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1. Introduction

In line with the REN21 strategy 2013-2015 that was approved on 17th January 2013 at the 13th REN21 Steering Committee meeting, this document outlines the planned activities for the 2014 work year, while simultaneously remaining within the agreed strategic goals and objectives of:

- Leveraging REN21's multi-stakeholder network base to provide up-to-date unbiased information on renewable energy worldwide
- Initiating focussed debates on key-issues enabling transition to renewable energy
- Strengthening REN21's multi-stakeholder base

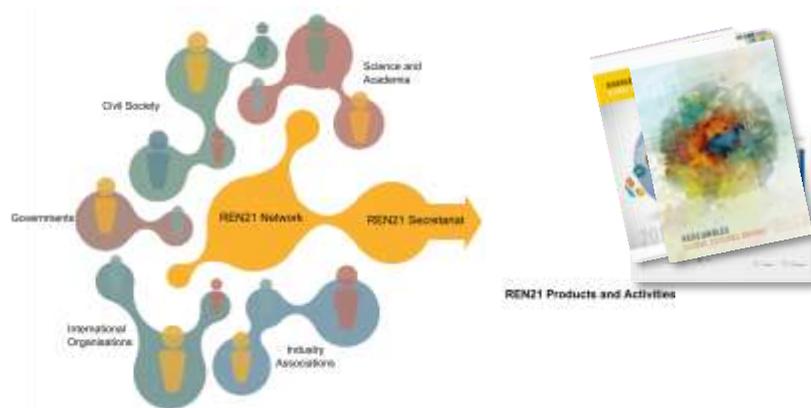
Through its lean structure and flexible set-up, REN21 is well-designed to be a source of ideas and a "sounding board". It can initiate debates on renewable energy issues and act as a platform for exchange and interaction of those willing to rapidly reach high shares of renewable energy in the global energy system.

The 2014 REN21 workplan builds on the achievement of REN21's past work, developing it further and continuing to strengthen its close collaboration with key actors in the international energy and development arena.

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2. REN21's 2014 activities meeting defined strategic goals and objectives

Goal 1: Leverage REN21's multi-stakeholder network base to provide up-to-date unbiased information on renewable energy worldwide



Objective:

Generate awareness and enable a global transition to renewable energy to help mitigate climate change, provide energy security, create business opportunities, secure energy access and alleviate poverty

Action area 1:

- Provide high-quality, policy-relevant information and research-based analysis that dispel myths about renewable energy and catalyse policy change such as
 - Renewables 2014 Global Status Report
 - Renewables Interactive Map
 - Special report: Ten Years of REN21 Accelerating the Global Energy Transition: Analysis of the past decade and outlook on the future decade
 - Regional Status Reports:
 - ECOWAS Renewables Status Report
 - Distributed Energy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Status and future prospects
 - Thematic Global Futures Reports
 - Utility-Grid Integration of Variable Renewables: Emerging global experience and lessons
 - BRICS Renewables Futures Report
- Disseminate produced information at international fora dealing with energy and with sustainable development issues by raising the profile and encouraging the inclusion of renewable energy

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Goal 2: Initiate focussed debates on key-issues enabling transition to renewable energy



Objective:

Create platforms to exchange information and views on a global renewable energy transition

Action area 2:

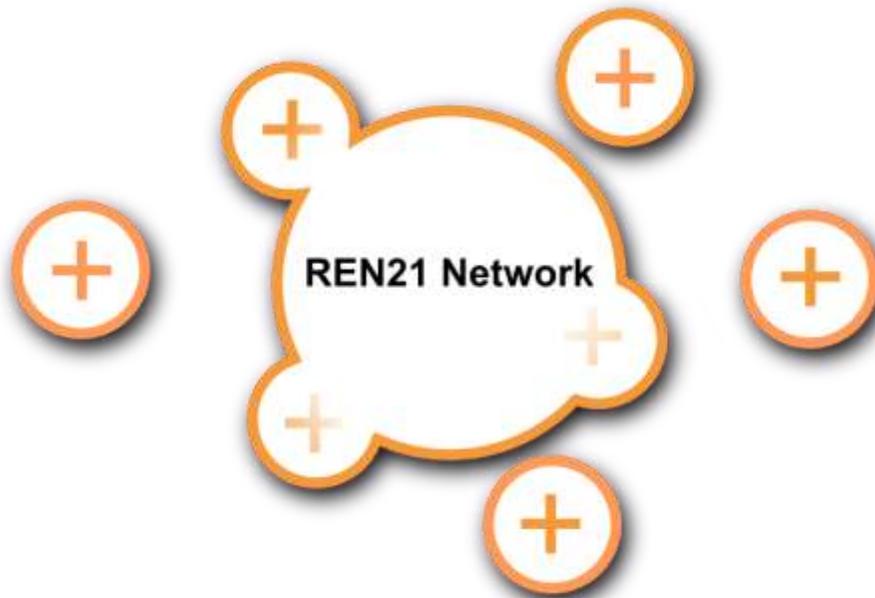
- Organise and moderate focused debates on specific topics via:
 - Virtual channels (REN21 website featuring topical articles, REN21 newsletter, blog posts via the reegle website, webinars etc.)
 - Presentations at key international fora
 - Thematic workshops and panel discussions
 - REN21 summer academy

- Facilitate International Renewable Energy Conferences (IRECs):
 - Begin preparations for the South Africa International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC 2015)

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Goal 3: Strengthen REN21's multi-stakeholder base



Objective:

Achieve stronger and broader engagement of REN21 members and enlarge the REN21 multi-stakeholder network

Action area 3:

- Strategically increase the visibility of products and of REN21's network participants through REN21 communication tools (e.g. REN21 website, REN21 newsletter, etc.)
- Strengthen collaboration with key institutional network partners such as IRENA, IEA, SE4All, UNEP, World Bank etc.
- Enlarge the REN21 network
- Broaden the funding base of REN21

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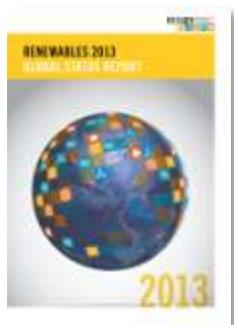
3. REN21’s Action areas

3.1. Action area 1: Provision of high-quality information and its dissemination

Using its multi-stakeholder base, REN21 facilitates the collection of high-quality information on renewable energy. This information reflects diverse viewpoints from both private and public sector actors and serves to dispel myths about renewable energy and catalyse policy change.

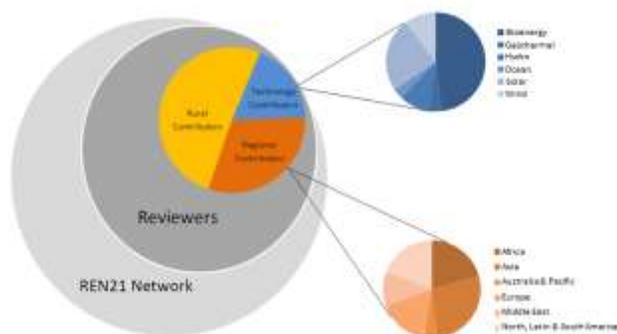
REN21 will build upon its high recognition as an unbiased renewable energy information provider to continue the promotion of successful existing products as well as develop new products with key network partners.

3.1.1. Renewables Global Status Report



The REN21 Renewables Global Status Report (GSR) is REN21’s flagship publication, providing an integrated perspective on the global renewable energy situation. The wide press coverage of the 2013 report (over 600 news articles in both printed and on-line media across 37 countries in nine different languages) illustrates the global reach of this publication. Research on who uses the report reveals that it is consulted by all of REN21 stakeholder groups with intergovernmental organisations and non-profits using the report most.

The success of the GSR is due — to large extent — to the outstanding quality of input provided by the unique contributors’ network. This network currently consists of more than 500 contributors and its numbers continue to rise. For the 2014 edition, the same authoring team as well as the network of institutional regional contributors and technology contributors will be used and further expanded.



As in previous years, outreach activities will be coordinated by the REN21 Secretariat in close collaboration with REN21 Steering Committee Members as well as regional and technology contributors. Region-, technology- and topic-specific GSR webinars will continue to be organised in cooperation with the Clean Energy Solutions Center in 2014. Ten such webinars were held in 2013.

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3.1.2. Renewables Interactive Map

The REN21 Renewables Interactive Map provides a platform for displaying detailed information collected throughout the Global Status Report (GSR) production process. A survey among GSR users revealed that more than 40 per cent of GSR readers consult the document in parallel with the REN21 Interactive Map.



The Map is a platform to share a significant part of country information/data collected over the course of the GSR process with a larger audience. This also increases the interest of contributors to participate as there is increased visibility of country's renewable energy situation, REN21 data contributor etc.). REN21 applies a rigid quality control process before the data are included and aims to further automate the assessment of submitted information in the future

Through its visibility and regular updating process the Map attracts other actors in the sustainability sector to either include the online data sets into their publications, link via their portals or investigate ways of collaborating with REN21 in order to include their own data. In this regard REN21 already collaborates closely with IRENA to ensure integration of its data into the IRENA Global Atlas and has included IRENA's renewable energy potential data sets into the REN21 Renewables Interactive Map.

To further advance this collaboration in 2014, additional measures are necessary to increase user-friendliness, ensure coverage of new topics—in particular distributed energy—inclusion of historical data in the database and operational implementation of linked open data . This also includes the dynamic integration of the regional contributors' questionnaire into the Map database. Provided that additional funding is obtained, the REN21 Renewables Interactive Map will be moved to an open source based technical platform, which will facilitate future linked open data strategies with IRENA and other data platforms.

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3.1.3. Special Report: Ten Years of REN21 Accelerating the Global Energy Transition: Analysis of the past decade and outlook on the future decade

In view of the upcoming 10th anniversary of REN21, a special report will be produced highlighting the key success factors of the last decade and providing an outlook on the decade to come. This publication will draw on the material produced by REN21 over the last decade (Renewables Global Status Reports, Global Futures Report, topical reports, IRECs and related International Actions Programme (IAP)) and on testimonials provided by REN21 Steering Committee members. It will also provide a synthesis of REN21's vision for the coming decade.

3.1.4. Regional Status Reports

In order to further stimulate debate on renewable energy in different regions of the world and to detail relevant renewable energy characteristics, REN21 will continue to produce regional status reports (complementing the existing China, India and MENA status reports). The following reports will be initiated in 2014:

- **ECOWAS renewable energy status report in cooperation with ECREEE**

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)—comprised of 15 countries¹—is one of the most active regions in Africa for the promotion of renewables and energy efficiency. The region's considerable renewable energy resources are central in helping meet current and projected demand. Renewable energy also presents an opportunity for the region to achieve a globally important position in the renewable energy market, which is likely to become the cornerstone of a low-carbon green economy of the future.

In order to meet the ambitious targets that have been set in the region there is also a need to further scale-up policy best practices, cross-border collaborations and domestic, regional and foreign investments in the region. It is therefore critical to capture the full range of renewable energy activities in the region and showcase the information to stakeholders in the region as well as to local and global investors, developers and project promoters, to thereby further accelerate the deployment of renewable energy. Understanding the region's emerging renewable energy industry, market development and growth in the near and medium term is key to realising the regional's potential and scale. REN21 in partnership with the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency is developing an ECOWAS status report to showcase policy trends and investment opportunities in the region.

¹ The 15 ECOWAS countries are: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

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- **Distributed Renewable Energy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Status and future prospects**

There is a constant lack of information on distributed renewable energy sources in developing countries, as acknowledged by several international players. In the past, REN21 has made an effort to close this gap with a dedicated section on rural renewable energy in the Global Status Report. However feedback received indicates that this is not enough and more effort needs to be made to portray the status of distributed renewable energy in developing countries. REN21 aims at contributing to closing this gap by producing a dedicated report on distributed renewable energy with an initial focus on Sub-Saharan Africa (in preparation of the upcoming SAIREC).

Rural population represents a large niche for distributed renewables but there are still a number of barriers that restrict private sector investment. Key among them is the lack of general data about off-grid renewable energy markets.

Data on the supply and demand for distributed energy is crucial for both political decision-makers and the private sector. Decision-makers need this information to put in place the enabling policy framework to attract investment. Data on distributed renewable energy represents a major challenge yet is crucial, when it comes to energy planning and setting up the right policy and regulatory framework. In view of the upcoming SAIREC (South Africa Renewable Energy Conference) in 2015, a first edition of this report targeting Sub-Saharan Africa is planned. It will aim at:

- Closing the market information gap in Africa and strengthening the business case for investment in developing and emerging market among the private sector and other possible investors. The result will support the up-scaling of decentralised renewable energy deployment.
- Tackling the generalised lack of basic market information on energy access and services to reduce market fragmentation and stimulate private sector development.
- Demonstrating the potential of the RE sector to African energy decision-makers by providing relevant and up-to-date country-specific data and show-casing state-of-the-art projects from around the world.

REN21 aims to work together with IRENA, Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), Global Clean Cookstove Alliance (GCCA), Global Off-Grid Lighting Association (GOGLA), SE4All, the different regional development banks (for this first edition with the African Development Bank) as well as national implementing development agencies (GIZ, DIFID, USAID, AFD, ILO, SIDA, NORAD, SNV etc.)

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3.1.5. Thematic Global Futures Reports

The launch of REN21's Renewables Global Futures Report (GFR) contributed to stimulating debate about the possible futures of renewable energy and an overall panorama of the key future debates affecting renewables. Based on the GFR, several thematic reports are planned, to develop further identified issues. To start with, the following two thematic Global Futures Reports are proposed:



- **Power Sector Futures Report: Emerging global experience and lessons**

As outlined in the REN21 Renewables Global Futures Report, integration of variable renewables is considered a key enabler for reaching high levels of renewable energy as forecasted by many experts. Experts stress the need to think beyond renewable energy technologies themselves. Rather, the thinking about future energy systems needs to focus on how renewable technologies will be integrated into existing utility power grids. Integration may often require new policies and planning approaches, as well as new power market rules. Integration of renewable energy into new energy-service business models and investment mechanisms is also needed.

Based on "Great Debates 4, 5 and 6 of Global Futures Report", the thematic GFR will look into the question on how the power sector of the future will look like with high shares of renewables. This includes business models, business relationships and structures, technical changes to grids, all the "balancing" options, and the necessary policy and regulatory frameworks incl. power market designs that support greater flexibility.

As recently illustrated, the up-take of renewables in European power markets has led to an outcry by utilities that are confronted with the fact that their traditional business model is obsolete. While some utilities have ventured into developing new business models that help integrate high shares of variable renewables in their power grids, these utilities are in a minority.

The proposed report on utility-grid integration of variable renewables will highlight and summarise case studies, best practices, and emerging trends and lessons learnt. Links will also be made to key information resources so readers can learn about an issue in detail. The report will become available at SAIREC and will serve as basis for initiating dialogue about this subject among renewable energy proponents and utilities. Furthermore, these findings will serve as valuable input to countries which are in the process of designing their energy system.

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- **Renewables BRICS Futures Report**

While progress on renewable energy deployment is important in all countries, the BRICS countries contribute significantly to the aggregate global performance of renewables. It is therefore particularly important to analyse the future perspectives of renewable energy deployment in these countries and share lessons learnt among them.

Based on the approach developed during the production of REN21's Renewables Global Futures Report, 30 interviews in each of the five BRICS countries will be carried out. In addition, all recent scenarios published for each of the five countries, whether domestic or by international organisations, will be analysed and compared.

Apart from Russia, REN21 has key contacts in all BRICS countries. These contacts will be invited to collaborate in this exercise to ensure a concise picture about the future of renewable energy in the BRICS. The Renewables BRICS Futures Report will be available in 2015 and will be presented in a series of regional events in the respective BRICS countries.

3.1.6. Renewables Mini-grid Policy Toolkit

The Renewables Mini-grid Policy Toolkit will provide policy-makers with essential background information as well as hands-on recommendations for mini-grid framework development. The toolkit will be based on the analysis of international mini-grid experiences, but will have a specific focus on Africa, given that the mini-grid policy toolkit is financed under the EUEI-PDF Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme.

The toolkit is currently developed by the three partner organizations (REN21, RECP/EUEI-PDF (funding party) as well as ARE in a cooperative process. Stakeholders from private sector, governments, civil society and academia are involved. It will be launched in February 2014 at the AEEP-High-Level Meeting and will be disseminated through training workshops and on-line.

3.1.7. Contribution to SE4All Tracking Report



REN21 worked with a consortium of World Bank, IEA, IRENA, UNEP, UNDP, WHO, Practical Action etc. to develop the SE4All Global Tracking Framework (GTF) that was launched in May 2013. Preparations for the 2015 GTF updated will start in the course of 2014 and REN21 will continue to collaborate in this process to provide up-to-date information from its different products.

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3.2. Action area 2: Organisation and moderation of focused debates on specific topics

Given the convening power of REN21 and its broad multi-stakeholder base, the organisation and moderation of focused debates on specific topics is envisaged and will include:

- integration of renewables
- citizen involvement in the energy transition
- renewable energy and climate change
- energy access with renewable energy
- Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

3.2.1. Virtual channels

These debates will be organised through virtual channels such as topical articles in media and the REN21 newsletter, through regular blog posts via reegle as well as through thematic webinars. These will be done in conjunction with outreach activities around the REN21 products listed in section 4.

Thematic articles

REN21 produces a lot of high-quality information but does not yet disseminate it to its full extent. REN21 will produce a series of thematic articles and papers for specialised journals, drawing on information in REN21 products and shaped by current debates, e.g. integration, financing of renewable, distributed renewable energy etc. The REN21 Secretariat will work in close collaboration with its members to identify thematic focus with regional/national relevance. These articles will be both made available on the REN21 website, on reegle as well as published via different on-line and print media.

Regular blog posts via reegle

REN21 publishes two blog posts monthly on reegle. These blog posts focus on ongoing REN21 activities and draw upon information developed by REN21 during the production of its various products. The blog posts aim at increasing reach of REN21 information and at contributing to topical debates.

Webinars

REN21 cooperates with the Clean Energy Solutions Center, which provides the opportunity to organise tailor-made webinars on different topics. For the 2013 GSR outreach, a series of ten webinars were organised with regional partners and contributed significantly to the outreach of REN21 messages and were at no cost for REN21. The use of this way of dissemination will be continued and extended in 2014.

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3.2.2. Presentations at key international fora

REN21 staff will continue to participate in high-level events and disseminate REN21 products through presentations at key international fora dealing with energy and with sustainable development listed on page 22.

3.2.3. Topical workshops and panel discussions

In addition to virtual debates outlined in section 3.2.1., topical workshops and panel discussions in conjunction with outreach activities of REN21 products will be organised. Past experience has shown that REN21 products serve as valuable input to the policy agenda and bring actors together. For example, during 2013 GSR outreach efforts, a series of lively debates on the status and prospects of renewable energy in a specific national/regional context were organised. The following examples can serve as inspiration for future events:

- March 2013 event with REEEP in Vienna
- April 2013 event with Worldwatch Institute at Capitol Hill in Washington DC
- April 2013 event with UNEP at UN Headquarters in New York
- June 2013 event with BMZ in Bonn
- June 2013 event in cooperation with IRENA and the UAE in Abu Dhabi
- June 2013 event with European Commission at EUSEW in Brussels
- October 2013 event with GFSE and the IEA in the Austrian Embassy in Beijing

REN21 will continue and extend cooperation with the existing network of regional contributors/partners to strengthen regional and cross-technology debates on renewable energy through targeted workshops, articles, etc.

3.2.4. REN21 Renewable Energy Summer Policy Academy

In early September 2014, the first edition of the REN21 renewable energy summer academy will be held in Bonn/Germany under the topic "Advancing the energy transition globally". This event will provide the occasion to organise a lively exchange among the growing community of REN21 contributors (both GSR contributors and reviewers as well as GFR interviewees). The event will facilitate brainstorming on future-orientated policy solutions.

The Summer Academy will provide a global forum for policy debate in an informal and creative atmosphere/environment, aiming at generating new solutions. REN21 will draw on experiences from similar high-level summer studies in the energy efficiency sector.²

² see eceee/aceee² which organise such high-level summer studies in the field of energy efficiency for already more than 20 years http://www.eceee.org/summer_study

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The setting will be informal to facilitate discussion and exchange among the different stakeholder groups as well as to provide space for developing new concepts/initiatives. The event is likely to last three consecutive days and will be composed of both formal and informal sessions. One day of the event might be dedicated to a high-level session celebrating the successful completion of one decade after the renewables2004.

Formal sessions will discuss pre-defined topics for which speakers will be identified and invited. The content of informal sessions will be determined by submissions of a call for papers that will be launched by the end of 2013.

A renewable energy policy summer academy organisation committee will be set-up in order to define the detailed concept of the event. This organisation committee will be composed by REN21 as well as representatives of the host country. The IRENA IITC will be invited to participate in this committee.

REN21 through its network will facilitate the programme development as well as international promotion of the event. Approximately 200 participants are envisaged for the first edition of the Summer Academy; participants will be expected to cover their own travel cost.

3.2.5. Facilitation of IRECs

Dedicated exclusively to the renewable energy sector, IREC is a high-level political conference series hosted by alternate governments every two years and convened by REN21. IREC acts as a common platform for government, private sector and civil society leaders to jointly address the goal of advancing renewable energy and has provided the impetus for several important initiatives over the past decade.

2004 Bonn	2005 Beijing	2008 Washington	2010 New Delhi	2013 Abu Dhabi	2015 Cape Town

South Africa will host SAIREC, the South Africa International Renewable Energy Conference in October/November 2015. SAIREC will be the first IREC on the African continent and will focus on accelerating renewable energy deployment in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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REN21 will support South Africa in the planning and organisation of SAIREC by:

- Setting-up the f International Advisory Committee
- Developing the SAIREC programme
- Facilitating the SAIREC Conference declaration and outcome
- Promoting SAIREC on a global level

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3.3. Action area 3: Strengthen and leverage REN21's multi-stakeholder base

REN21 will continue to strengthen the interaction between the Secretariat as well as the network members and contributors and at enlarging the REN21 multi-stakeholder network. The visibility of both REN21 products as well as those of the network members will be increased through REN21 communication tools such as the REN21 website and the REN21 newsletter.

3.3.1 REN21 website

The REN21 Website remains the digital business card of REN21 and the focal point for those interested in the activities of REN21 and its network members. In addition to providing an overview of the network structure, featured articles and events, the website provides access to all of REN21's products available for download. Between October 2012 and October 2013 there were 140,000 visits to the REN21 website and 450,000 pages were viewed.

The website has been updated regularly to mirror the technological progress of web technology. A visual re-launch that was carried out in the course of December 2012 has led to a consistent increase in daily visitor numbers, REN21 Newsletter subscribers as well as downloaded REN21 reports (35,000 downloaded GSR2013 PDFs in June-October 2013) ;

Since receiving an in-kind sponsorship in the form of a Google grant for on-line advertising in August 2013 daily visits to the main REN21 website have increased by some 80%, in some cases even tripled (i.e. on the dedicated GSR page). The tripled number of visitors on the GSR page have led to a measurable 35% increase in GSR pdf-report downloads. Users are predominately interested in REN21's reports (GSR, GFR, and regional reports), the renewables interactive maps as well as the GSR-webinars. The experienced gathered during this first campaign will also be used to advertise all remaining REN21 products and events throughout 2014.

In a next step, a strategy to integrate all of REN21's network activities (REN21+, Renewables Interactive Map, on-line collaboration tools and social networks) will be developed and implemented. The objective will be to modernise the REN21 web-based products in order to improve its usability and further expand its reach.

3.3.2 REN21 Newsletter

The REN21 Newsletter showcases the activities of the REN21 Secretariat as well as the REN21 network members. With a reach of currently 9,000 subscribers, this quarterly email publication is read by a wide range of decision makers in the renewable energy field as well as scientific experts. The newsletter provides a concise overview for all those interested in the activities of REN21 and its network members. The structure of the newsletter includes:

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- News from the REN21 Secretariat showcasing the development of REN21's products and activities
- News from the REN21 Network that providing information of recent activities of REN21 network members
- An overview of upcoming events organised by REN21 and its members

Four annual newsletters will be released in March, June, September and December 2014.

3.3.3. REN21 newswire

The REN21 Newswire, is an electronic bulletin for REN21 members. It is issued every two months and keeps members informed about the Secretariat's activities. The Newswire contains the latest internal news from the Secretariat as well as upcoming vacancy notes and tenders. Six editions of the newswire will be produced in 2014.

3.3.4. REN21 Annual Report

REN21 will begin producing an annual report to showcase achievements. The annual report will also serve to demonstrate to potential funders and sponsors the scope of REN21's work in a given year. A first version was produced by the Secretariat in 2013; this format will be refined and further developed in 2014.

3.3.5. Strong interaction with key institutional network partners

REN21 has excellent relationships with key institutional network partners such as IRENA, the IEA, UNEP and the World Bank. These will be continued throughout the implementation of REN21's strategy and work plan.

The following interactions with key institutional network partners are foreseen in 2014:

- Collaboration with IRENA on the Global Atlas for Renewable Energy (by providing data from the Renewables Interactive Map and interlinking both platforms)
- Collaboration with IRENA on renewable energy data (portraying IRENA's work on jobs and cost figures in the Renewables 2014 Global Status Report)
- Collaboration with IRENA IITC on the Renewable Energy Summer Academy
- Collaboration with IRENA on macro-economic work

- Collaboration with the IEA on renewable energy data gathering for the REN21 Global Status Report and the IEA's Medium-Term Renewable Energy Market Report and joint outreach
- Participation of REN21 in the IEA's Renewables Industry Advisory Board (co-organising the RIAB meeting on 22nd January 2014 back-to-back with the WFES)

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- Collaboration with IEA-RET D on RE-ValuePolicies report
- Collaboration with the World Bank on the Readiness for Investment in Sustainable Energy(RISE) project
- Collaboration on the update of the SE4All Global Tracking Framework
- Collaboration with UNEP on Global trends in Renewable Energy Investment
- Collaboration with UNEP's GRID data portal by providing data from the Renewables Interactive Map and interlinking both platforms
- Collaboration with UNEP on sustainability criteria

3.3.6. Enlarge the REN21 network

REN21 welcomes the participation of international and supranational organisations active in the field of renewable energy whose mandates support the goals and objectives of REN21.

The REN21 membership strategy was approved by the Bureau on 15th July 2013. This document will serve as the basis for accepting new REN21 members in 2014.

3.3.7. Broaden the funding base of REN21

Since its creation as legal entity in early 2013, the Secretariat has worked to broaden the funding base of REN21. This is important as its current funding comes predominantly from the German Government. The following actions were carried out in the course of 2013:

- Submission in May 2013 of a proposal together with REN21 member Windmade to the Intelligent Energy Europe programme of the European Commission (if successful REN21 would be eligible for EC funding in the order of 135.000 €)
- In-kind sponsorship in the form of a Google grant for on-line advertising for REN21 products (annual value of 120.000 USD)
- Joint project with REN21 member ECREEE for the ECOWAS Status Report (ECREEE provided 48.000 € worth of funding to REN21)
- Preparation of a proposal together with REN21 member Greenpeace to Dutch Postcode Lottery (next deadline for submission: March 2014)

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For the 2014, co-funding from members and external partners will be sought as follows:

- Contributions by REN21 members to augment REN21's core budget
- Contributions by REN21 members to selected products, e.g.
 - Report on Distributed Energy in Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Thematic Global Futures Reports
 - Utility-Grid Integration of Variable Renewables
 - BRICS Renewables Futures Report
 - REN21 Summer Academy
 - REN21 outreach activities (both active and in-kind)
 - REN21 Renewables Interactive Map
- Industry sponsorship for dedicated reports and events

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4. Outputs

For 2014, the implementation of the different action areas will result in the following outputs:

2014 outputs

Output	Timing	Partners
Mini-grid policy toolkit	February 2014	RECP/EUEI-PDF, ARE
1 st REN21 newsletter	March 2014	REN21 members
Global Status Report	June 2014	500+ contributors/reviewers
2 nd REN21 newsletter	June 2014	REN21 members
GSR outreach	June – December 2014	REN21 member, GSR regional contributors
Publication celebrating 10 years of REN21 – Accelerating the Global Energy Transition	September 2014	REN21 members
ECOWAS Status Report	September 2014	ECREEE
3 rd REN21 newsletter	September 2014	REN21 members
Renewables Summer Academy incl. 10 th Anniversary of REN21	September 2014	German Government, IRENA IITC
15 th REN21 Steering Committee Meeting back to back with Summer Academy	September 2014	REN21 members
4 th REN21 newsletter	December 2014	REN21 members

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Outreach 2014 back-to-back with major events

Event	Timing	Location
IRENA Assembly, World Future Energy Summit & IEA RIAB meeting	18-22 January 2014	Abu Dhabi/United Arab Emirates
14 th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit	6-8 February 2014	New Delhi/India
Mexico WindPower (GWEC)	26-27 February 2014	Mexico City/Mexico
WWEC2014 (WWEA)	7-9 April 2014	Shanghai/China
World Bioenergy Conference (WBA)	27-29 May 2014	Jönköping/Sweden
Asia Clean Energy Forum (ADB)	May/June 2014	Manila/Philippines
WEC/World Water Council	June 2014	Lyon/France
UNEP Governing Council & Major Stakeholder Forum	June 2014	Nairobi/Kenya
EUSEW (European Commission)	23-27 June 2014	Brussels/Belgium
Clean Energy Week (CEC)	22-25 July 2014	Sydney/Australia
World Water Week (topic: Water & Energy)	31 August – 5 September 2014	Stockholm/Sweden
Windaba (GWEC)	3-5 November 2014	Cape Town/South Africa
COP20	December 2014	Peru

Dedicated GSR outreach events with REN21 regional contributors will also be scheduled throughout 2014.

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5. Timeline 2014



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6. Financial outlook

Core funding for REN21 is currently provided by the German Government as well as by the host countries of the respective IRECs. One of the main reasons for the creation of REN21 as a non-profit organisation was to provide a base for soliciting and administering financial contributions from network partners/external funders. In order to implement its ambitious work programme, REN21 is looking for financial support from member organisations and industry sponsors in the form of contributions to the core budget and/or project based support as follows:

COST		EURO	Funding source
Category	Description planned	2014	
Secretariat Staff	5 full-time plus 2 interns	470.000	core funding
Travel	All staff	70.000	core funding
Operation Expenses	Office equipment & expenses (UNEP in-kind)	45.000	UNEP
	Admin. cost (overheads)	100.000	core funding
	Annual SC Meeting	20.000	core funding
	Maintenance website, REN21+	10.000	core funding
Project activities	Renewables 2014 Global Status Report	300.000	core funding
	Renewables Interactive Map	10.000	core funding
	Ten Years of REN21 Anniversary publication	20.000	core funding
	ECOWAS Status Report	48.000	ECREEE
	Distributed RE report in Sub-Saharan Africa	150.000	Sponsors wanted
	Thematic Global Futures Report (utility of the future)	50.000	Sponsors wanted
	Thematic Global Futures Report (BRICS)	150.000	Sponsors wanted
	Renewables summer academy	150.000	Germany/Sponsors wanted
TOTAL		1.593.000	Core funding 1.000.000 UNEP in-kind 45.000 ECREEE 48.000 Project based sponsors 500.000