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## REEEP TO HOLD REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING IN BRAZIL

The Department of Sustainable Development will hold the Fourth Regional Preparatory Meeting of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP). The meeting will be held on October 2, 2009 at the Tryp Brazil 21 Hotel in Brasilia, Brazil.

The objective of meeting is to analyze the impact of current and past REEEP projects implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean region in order to review and update the program's regional priorities. At the event, a regional representative will be elected to represent the region for two years in the REEEP Program Board.

REEEP is a global public-private partnership that structures policy and regulatory

initiatives for clean energy, and facilitates financing for energy projects. To date, REEEP has funded more than 130 projects in 44 countries. These projects address market barriers to clean energy in the developing world and economies in transition. The partnership is backed by more than 200 national governments, businesses, development banks and NGOs. Its network includes eight regional secretariats and more than 3500 members.

The Department of Sustainable Development functions as REEEP Regional Secretariat for Latin America and the Caribbean Region. For more than a decade the OAS has provided technical assistance and promoted hemispheric cooperation for renewable



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energy and energy efficiency. "The increasing cost of petroleum caused by the growth in energy consumption is at the origin of economic and even social instability", declared the Secretary General of the OAS, José Miguel Insulza, in July of 2008. "From a social point of view, energy is a vital resource used for basic human needs as well as to generate productive activities. Latin America is rich in energy resources. Nevertheless, more than 50 million people, mostly in poor rural areas, do not have access to reliable and affordable electricity", said Insulza.



*Wind farm located in Wigton, a small rural district in Central Manchester, Jamaica. A similar project in St. Kitts would bring clean renewable energy to the island nation.*

## ST. KITTS ANTICIPATES WIND FARM BY 2010

**Initial stages for the establishment of a wind farm are underway with DSD support**

In September 2009, St. Kitts' Prime Minister Denzil Douglas informed that the Bellevue area was selected as the location for a wind farm project. "We have partnered with the OAS to review and fine-tune our own Power Purchase Agreement with Northstar so that the wind farm entity that has been given permission by the government to operate will get off to a reliable start. Testing has been ongoing for seven months, and the results have been very favorable," said the Prime Minister. He added that a wind farm along with other renewable energy resources could help solve continued local electricity and

fuel problems. "As a result of this wind farm alone, my government will be able to deliver to the people of St. Kitts an additional 8 MWh of electricity by early 2010. There is also the geothermal energy project in the sister island of Nevis, the exploration of which the federal government secured with OAS support. Our use of fossil fuel based energy will not end overnight. That is why the identification and pursuit of alternate energy sources are key to my government's development plans, and it is this reality that explains our advances in these two key areas, wind and geothermal energy", said Douglas.

**GUATEMALA'S MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RETROFITS A SOLAR TELECENTER**

**The project implemented with DSD support brings electricity and telecommunications to isolated rural areas**



The Organization of American States signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) for the retrofitting of two solar telecenters in rural Guatemala. As a result of the agreement, in December 2008 an international bidding process was undertaken for the purchase and installation of the first solar telecenter's equipment.

Retrofitting activities were launched in April 2009 in the

village of Rocjá in Puribal, Municipality of Cobán, Alta Verapaz. In May, the Ministry of Education of Guatemala, also engaged in the project, provided a training session on adequate use and maintenance of the equipment to the community and its educators. The telecenter was officially inaugurated on June 5.

The DSD has received funding for a second telecenter to be set up in November in Chamá Grande, Alta Verapaz.

A student is receiving computer-literacy lessons at the new Telecenter in the village of Rocjá. The school was equipped with five computers, a printer, a television set, a DVD player, energy-efficient electric lighting, furniture, and solar energy to power the telecenter's operations.

**MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND UNIDO CONVENE RENEWABLE ENERGY EXHIBITION IN LEÓN**

**The event will foster dialogue to strengthen cooperation and encourage partnerships aimed at scaling up renewable energy in Latin America**



The Mexican Ministry of Energy and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization have joined forces to organize the Global Renewable Energy Forum 2009. This event will take place on October 7-9, 2009 in León, Guanajuato, Mexico. The Global Forum will create a suitable environment for a proactive dialogue to strengthen cooperation and encourage innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships aimed at scaling up investments in renewable energy. The Global Forum will provide a platform for profiling leadership in the promotion of renewable energy, thereby increasing the visibility of political commitments towards the development of alternative energy systems. Some 1000 officials, planners and energy experts from around the world will participate in the event, including representatives from governments, international organizations, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

**FORUM ON RENEWABLE ENERGY TO BE HELD IN JAMAICA**

**Government officials, utilities, private sector leaders and international financiers will attend the conference designed to drive forward renewable energy implementation across the Caribbean region**



The Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF) will take place at the Ritz Carlton in Montego Bay, Jamaica on October 15-16, 2009. This conference is a hands-on, results-oriented event designed to drive forward renewable energy implementation across the Caribbean region and to tackle the bottle-neck issues of financing, regulation, and long-term project profitability. Participants include regional governments, utilities, the Caribbean private sector, as well as the world's regional and international investors, technology

providers, and other key energy stakeholders in this emerging sector.

In conjunction with CREF, the Organization of American States through the Department of Sustainable Development will hold two meetings on October 14. The first is a regional workshop on renewable energy and energy efficiency policies in the context of the Caribbean Renewable Energy Program (CSEP). The second is a forum on the Partnership for Clean Energy in the Caribbean.

Both events will enable the exchange of information concerning ongoing initiatives and financing opportunities among bilateral and multilateral donors, regional government representatives and other key energy stakeholders. These series of meetings are a vital forum for the region, and essential for any organization expecting to play a role in the future renewable energy arena of the Caribbean. For more information go to [www.caribbeanenergyforum.com](http://www.caribbeanenergyforum.com).

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BIOFUELS DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY SUPPORT IN JAMAICA**



of the project *Technical Assistance for Biofuels Development and Policy Support in Jamaica*.

This initiative is part of a series of projects executed with support from the U. S. Department of State under the umbrella of the Bilateral Agreement for Biofuels Development signed between the United States and Brazil.

The overall goals of this particular project are to develop and implement Jamaica's biofuels policy, and to establish a strong legal and regulatory framework for a vibrant biofuels industry that includes both bio-ethanol and bio-diesel. For more information on the request for proposals, go to [www.oas.org/OASpage/bid/default.asp](http://www.oas.org/OASpage/bid/default.asp).

The General Secretariat of the OAS through its Procurement Department is requesting proposals for the implementation

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