

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
INTERNATIONAL
RENEWABLE
ENERGY AGENCY

IRENA



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H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York NY 10017, USA.

Dear Secretary-General,

In the lead-up to the 64th session of the General Assembly and the High-level Event on Climate Change that you are hosting on 22nd of September 2009, it gives me a great honor to meet with you so we discuss in greater details the future cooperation between the United Nations and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA); To align our positions, to achieve greater results on both Climate change and renewable energy and equally importantly reaching the MDGs.

As you know, The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was officially established in Bonn on 26 January 2009. To date, 136 States signed the Statute of the Agency; amongst them are 45 African, 36 European, 32 Asian, 14 American and 9 Australia/Oceania States.

IRENA's main objective is to actively promote a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy on a global scale which will have a major impact in fostering human development and economic growth especially in the developing countries and its impact on climate change.

I am attaching to this letter a brief Memorandum about key facts regarding IRENA and a draft agenda.

Looking forward meeting you on 18th of September 2009

Yours Sincerely,

Hélène Pelosse
Director General

IRENA Executive Summary

The overarching goal of IRENA is a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy worldwide. In this regard, IRENA will increase the contribution of renewable energy to environmental and climate protection, economic growth, and social cohesion, including poverty alleviation, women empowerment and intergenerational equity.

The Agency shall promote the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, taking into account domestic priorities and benefits derived from a two-pronged approach to implement both renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. Therefore, the main tasks of IRENA include the provision of comprehensive advice for its members on selecting and adapting energy sources, technology and system configurations, business models, as well as organisational and regulatory frameworks. In addition, emphasis will be placed on helping countries make the best use of available funding. IRENA will also develop and maintain a comprehensive knowledge base, e.g. on potentials of renewable energies, frameworks and policies, investment mechanisms, technology, electricity grids, conservation, as well as storage and efficiency issues. This knowledge base will also serve other functions of IRENA. A further key task of IRENA is to enhance capacity building with regard to renewable energies. Moreover, the stimulation of research and cooperation with other organisations, institutions, non-governmental organisations, private sector, local governments and networks is of vital importance to IRENA. IRENA will also be staffed with 50% women.

Cooperation United Nation and International Renewable Energy Agency

Renewable Energy policy / projects and its link to the climate change: cooperation with (UNEP, UNIDO and UNDP) and other UN specialized organs

Training/Capacity building: Cooperation with UNESCO/UNU.

IPCC/WMO/UNEP: launching of a worldwide data on renewable energy potentials

Specific projects: Electric cars powered by RE

Geographical places that can be shifted to 100% Renewable Energy

Outreach for China / Asia to encourage the non members to join IRENA



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The Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 27 August 2009 from Ms. Hélène Pelosse, the Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency addressed to your Excellency.

The Permanent Representative of the UAE to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.



8 September, 2009

**Secretary General of
the United Nations,
New York**