

International Conference Local Renewables Freiburg 2009

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Renewable Energy Campus Side event during the Local Renewables Conference 2009

Tuesday, 28 April 2009, 13:30 – 16:00

Invitation to researchers, scientists, decision-makers, and students

The Renewable Energy Campus is organised for interested researchers, decision-makers and students as a starting point for increased global cooperation. This effort will start at the Local Renewables Conference 2009 in recognition of the urgent need for scientific cooperation in support of (Local) Renewables particularly within the context to provide practical input for the funding members of the International Renewable Energy (www.irena.org), and as a practical possibility for researchers to network among themselves.

The Local Renewables Conferences are held to convene local governments and their partners to increase activities for generating and using renewable energy at the local level.

Proposed Discussion Topics for 2009

The Role of Academia in Renewable Energy

There is a myriad of actors involved in the development and implementation of renewable energy, including city planners, policy makers, energy companies, energy consumers, community organisers and the media. Among these actors there is also another role that concerns particularly scholars, educators, and members of academia. What role does academia currently have in Renewable Energy? Is this the right role for Academia? Are there other roles that Academia should be playing?

Bridging the Gap from Science to Society

Renewable Energy is a science driven field, but in order to be successful, the public needs to be on board. What steps need to be taken so that the work of scientists, researchers, and Renewable Energy experts can be more effectively communicated to policy makers, business executives and the general public?

Developing Best Practices in Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is a fast-growing sector. As technologies are developed, a need for best practices arises, in order to further renewable energy technology advances as effectively and as rapidly as possible. How can academia aid in the development of best practices for renewable energy technology? To what extent can academic research play a strong role in the further development of these technologies?

Research Locally, Network Globally

The work of Local Renewables is focused on developing and implementing Renewable Energy strategies in the local setting. Yet the science, policy-making and research behind Local Renewables happens on a global scale. One of the goals for the Local Renewables series is to help promote the international networking capacities of Renewable Energy

researchers around the world, so that their knowledge and findings may be shared throughout the global academic community.

Education and Training within the Context of the International Renewable Energy Agency

The creation of the International Renewable Energy Agency on 25 January 2009 (www.irena.org) provides a unique opportunity to implement ambitious new efforts to increase local capacity development through training and education initiatives amongst member countries. A key goal of the Renewable Energy Campus event, and its associated networking efforts, is to provide practical suggestions on these important topics to IRENA members.

Your hosts

- ◆ Dr. Jose Etcheverry, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University
- ◆ Prof. Dr. Gerhard Oesten, Director of the Institute of Forest Economics, Center for Renewable Energy, Albert-Ludwigs-University, Freiburg, Germany
- ◆ Monika Zimmermann, Director, ICLEI International Training Centre
- ◆ And more

Indicate your interest

This invitation is sent to universities and high schools with a track record in renewable energy. Please send us contacts if you wish to know more and want to be involved in further networking.

Registration

Special reduced fees for students for the entire LR 2009 Conference: 150 Euro

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