



## **Foundation Document of the World Council for Renewable Energy**

### Considering

- the fact that the global energy demand is increasing faster than the introduction of Renewable Energy;
- the emergency (because of their comprehensive impacts, climate hazards, burdens to the environment, risks of accidents, conflicts around exhausting resources) to replace nuclear and fossil energy by renewable ones and focus new investments on Renewable Energy and energy efficiency;
- the big differences in energy system requirements between nuclear and fossil energy on the one hand and Renewable Energy on the other, requiring different sources, techniques, infrastructures, investors, forms of business organization, as well as different economic calculations and political framework conditions;
- the infancy of Renewable Energy, the ongoing dominance of vested interests, so far mostly favouring conventional energy to the disadvantage of renewable ones;
- the tremendous natural potential of Renewable Energy, which could meet - by means of numerous existing and developing technologies for conversion, storage, and utilization - the energy demand of the whole of mankind sustainably, emission free and ecologically balanced;
- the experience that the Renewable Energy potential and their opportunities for mankind are still underestimated in theory and not sufficiently considered in practice;
- the necessity to show the Renewable Energy Potential and the concomitant comprehensive political, economic, technical and cultural opportunities, to overcome the manifold barriers and to speed up the dissemination of Renewable Energy;
- the necessity to comprehensively stimulate Renewable Energy in the fields of policy, economy, and research and development,

the signatories founded, during the International Impulse Conference for the Creation of an International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), from 8 -10 June 2001 in Berlin, the independent **World Council for Renewable Energy**.

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### World Council for Renewable Energy: mission, objectives and means

- **Mission**

- Task (1): The World Council for Renewable Energy shall be a global voice for Renewable Energy;

- **Objectives**

- Task (2): The World Council for Renewable Energy shall communicate the urgent and global need for Renewable Energy and their availability for all energy demands;
- Task (3): The World Council for Renewable Energy analyzes the international barriers to Renewable Energy and prepare proposals to overcome these;
- Task (4): The World Council for Renewable Energy documents experience of initiatives for Renewable Energy and communicate best-practice examples world-wide;

- **Means**

- Task (5): to support the creation of an International Renewable Energy Agency;
- Task (6): to organize biennially a world meeting on the global energy supply, with special attention to the political and economic mobilization of Renewable Energy - the "renewable energy policy and economic forum";
- Task (7): to promote and support the organization of world conferences on Renewable Energy;
- Task (8): to publish a "World Renewable Energy Outlook".

Members of the World Council for Renewable Energy are, whilst fully maintaining their respective individual independence:

- individuals acting for a global energy supply by Renewable Energy;
- Non-Governmental Organizations and Institutions working in the field of Renewable Energy, environment protection, development aid, agriculture and agroforestry, industry, architecture, and sciences;

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- enterprises producing, financing, or supplying Renewable Energy;
- scientific institutes working in the field of Renewable Energy.

The World Council for Renewable Energy is coordinated by

- a **chairmen committee**, from five continents, who will appoint a General Chairman from among the committee;

### **The members of the chairmen committee are:**

Scheer, Hermann, Bonn/ Berlin (General Chairman)  
Abdallah, Ahmedou Ould, USA  
Bakshi, Rakesh, New Delhi, India  
Droege, Peter, Sydney, Australia  
Eckhart, Michael, USA

Associated member: Maegaard, Preben, Denmark, President of the World Wind Energy Association

- a **advisory committee** consisting of individuals and representatives of international organizations and institutions, international companies and scientific institutes.

The chairpersons and the members of the advisory committee will be appointed at the biennial meetings of the World Council for Renewable Energy.

The advisory committee will decide on the conditions for membership, the chairmen committee will decide on the admission of members.

The secretariat of the World Council for Renewable Energy will be organized by EUROSOLAR.

After the official creation of an International Renewable Energy Agency, the World Council for Renewable Energy will decide how they are going to continue their work.