



The World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition

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World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition opens the doors German Minister for Environment welcomes 600 Delegates from 60 Countries

Wind energy has become one of the fastest growing sources of energy world-wide. The average growth rates during the last years have been between 30-40 %. The year 2001 brought new records on the wind energy market: Almost 7,000 MW were installed, 2,700 MW of them in the leading market Germany which will host the World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition (Berlin, Germany, International Congress Centre, 2-6 July 2002). According to the newly published BTM Consult World Market Update, in the year 2006 there will be an overall installed capacity of almost 80,000 MW world-wide.

Preben Maegaard, President of the World Wind Energy Association: "There is now a strong need to develop the strategies to disseminate the clean and safe wind energy in all parts of the world. Our industry has already reached some very encouraging results, but this has mainly happened successfully in few countries like Germany, the United States, Spain and Denmark. The Berlin World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition will give clear signals that it is necessary to set favourable political frameworks for wind energy in all countries, relying on the experiences of the until today most successful countries."

The World Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition is promoted by the World Wind Energy Association WWEA and takes place under the patronage of Mrs Margot Wallström, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Environment. The event is jointly organised by the German Wind Energy Association BWE, WIP Munich and ETA Florence and is supported by more than 50 wind energy organisations from five continents as well as the German Ministries for Environment, for Economic Cooperation and Development, for Economics and the German Foreign Office. 600 delegates from more than 60 countries will attend the event, among them the Minister for Energy from Ghana, Albert Kann-Dapaah, as well as the General Director of the South-African Ministry of Minerals and Energy, Sandile Nogxina".

The programme of the World Wind Conference and Exhibition presents the outline of all plenary sessions, interactive visual presentations, various technical excursions and further highly attractive side events. The conference will discuss the political, economic and technical issues to reach the future success of the global wind energy markets.

The programme consists of plenary sessions with almost 100 high-quality oral presentations and speakers from around the world. The main topics will be:

- National Reports from Around the World
- Review of Wind Markets, Policies and the Industry
- Environmental, Economic Aspects and Job Creation
- Wind Power Penetration Scenarios
- Technologies, Cost and Operation of Wind Energy in Large Networks
- Wind Energy Prediction
- Investment Instruments for Wind Power
- Financing in Developing Countries
- Applications in Rural Areas and Islands, Hybrid Systems
- Applications for Buildings, for Desalination, Hydrogen, etc.
- Off-shore Wind Farms
- Control Strategies, Generators, Blades, Certification and Maintenance
- Multi Megawatt Wind Turbine Development

Continental fora are under preparation co-ordinated by the World Wind Energy Association and key wind power players from around the globe. In these fora the specific wind power needs of each World Region will be discussed and specific continental strategies will be developed.

In addition to the conference programme several excursions are offered, in co-operation with and sponsored by experienced companies. These tours include visits of wind farm sites and wind turbine manufacturers as well as an airship manufacturer and a scientific institute.

For information on the conference programme, the conference registration and the exhibition please have a look at the conference website

www.world-wind-conference.org

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