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FOREWORD

Message from
Ramón Méndez Galain, President of REN21

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As we look ahead to a pivotal third decade, it is a real honour to step into the role of REN21 President at such a dynamic and decisive moment. From the beginning, this network has been guided by a simple but powerful truth: the shift to renewables cannot be driven by any one actor alone. That understanding remains just as relevant today, perhaps even more so.

We are living through a period of profound transformation. Around the world, more and more people recognise that renewables are not just an energy solution – they are the foundation for economic resilience, social stability, and energy security. But the shift to renewables will not happen on its own. It demands deliberate collaboration across regions, sectors and communities.

REN21 plays a crucial role in enabling that collaboration. We connect people and ideas, generate knowledge that informs decisions, and prompt aligned efforts at all levels. As we introduce a new vision looking toward 2030, I see a network that is ready to lead with openness and determination. One who knows real change only happens when we move forward together.



FOREWORD

Message from
Rana Adib, Executive Director, REN21 Secretariat



In 2024, REN21 celebrated 20 years since its creation. We used this moment to pause, reflect and realign.

This past year was about laying the groundwork for the decade ahead. With over 130 members and partners, we co-developed REN21's new 2025-2030 strategy, rooted in real-world experience, informed by regional perspectives, and shaped by people working across sectors to make renewables the foundation of our economies and societies.

We made space for difficult conversations, found common ground, and challenged traditional thinking. Through data, dialogue, and campaigns, our aim was consistent: to shift the conversation from isolated actions to a system-wide transformation.

The 2024 Annual Report reflects that shift. It captures our work, but more importantly, it illustrates what happens when a network moves in concert. **REN21's foundation is its multistakeholder community. Everything achieved in 2024 was the result of shared commitment and collective action.**





In Memoriam: **Arthouros Zervos**

A Champion for Renewables and Multistakeholder Collaboration

In August 2024, REN21 lost a President and longstanding ally, Dr. Arthouros Zervos. One of REN21's founding figures and President since 2013, Arthouros played a pivotal role in shaping the European and global renewable energy transition. His legacy stretches across academia, policy, and international cooperation.

Arthouros championed multistakeholder dialogue long before it became mainstream. He saw REN21 not just as a platform, but as a necessary engine to connect policy, science, and civil society. Under his leadership, REN21 evolved from a small community of data pioneers into a trusted global voice for renewable energy.

Last December, a memorial was held in Brussels to honour his life and work, co-hosted by REN21, WindEurope, Global Women Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET) and seven other partner organisations. More than 100 members of the community gathered in person and online to celebrate Arthouros' leadership in the renewable energy movement.

We carry forward his vision: a world where renewables are everywhere, and everyone has a voice in building that future.

ABOUT REN21

REN21 is the global multi-stakeholder network of governments, industry, inter-governmental organisations, NGOs, and academia that enables the necessary changes to build a renewables-based economy for prosperous lives and societies.

Founded in 2004, we've built a powerful and diverse network of over 120 member institutions and a broader community of more than 4,000 players, from the energy ecosystem and other key sectors. Our inclusive governance structure and collaborative culture enable us to build on the insights and intelligence of our global community to drive collective advocacy and collective action – delivering the systemic solutions needed for economic prosperity and societal well-being.

OUR MISSION

Energy is fundamental to the fabric of our societies. Our mission is to achieve a world built on renewable energy by uniting diverse stakeholders and creating the momentum for the necessary rapid, lasting change.

At REN21, we uncover blind spots, break down silos and challenge deep-rooted systems. We use dialogue, debate and data to ensure renewables are at the heart of global policymaking and economic decision-making.

As a trusted platform, we shape the narrative to show that renewable energy is the clear choice for people and nature.



OUR PILLARS

Everything we do is rooted in our community. This brings a holistic view that connects energy systems, economies and societies, all centred around renewables. These pillars form the foundation of our collective advocacy to drive change.

Knowledge, Data, and Intelligence

The energy transition must be grounded in evidence. REN21 transforms individual expertise into a powerful, collective resource. We crowdsource data, track global progress, and build shared intelligence to support informed decision-making and accelerate renewables.

Dialogue and Debate

We mobilise action across geographies, sectors and perspectives. REN21 creates spaces for shared purpose, strategic dialogue, and new forms of collaboration. By bringing new and underrepresented voices into the global debate, we challenge assumptions, open new opportunities, and help renewables reach further and faster.

Communication

We turn evidence into compelling narratives. Whether through data stories, social media or in-person exchanges, we build public and political support for renewables and make the case for a renewables-based economy.



20 YEARS OF REN21

As REN21 marked two decades of collective action, 2024 proved to be a year of celebration, reflection, and revitalised action. Formed as a result of the 2004 Renewables Conference, REN21 was established as the first – and remains the only – global multi-stakeholder network of governments, industry, NGOs and academia dedicated to advancing renewable energy. We marked the occasion with an in-person strategy workshop and a celebration¹ that brought together over 300 members and partners.

In 2024 wind and solar accounted for less than 1% of global electricity generation. Few countries had enabling policies in place, and there was limited access to reliable information about renewables. We created a space where diverse actors could shape the evidence, debate the issues, and build the shared understanding needed to drive the energy transition forward.

As we enter a new era of renewables, collaboration is more essential than ever. REN21's purpose is steadfast: to align, to challenge, and to act. With a bold new strategy guiding us to 2030, we are building on two decades of progress and taking the next step into unpacking what a renewables-based economy looks like, embedding renewables in economic, social and political systems in ways that are structural, equitable and lasting.

I would like to thank REN21 for its hard work over the past 20 years to significantly contribute to making renewable energy the norm of the global energy transition.

Anja Hajduk

State Secretary of Climate, Germany (BMWK)²

¹ The strategy workshop and celebration were organised by REN21 with the support of Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK).

² In May 2025, BMWK became the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE).



OUR IMPACT

2024 at a Glance

20 Years of REN21

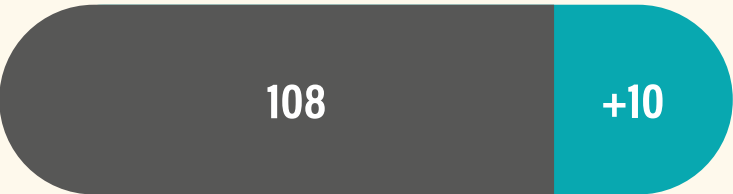
+1,000 participants across REN21 events

+14,000 newsletter subscribers

+15,000 downloads and **+100,000** page visits of the Renewables 2024 Global Status Report (GSR)

+4 million reached through media³

118 institutional members



Members in 2023
New members in 2024

Member distribution by stakeholder group:



GROUPS:

- 20 Governments
- 28 Industries
- 38 NGOs
- 15 IGOs
- 11 Science/Academia
- 6 Members at large

³ Media impressions measure the approximate audience REN21 reached through media, both via traditional and digital channels.

REN21 at **key events:**



Buildings and Climate
Global Forum

Paris



International Renewable
Energy Agency General
Assembly

Abu Dhabi



2024 NDC Transport
Initiative Asia (NDC-TIA):
Low-Carbon Prosperity in
Progress: Transforming
Transport in Asia

Bangkok



Berlin Energy Transition
Dialogue

- REN21 20th Anniversary
- Open Workshop:
Getting It Right: Seizing the
momentum of the energy
transition to build a better
economy and society

Berlin



International Transport
Forum

Leipzig



New York Climate Week
and Global Renewables
Summit

New York



Asia Clean Energy Forum

Manila



Clean Energy Ministerial
15/Mission Innovation-9

Global Climate Action
Partnership Workshop

Foz do Iguaçu



COP29

Baku



2024 Bonn Climate
Change Conference

Bonn

Network Overview

By the end of 2024, REN21 comprised 118 member organisations spanning governments, intergovernmental organisations, NGOs, industry associations, science and academia, and members-at-large. Together, these institutions form a global platform that bridges regions, sectors, and policy spaces to accelerate the shift to a renewables-based economy.

The network continued to grow, expanding its reach across Latin America, Africa, Europe and Asia. REN21's strength lies not only in its institutional membership but also in its broader community of over 4,000 individuals and organisations that engage in our dialogues, co-author reports, and advance our common vision.

From data sharing and joint campaigns to cross-sector events and strategy consultations, the REN21 network continues to demonstrate that collaboration across ecosystems is possible and key to catalyse systemic change.

New Members in 2024

- Government: Panama
- Industry Associations: Green Hydrogen Organisation (GH2), Solar Heat Europe, World Biogas Association
- NGOs: Energy Peace Partners, Green Economy Coalition (GEC), Power Shift Africa (PSA), Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
- Multistakeholder Partnerships: Hydropower Sustainability Alliance (HSA)
- Member at Large: Rabia Ferroukhi, former Director of IRENA's Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre; current Director of Knowledge and Partnerships at INETT





+37 Global Members

REN21 Members





REN21 **Members at large**



David Hales



James Fletcher



Kirsty Hamilton



Peter Rae



Rabia Ferroukhi



Rosilena Lindo

Member-Driven Impact

REN21 is where collaboration drives impact. The stories below reflect how coordinated mobilisation of the REN21 network allowed to provide knowledge, shape global debates, and accelerate progress in key areas of the energy transition.

Co-creating REN21's vision for the decade ahead

More than 130 members and partners of the network came together in 2024 to reflect critically on progress, identify structural barriers to advancing renewables, and chart a collective path forward. Through workshops, online consultations, and one-on-one exchanges, this process drew on a wide range of expertise across sectors and regions. It reaffirmed the value of REN21's member-driven approach to collective intelligence, aligned priorities and systems thinking.

An in-person strategy workshop with members, and a dialogue on the socio-economic benefits of the energy transition, held alongside BETD, launched the broader year-long consultation process that culminated in REN21's new institutional strategy for 2025–2030. The strategy sets out what must happen to move beyond short-term political momentum and deliver lasting, structural change to build renewables-based economies.

Even as political commitment and broad mobilisation have grown, including alignment around the COP28 targets and grid expansion, structural barriers continue to slow progress. The consultation made one thing clear: reaching a renewables-based economy will take more than ambition. We need coordinated, sustained effort to create the conditions that enable faster progress.

REN21 is an incredible network to disseminate world-class best practices and put them into implementation locally around the world.

Doug Arent

Executive Director, NREL Foundation

We have been partners of REN21 since its inception 20 years ago. We rely on the knowledge and dialogue generated by REN21 to inform our work and practices.

Rana Ghoneim

Director of Energy and Climate Action, UNIDO

Leading the conversation on the sustainability of renewables

We launched the first-ever *Renewable Energy and Sustainability Report (RESR)*⁴ with perspectives from over 120 contributors across climate and environment, human rights, labour, finance and industry – sectors beyond the traditional energy sphere. Through a crowdsourced, peer-reviewed process, the RESR drew insights from governments, industry and civil society, including biodiversity experts, and citizen-led energy movements.

In developing the report, we created a trusted space for difficult conversations, anticipated key risks, and bridged perspectives across disciplines to shift the sustainability debate from polarisation to common ground.

This effort consolidated previously scattered expertise and helped establish sustainability as a core pillar of renewable energy deployment. It connected a wider ecosystem of actors and laid the groundwork for long-term collaboration.

The RESR concluded that renewables are the most sustainable energy source. It provides guidance to mitigate potential impacts of renewables' deployment through strong policy, inclusive planning, and sustainability standards. Since its launch, the report has contributed to more informed policymaking and stronger sustainability standards for renewables. Building on its findings, REN21 trained over 60 civil society organisations on the sustainability of renewables together with **350.org** and **Climate Action Network (CAN)**; co-authored a **G20's T20**⁵ policy brief on embedding sustainability and equity in global deployment; and earned a seat on the Stakeholder Advisory Group of the **Solar Stewardship Initiative**,⁶ among other collaborations.

⁴ <https://www.ren21.net/renewable-energy-and-sustainability-report-2024/>

⁵ T20 refers to Think20, the G20's official engagement group for policy research and advice.

⁶ REN21 was appointed to the Solar Stewardship Initiative's board in 2025.



The involvement of all relevant stakeholders in planning processes, and especially those potentially affected by the deployment of new infrastructure, is key to ensure that the benefits of the energy transition are equitable.

Caroline Avan

Head of Natural Resources and Just Energy Transition Programme, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Driving political ambition at COP29

Together with members and partners, REN21 positioned renewables at the heart of high-profile policy discussions in 2024, elevating the case for renewables in global decision-making spaces.

The **Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)**, the **Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI)**, and REN21 hosted an official **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** panel on aligning global and regional ambitions with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). With participation from the **NDC Partnership**, the governments of **Colombia and Georgia, ICLEI, IRENA, and the Latin American Energy Organisation (OLADE)**, the dialogue supported the political negotiation processes by diving into the foundational role of renewables in delivering energy and climate targets.

For the second year in a row, REN21 was the official strategic partner of the Global Renewables Hub.⁷ At this COP29 pavilion, REN21 co-convened a high-level discussion with **BMW and GRA**, incentivising multilateral exchange between **Germany's** Economy and Climate Minister Robert Habeck and government representatives from **Namibia, the UAE, the United States and the private sector** who addressed critical barriers, especially in finance and capacity-building for developing nations.



⁷ The Global Renewables Hub is a dedicated pavilion located in the COP Blue Zone since 2023, jointly hosted by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Global Renewables Alliance (GRA).



Strengthening alignment and connection across the network

Throughout the year, we held over 15 sessions to foster alignment and collaboration among REN21 members. These Members' Connect events enabled the sharing of strategic priorities and joint planning for activities, provided intelligence from reports and helped align messaging across different advocacy spaces. Several members used these exchanges to build connections, streamline their activities, and initiate collaboration with others facing similar challenges.

Participants included **350.org**, **Energy Peace Partners**, **Fundación Bariloche**, **the Governments of Austria, Panama, and Zimbabwe**, **HSA**, **RES4Africa**, **Solar Heat Europe**, **UNDP**, **World Resources Institute (WRI)**, and **WECF**, among other 40+ organisations.

Joining forces to change the narrative on renewables

We developed the *REboot the World with Renewables* campaign in close collaboration with our community. The goal was clear: to show that the energy transition is not only possible, but already happening. Through multimedia storytelling, the campaign counters misinformation, showcases successful renewable energy projects – from local initiatives to national efforts – and amplifies the broad benefits of renewables. This campaign fills a critical gap by strategically positioning evidence-based, positive stories and authentic voices in media to change the perception of renewables by policymakers and the public.

Members and partners, including **350.org**, **CAN**, **United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)**, and **World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)**, played a key role in identifying relevant stories, shaping content, and supporting the campaign's official launch in January 2025. This work helped lay the groundwork for a shared platform that builds public support for renewables.

REN21 has had a vital role in fostering collaboration and breaking down silos across the different stakeholders, to enable the renewables movement to achieve our shared goals.

Sam Kimmins

Director of Energy, Climate Group

Partnering with REN21 helps us with access to information. There are a lot of information gaps, particularly in African data. This network allows us to make more informed decisions.

Fungai Matura

Regional Energy Advisor, UNDP

Driving Systems Change

Our work in 2024 continued to shape the conditions for system change through knowledge, dialogue, and collaboration. New alliances formed across the network, and the renewables narrative was reframed through data and storytelling. REN21 expanded its presence in political and policy arenas beyond the energy sector. As energy debates evolved amid economic pressures, climate urgency and misinformation, we placed renewables as the basis of stable, equitable, forward-looking systems.

Positioning renewables as a strategic pillar in policy and economic agendas

Turning facts into positive stories around renewable energy remained a powerful tool to build political and societal support for renewables. Our messaging and communications campaigns focused on framing renewable energy as central to economic development and social wellbeing, shaping how decision-makers perceive risks, prioritise investment, and design policies that reflect lived realities.

This narrative work goes hand in hand with strengthening the evidence base behind it. In 2024, REN21 evolved its policy and data framework to make it more useful, visible, and actionable. Through the *Renewables 2024 Global Status Report (GSR)*,⁸ we informed policymaking, target setting and implementation, and the development of narratives that advocate for renewables. The GSR featured key developments across renewables for energy supply, demand, infrastructure and socioeconomic development. An emerging focus was how renewables contribute to resilience and adaptation, particularly in climate-vulnerable regions. These insights are increasingly important for governments after the COP28 renewable energy targets to align their energy, development, and climate goals.

⁸ <https://www.ren21.net/gsr-2024>



Through data partnerships, we laid the groundwork for a more aligned evidence base and more coherent messaging on renewables. Community contributors played a key role, participating in data collection workshops, expert consultations and peer reviews, reinforcing REN21's commitment to collective intelligence and practical, crowd-sourced knowledge.

We hosted a Data Aggregators Workshop with **Climate Analytics, Ember, IEA, IISD, IRENA, the World Bank**, and others to strengthen coordination across the wider renewable energy data landscape. Participants identified and shared data gaps in rooftop solar, battery storage, renewable heat, socio-economic impacts and infrastructure integration, with a focus on developing countries, filling critical gaps for decision-makers shaping energy planning, investment, and just transition strategies.

Working with REN21, Georgia's Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development brought together a wide range of participants who debated and explored how they can build support for investments in renewable energy.

Margalita Arabidze

Head of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Policy and Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia



Bringing renewables into new spaces of impact and influence

Our work focused on broadening where and how renewables are considered strategic. To shape the agendas that drive investment and policy, we stepped into where these decisions take place. At the **Asia Clean Energy Forum, Buildings and Climate Global Forum, International Transport Forum, Clean Energy Ministerial, New York Climate Week**, and other high-profile political moments, REN21 strengthened alliances, shared intelligence, and helped shape the conversation from within. Our presence brought a renewables lens into cross-sector discussions on themes such as energy security, renewables for peace, long-term energy systems planning, and renewables for socio-economic development.

At the same time, we created spaces for critical dialogue and debate beyond traditional policy venues. Our participatory approach to events intentionally gave a voice to diverse, multisectoral, inter-regional perspectives. Through our RENdez-vous⁹ dialogue on implementing global renewable energy and energy efficiency targets, we helped unpack how global ambitions can translate into local action, with speakers from the **Asia Society Policy Institute, European Commission, GRA, IRENA**, and more. A second series on renewables for resilience convened voices from the **French Development Agency (AFD), Green Economy Coalition, Kenya Green Building Society, and the Philippines**. These events surfaced regional and sectoral blind spots, helping scale success cases and inform more cohesive narratives.

These dialogues, supported by strategic intelligence briefs and direct engagement with policymakers, helped broaden the way renewables are positioned, not only as a climate mitigation measure but as a key driver of climate adaptation, resilience, and socioeconomic development.

⁹ The RENdez-vous dialogue series are spaces created by REN21 for open, evidence-based discussions to tackle critical challenges in the renewables landscape. Each event connects regions and sectors, breaking down silos and inspiring action to speed up the transition to renewables.



Renewables for adaptation is something we need to do now because we are experiencing the impacts of climate change now.

Marcelino Madrigal

Chief Energy Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Advancing integrated approaches between renewables and transport

Transport, one of the fastest-growing energy consuming sectors, remained a key strategic focus in 2024 as REN21 worked to break down silos and drive integration between the renewable energy and transport ecosystems. Together with the **SLOCAT Partnership**, the network advanced the *Call to Action for Fossil-Free Land Transport*¹⁰, connecting it to high-level political processes and supporting the inclusion of sustainable transport, energy efficiency, and renewables in NDCs. REN21 also launched the Global Futures Report: Renewables for Sustainable Transport, highlighting diverging perspectives and guiding questions for future collaboration for the energy and transport transitions. Together, these actions brought new political momentum to the dialogue between the energy and transport sectors and continue to give a path to interconnected approaches to achieving climate and energy goals.

Global Futures Report — Renewables for Sustainable Transport

Launched in 2024, the Global Futures Report: *Renewables for Sustainable Transport* explored diverse perspectives on how renewables can reshape the transport sector. Rather than proposing a single pathway, the report identified blind spots, mapped current tensions, and raised key questions to guide future planning. Developed with input from both energy and transport communities – and shaped by over 120 contributors including the **International Transport Forum, IRENA, SLOCAT Partnership, and WRI** – the report offers a framework for ongoing dialogue and a tool to support more integrated, forward-looking decision-making.



¹⁰ <https://slocat.net/call-to-action-on-fossil-fuel-free-land-transport/>

Fostering participation in energy systems planning

We advanced work on energy systems planning through the Paris Agreement Compatible (PAC)¹¹ project, with a strong focus on civil society engagement. Together with **RGI and IRENA's Long Term Energy Scenarios Network**, REN21 co-organised the workshop "Stakeholder Engagement in Energy Planning at all Voltage Levels" which focused on coordinated approaches to energy planning and decision-making, including strategies to involve civil society. This workshop was the last of a series of five led by REN21. REN21 also co-developed a strong communications campaign – *We Have the Power to Change* – to build civil society understanding and engagement around national energy scenarios. This work highlighted both the value and the challenges of stakeholder engagement in a space still largely driven by technical expertise, helping open the door to more democratic, community-anchored energy planning processes that foster energy independence and long-term security.

The REN21 network helps us come together as individuals, as organisations to create a blueprint to foster a new age in a world that is governed by a people-centred approach and governed by renewable energy.

Dean Bhekumuzi Bhebhe

Senior Just Transitions and Campaigns Advisor,
Power Shift Africa

¹¹ The PAC consortium consists of **Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe** (+170 NGO members across Europe), **European Environmental Bureau (EEB)** (+170 NGO members across Europe), **Renewables Grid Initiative (RGI)** (15 NGO Members, 13 Transmission System Operator Members and 2 Supporting Members) and REN21.



LOOKING AHEAD: VISION 2030

Building the renewables-based economy

A renewed sense of purpose and urgency is guiding REN21's work as we enter our third decade. Our strategic vision for 2030 sets out a clear direction: to make renewable energy the backbone of strong, equitable, resilient economies.

This vision responds to what our global community sees every day: that while momentum for renewables is growing, progress remains uneven, fragmented, and held back by outdated assumptions and structural barriers.

Renewable energy is too often treated as a simple fuel switch or technology fix, rather than recognised as a catalyst to rethink how economies are structured, how decisions are made, and who participates in shaping them.

Through REN21's strategy, we are shaping a common vision of what a renewables-based economy and society could look like in 2050. This is essential for the renewables industry to spearhead the energy transition in close collaboration with all stakeholders.

Sonia Dunlop

CEO, Global Solar Council



A Strategic Shift Toward Systems Change

We stand at a pivotal moment. Decisions made today will determine whether renewables unlock resilient economies, energy security, and inclusive development, or whether we remain locked into an outdated system built for fossil fuels. For too long, our thinking, policies, and investments have been shaped by a fossil fuel era, creating systemic barriers that hold back progress for renewables. The opportunity before us is unprecedented, but we must act quickly, collectively, and systemically to build thriving economies powered by renewables.

REN21 is uniquely positioned to drive this shift. As the only global network connecting the full energy ecosystem – across supply and demand, policy and practice, regions and disciplines – we build the shared understanding and coordinated action that systemic change demands.

In the coming years, we will build on the foundations that have underpinned our work for the last 20 years – trusted data, open dialogue, collective intelligence and strategic communication – and apply them in bold new ways.

Focusing on key strategic shifts for system change, we will:



Connect the full energy ecosystem

We will strengthen and diversify our global community to ensure all voices – especially those from emerging economies – can help shape the decisions that will accelerate the transition.



Transform knowledge into action

We will build modern knowledge infrastructure to deliver actionable intelligence and insights that are open and accessible to all, empowering communities, policy makers, investors, and advocates to deliver bold new renewables strategies.



Bridge energy with real world demands

We will forge stronger links between renewables and key energy-consuming sectors like transport, buildings, agriculture and industry to create integrated solutions, and unlock system-wide impact.



Embed renewables into broader agendas

We will foster cross-sector alliances to integrate renewables into economic, social and environmental strategies, positioning them as solutions for security, resilience and prosperity.



Shape the narrative for change

We will amplify compelling evidenced based stories that challenge outdated assumptions, counter misinformation, and build broader social and political momentum for renewables.

A Decade to Deliver, Together

Achieving this vision requires determination and deep collaboration. As we look to 2030, REN21 will continue to serve as a trusted platform for strategic collaboration, learning and impact.

Together, we will not only accelerate the renewables transition – we will shape a future where renewables power prosperity, security and equity for people, nature, and the essential systems that support our economies and societies.

Our community has shown that change happens when knowledge is shared, diverse perspectives are mobilised, and action is collective.



OUR GOVERNANCE

REN21's governance ensures transparency, accountability, and shared leadership. The Secretariat is guided by a General Assembly of all institutional members, supported by the REN21 Bureau and Steering Committee, which provided strategic oversight and direction throughout 2024. Together, these three interconnected bodies create a democratic structure where member voices shape decisions, with broad institutional representation and direct input into strategic planning.

Bureau 2024

- Sarah Ahlrichs – Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), Germany
- Doug Arent – Emeritus Executive Director, Strategic Public-Private Partnerships, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL); Acting President of REN21 (September–December 2024)
- Kanika Chawla – Chief of Staff, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL)
- Paolo Frankl – Head, Renewable Energy Division, International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Diala Hawila – Senior Programme Officer, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Sam Kimmins – Director, Energy, Climate Group / RE100
- Joyce Lee – Head of Policy and Projects, Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC)
- Arthouros Zervost – President, REN21 (2013–2024)
- Rana Adib – Executive Director, REN21



Steering Committee 2024

Austria - Federal Ministry for Economy, Energy, & Tourism	Member at large – Kirsty Hamilton
Brazil - Ministry of External Relations	Member at large – Peter Rae
Climate Action Network International	Morocco - MASEN
Clean Cooking Alliance	Norway - Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
Council on Energy, Environment and Water	National Renewable Energy Laboratory
Dominican Republic - Ministry of Energy and Mines	Power Shift Africa
European Commission	Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
European Renewable Energies Federation	RE100/Climate Group
European Youth Energy Network	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership
Global Environment Facility	RES4Africa Foundation
Germany - BMZ (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)	Sustainable Energy for All
Global Solar Council	Stockholm Environment Institute
Global Wind Energy Council	SLOCAT Partnership on sustainable, low carbon transport
Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition	Spain - Instituto para la Diversificación y Ahorro de la Energía
Hydropower Sustainability Alliance	The Energy and Resources Institute
ICLEI	United Nations Development Programme
International Energy Agency	United Nations Environment Programme
International Hydropower Association	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
International Institute for Sustainable Development	World Bank
International Renewable Energy Agency	World Bioenergy Association
Islamic Development Bank	World Resources Institute
Republic of Korea	World Wind Energy Association
Long Duration Energy Storage Council	Zimbabwe - Ministry of Energy
Member at large – Rabia Ferroukhi	

REN21 SECRETARIAT

The REN21 Secretariat stewards the network's activities, enabling coordination, driving collaboration and anchoring the work that brings our collective impact to life. In 2024, the Secretariat brought together 17 nationalities, reflecting the global nature of REN21's mission.

With a renewed focus on communication and collaboration, the team remained agile and deeply connected to the network, ensuring that our shared goals were strategically and consistently pursued.

Without this core team, the network's efforts would not move forward.



FUNDING

REN21's work in 2024 was made possible through the support of a diverse group of core contributors, programme funders, and member donors. REN21 is operating on a lean budget. This broad base of funding reflects strong trust in REN21's collaborative model and a shared commitment to accelerating the transition to renewables.

REN21's work is 100% funded through the voluntary contributions of our funders. We are deeply grateful for their continued support and partnership. As an organisation, we remain highly cost-conscious, working with a lean budget to maximise impact. This approach ensures that every contribution – no matter its size – drives forward our mission to accelerate the global shift to a renewables-based economy. The diverse support of our funders enables REN21 to remain an independent, trusted platform, bringing diverse actors together to shape a renewable-based energy future.

We thank all our funders for their continued partnership. Your support made it possible to generate trusted knowledge, foster meaningful dialogue and strengthen our global network. This continued commitment is vital as we put our new vision into action.

Core Funding:

- Germany (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ)
- Austria (Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology)
- Australia (Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - DCCEW, and South Australia)
- United Arab Emirates (Permanent Mission to the International Renewable Energy Agency)
- European Renewable Energies Federation (EREF)
- European Heat Pump Association (EHPA)
- SolarPower Europe (SPE)
- Fundación Bariloche
- Government of Georgia (Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development)

Programmatic and Project Funding:

- Germany (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action – BMWK and Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety – BMUV)
- Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) / GET.pro
- German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- European Climate Foundation (ECF)

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2023

All values in Euro (€)	2023	Total
A. Non-profit business		
I. Non-taxable income		
Membership fees	0,00	
Grants	2.418.510,67	
Other income	70,34	
Income from currency translation	0,00	2.418.581,01
II. Non-taxable expenses		
In-house consultants (within the Secretariat)	654.680,25	
Wages and Salaries	1.247.062,59	
Travel expenses	126.378,98	
Miscellaneous other expenses		
Consulting costs	25.007,49	
Advertising and print costs	50.355,96	
Rent	99.872,50	
Legal and tax consulting fees	7140,00	
Office supplies and telephone	703,03	
Contributions and insurance	3.302,24	
Incidental monetary transaction costs	2.337,76	
Other expenses	67.744,14	2.284.584,94
Profit		133.996,07
B. Fund management		
Income		
Tax free Income		5,51
C. Profit/Loss carried forward prior year		2.771,16
D. Profit/loss carried forward		136.772,74

