)
- [Clean Energy Week](#), July 22-25<sup>th</sup> (Sydney/Australia)

- **ECOWAS Report**

The ECOWAS Status Report on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency is in its final draft stage. A draft copy will be circulate end-May to a select number of high level renewable experts who have agreed to provide initial input. The report will be available early June on REN21+ for peer review. The Steering Committee will receive the finalised draft for approval in the course of July.

The report will be launched at the ECOWAS Energy Ministers' Meeting, autumn 2014

- **10 Year Publication**

Work on the ten year publication is well under-way. Data has been collected and a draft narrative has been prepared. The Secretariat has also held a number of interviews with regional experts to hear their assessment on the evolution of renewables over the past decade in their respective regions.

A draft version of this report will be available for Steering Committee members' review in early June. This publication will be launched at the **High-level Conference "renewables2004+10" organised by the German Government, August 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Bonn/Germany. This event will follow on REN21's Renewables Summer Academy, scheduled for August 25-27<sup>th</sup> in the same location.**

- **Membership**

REN21 recently became a member of the [Clean Technology Centre and Network](#) (CTCN). This network supports cooperation and technology transfer between countries wanting to mitigate against and adapt to climate change impacts. REN21 will provide data/information as needed.

REN21 also became an affiliated observer to [UN Energy](#)

- **SAIREC**

The Secretariat currently holds twice monthly calls with the SANEDI team.

A call in late April with IREC Alumni (those members who have organised an IREC) gave the SANEDI team the opportunity to hear what elements are important to include in an IREC. The IREC Alumni agreed to meet in Cape Town in early November (back-to-back with WINDABA) in order to continue the consultation process.

- **Presentations**

The Secretariat continues to participate in regional and international workshops, presenting the organisation and its work. From March - May presentations were made at:

- WWEC 2014 (China)
- ECREEE Regional Kick-off Meeting (Cote d'Ivoire)
- ARE/GIZ/OTTI Workshop Clean Energy Hybrid Mini-grids in Remote Areas (Germany)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) "Policy dialogue on the German Energy Transition within the framework of Climate and Energy in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Germany)
- Hydroenergia 2014 (Turkey)