



ISES Statement for COP15

RAPID TRANSITION TO A RENEWABLE ENERGY WORLD

Hundreds of internationally-renowned renewable energy scientists, technical experts, industry leaders, and related professionals recently convened at the International Solar Energy Society's Solar World Congress 2009 in Johannesburg, South Africa to review the latest renewable energy technological advances, policy incentives, and deployment strategies from around the world. The collective message to the delegates at COP15 coming from this ground-breaking Congress is:

A Rapid Transition to a Renewable Energy World is key to climate recovery!

ISES is a UN accredited non-governmental and non-profit organization in operation since 1954, and now has several thousand scientists, technical experts, industry delegates, and related professionals from over 100 countries, all committed to advancing renewable energy solutions to global climate change and world poverty.

ISES affirms that the

- **Maximum penetration of renewable energy is key to mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate recovery,**
- **Alleviation of world poverty and advances in energy security and justice require timely development and use of renewable energy worldwide, and**
- **Rapid transition to a renewable energy world is imperative, achievable, and economically feasible in the near term.**

Together, the strong and growing global network of ISES members support achieving the mission of ISES as a learned society by

- Encouraging the use and acceptance of renewable energy technologies.
- Growing a global community of industry, individuals and institutions in support of renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- Creating international structures to facilitate cooperation and exchange.
- Developing and distributing publications for target groups to support the dissemination of renewable energy technology information.
- Bringing together industry, science and politics in workshops, conferences and summits on Renewable Energy.
- Advising governments and organizations in policy, implementation and sustainability of Renewable Energy activities worldwide.
- Leading projects that bring together local and international perspectives, encourage transfer of information and good practices, and promote interaction and learning.

ISES welcomes partnerships with other organizations - including the newly formed International Renewable Energy Agency - that share the ISES vision and fully support international policy, education, research, and development activities that accelerate the transition to a renewable energy world.

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