
Good Data for Good Decision-Making: The need for regional cooperation 7 December, 16:30 – 18:00 EU Pavilion

Good decisions require good data. Reliable, timely and regularly updated data are essential for establishing energy plans, defining targets, designing and continuously adapting policy measures, and monitoring.

REN21's regional reports highlight the enormous, yet often untapped renewable energy possibilities. However to harness this potential, sound data are needed to attract and sustain investors by demonstrating the investment opportunities as well as implementing the necessary long-term policy and regulatory frameworks. Given the data gaps in the regions, the above cannot currently be achieved.

The presence of regional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Centres and institutions such as the UNECE offers a good opportunity to work collectively on the above, developing regional baselines from which annual progress can be measured.

This event will give an overview of regional initiatives and will provide a platform for exchange about on-going initiatives to foster rapid deployment of renewables in different world regions and sectors. During the event, the latest regional REN21 report: *UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report* will be launched.

16:30. Welcome

Mr. Arthouros Zervos, Chair, REN21

16:35. Why Engage Regionally?

Mr. Andrä Rupprechter, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

16:45 UNIDO and REN21: Joining forces on regional cooperation and data collection

Mr. Pradeep Monga, Director, UNIDO

Ms. Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21

17:05. Regional Cooperation in Action: SAIREC

Mr. Kevin Nassiep, CEO, SANEDI

17:15. Documenting On-going Progress: Developments in ECOWAS

Mr. Mahama Kappiah, Executive Director, ECREEE

17:25. Launch of *UNECE Renewable Energy Status Report*

Mr. Scott Foster, Director Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE

17:40. Question and Answer

18:00. Close