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EREF welcomes the new REN 21 Global Status Report – Update 2010 for Renewables

Since 2005, the REN 21 “Global Status Report” has been providing valuable Data for Renewable Energy producers and EREF in particular. The report with its regular updates helps to have facts and figures handy for all discussions around renewable energies, shift of energy systems, investment conditions, access to markets, technology development, research etc.

Together with the various specific status reports from the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre and increasingly the technology roadmaps from the International Energy Agency, a solid knowledge base provided by public institutions helps the renewable energy sector to strengthen the knowledge pool and to feed-back its own research and data into these reports, the public domain and the discussion. EREF President Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes: “The global status report is a valuable and transparent, timely published and widely accepted robust data source highlighting the increasing dynamics of the worldwide renewable energy growth. It is a very useful tool for the global renewable sector. “

REN 21 Global Status report 2010 again underlines the success story of renewables and the need for robust policy instruments, financing conditions and sustainability.

The balanced structure of REN 21 with its Steering Committee, the Secretariat, about 150 researchers and contributors create a very robust report in a unique synthesis.

As a Renewable Energy Association we are proud that globally, by 2010, renewable energy had reached a clear tipping point in the context of global energy supply and that we did our share to help achieving this, with 25% of global power capacity in 2009, delivering 18 percent of global electricity supply. In a number of countries, renewables represent a rapidly growing share of total energy supply—including heat and transport. Investment in new renewable power capacity in both 2008 and 2009 represented over half of total global investment in new power generation.

EREF President Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes: “Let us move forward faster towards a new energy paradigm – a world energized by 100% Renewables.”

The report and a summary can be downloaded here:

http://www.ren21.net/globalstatusreport/REN21_GSR_2010_full.pdf;

http://www.ren21.net/globalstatusreport/REN21_GSR_2010_executive_summary.pdf