



Parliamentary Forum

International cooperation for the energy revolution

*The role of regional and global agencies
in promoting renewable energy and new grids*

Brussels, Belgium, 7th – 8th March, 2013

The transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy requires close cooperation at both regional and global levels. Members of Parliament have a key role in generating international action at the speed and scale needed to prevent dangerous climate change.

To create a reliable supply of clean energy, the nations of each major world region must share their resources among themselves through cross-border trading. In this way, everyone can be connected to the areas where solar, wind, hydro and other renewable energy sources are most abundant, and local fluctuations in sun and wind can be smoothed out. Regional organisations can help make this happen.

In the global sunbelt, where most of the world's poor majority lives, bilateral and multilateral development agencies have an important role to play in enabling access to clean energy for everyone.

Members of Parliament approve the budgets which fund those agencies, and need to monitor their work on behalf of their constituents. MPs can encourage and support them to give top priority to accelerating the global transition to a low carbon economy.

This Climate Parliament Forum will enable legislators to question agency heads and senior officials from the African Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the International Energy Agency, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the UN Development Programme, the UN Environment Programme, the World Bank and other agencies about what they are doing – or not doing – to support renewable energy.

The main sessions of the Forum will focus on the key tasks facing development agencies:

- **Fight poverty with power**
Finance off-grid renewables and village mini-grids to enable the rural poor to harness their local energy resources.
- **Connect to the richest resources**
Finance cross-border “electricity highways” to connect everyone to the places where solar, wind and hydropower are cheapest and most abundant, and large-scale renewable power generation in those locations.
- **Mobilise private investment**
Risk-sharing for renewable energy bonds and other instruments to attract investment.
- **Build political will**
Work with national and regional legislators to strengthen the policy framework for renewables.

Thursday 7th March

“*” indicates those speakers yet to confirm

09:00 - 09:50 **Welcome and opening comments**
Sir Graham Watson MEP, Chair of Climate Parliament
Kuoyu Tung, Representative to the European Union, Taiwan
Rajiv Pratap Rudy MP, Chair, Climate Parliament India Group
Ndèye Lucie Cissé MP, Chair, Parliamentary Energy Committee, Senegal
Marie Donnelly, Director of Renewables, Research & Energy Efficiency, Directorate General of Energy, European Union

The renewable revolution and the role of multilateral agencies:
Adnan Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Session 1: Power to the People

10:00 - 10:30 **Off-grid renewables & village mini-grids: fighting poverty with power**
Speakers:
Mark Radka, Head of Energy, United Nations Environment Programme
Representative, United Nations Development Programme (Speaker to be confirmed)

10:30 - 10:45 **Discussion in plenary**

10:45 – 11:00 Tea and coffee

11:00 – 13:00 **HEARINGS IN REGIONAL GROUPS: AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE**
MPs question regional and global agencies based in or active in their region about their work to support small-scale renewables, and their allocation of resources for energy projects

13:00 - 14:15 LUNCH

Session 2: Connect to the Richest Resources

Building new electricity highways and large-scale renewable installations
Each speaker to be followed by a short plenary discussion:

14:00 - 14:30 **Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank

14:30 - 15:00 **Sri Mulyani Indrawati**, Managing Director, World Bank Group, former Indonesian Minister of Finance

15:00 - 15:30 **Dr Mohamed Jamel Eddine Zarrouk**, Chief Economist, Islamic Bank of Development

15:30 - 15:45 Tea and coffee

15:45 - 17:30 **HEARINGS IN REGIONAL GROUPS:** MPs question regional and global agencies based in or active in their region about plans to support large-scale renewables and long-distance transmission

19:00 DINNER *Speaker:* **Werner Hoyer**, President, European Investment Bank

Friday 8th March

Session 3: Mobilise bond markets and other private investment

- 09:30 - 10:15 **How can international agencies help clean energy projects gain better access to private investment?**
Speakers:
Rintaro Tamaki, Deputy Secretary-General in charge of Environment, Development, Green Growth, and Financial Affairs, OECD
Josué Tanaka, Managing Director, Operational Strategy & Planning for Energy Efficiency & Climate Change, European Bank of Reconstruction & Development
Liu Chen-Pang, Deputy Director for Green Energy & Environment Research, ITRI and
Chen Ling-Hui, Secretary-General of Energy Bureau, Taiwan, joint presentation
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Discussion in Plenary**
- 10:45 – 11:00 Tea and coffee
- 11:00 – 13:00 **HEARINGS IN REGIONAL GROUPS: AFRICA, ASIA, EUROPE**
MPs question regional and global agencies based in or active in their region about innovative approaches to financing and risk-sharing for clean energy generation and transmission
- 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH
- 14:00 – 14:30 **The IEA's 450ppm scenario & avoiding fossil fuel lock-in**
Speaker: **Philippe Benoit**, Head of Energy Efficiency and Environment, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Session 4: Building Political Will

- 14:30 - 15:00 **Working with Parliaments to strengthen the policy framework for renewables**
Speakers:
Einar Telnes, Director of Climate, Energy & Environment, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)
Nicholas Dunlop, Secretary-General, Climate Parliament
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Discussion in plenary**
- 15:30 - 16:00 Tea and Coffee
- 16:00 - 17:00 **DISCUSSION IN REGIONAL GROUPS**
How can international agencies support parliaments in advancing the energy revolution?
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Parliamentary roundtable discussion**
- 19:00 DINNER

Saturday 9th March (optional)

Field trip to CERESO command centre for European cross-border electricity flow, including presentation from **Patrick de Leener**, CEO, and visit to Estinnes wind farm