



## Policy Briefing:

### The Present and Future of Renewables in the United States and Around the World

Hosted by U.S. Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ)

Thursday, April 25, 2013, 10:30 a.m. – noon

U.S. Capitol, Cannon House Office Building, Room 121  
Independence Avenue and 1st Street, SE, Washington, D.C.

Featuring commentary by:

**Mohamed El-Ashry**, Senior Fellow, UN Foundation

**Christine Lins**, Executive Secretary, REN21

**Eric Martinot**, Author, *Renewables Global Futures Report*

**Alexander Ochs**, Director of Climate and Energy, Worldwatch Institute

U.S. Representative Rush Holt (D-NJ), the Worldwatch Institute, and the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) invite you to attend a policy briefing on the status and future of renewable energy in the United States and around the world. The event features insights from leading renewable energy experts as well as from two newly released REN21 publications:

- ***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.

In the United States and around the world, 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. The U.S. renewable energy industry currently faces a lackluster investment climate—a result of factors ranging from strong international competition, to the recent domestic boom in natural gas and the lack of strong support mechanisms, to targeted opposition from special interest groups.

Despite these challenges, support for renewable energy technologies remains strong in many parts of the United States, and renewable energy is playing an ever-increasing role in the nation’s energy mix. Domestic trends as well as lessons from around the world, as outlined by REN21, can play an important role in shaping an American energy future that has renewable energy at its core.

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#### **AGENDA**

- 10:30–10:35** **Introductory Remarks**  
Mohamed El-Ashry, Senior Fellow, UN Foundation
- 10:35–10:50** **Renewable Energy Policy Update: Early Insights from the REN21  
*Renewables 2013 Global Status Report***  
Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21
- 10:50–11:05** **The Future of Renewable Energy: Debates from the *REN21 Renewables  
Global Futures Report***  
Eric Martinot, Author, REN21 *Renewable Global Futures Report*
- 11:05–11:10** **Congressional Remarks**  
Rep. Rush Holt
- 11:10–12:00** **Questions and Answers**  
Moderated by Alexander Ochs, Director of Climate and Energy,  
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