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Business Taking the Lead: Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Energy for All

Tuesday, June 19, 15:30 – 17:00
Riocentro T-8

Overview

How do we achieve universal access to modern energy services, double the rate of improvement in energy efficiency and double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix? Companies in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and natural gas sectors can deliver the technology solutions that will help countries achieve the vision of the UN Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All.

This panel of private sector executives will discuss:

- What policy incentives will ensure a greater access to clean energy?
- Where does public sector finance best leverage and unlock private sector investments?
- What partnership opportunities can the clean energy business community offer at Rio – to improve the energy efficiency of our building stock? To expand energy access through renewable and distributed forms of energy? To deploy smarter technologies to better connect our communities?

This side event is coordinated by the BCSE in partnership with: Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), International Council for Sustainable Energy (ICSE), Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) and Digital Energy and Sustainability Solutions Campaign (DESSC).

Participants

Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy

Martin Hiller, Director General, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership

Aurelio de Andrade Souza, President – CEO, USINAZUL Energia Sustentável e Serviços Ambientais

Steve Sawyer, Secretary General, Global Wind Energy Council

Roger Platt, Senior Vice President, Global Policy & Law, U.S. Green Building Council

Giles Dickson, Vice President, Environmental Policies and Global Advocacy, Alstom

Francesco Olivieri, Head, Washington Office, Enel

Speaker Biographies

Lisa Jacobson serves as the President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy. Ms. Jacobson serves as a private sector observer to the World Bank's Climate Investment Fund and is a member of the Department of Energy's State Energy Efficiency steering committee. Prior to the BCSE, Ms. Jacobson was a legislative aide to the U.S. Congress; received a Masters in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science; and a Bachelors degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont.

Martin Hiller is Director General of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), a non-profit, specialist change agent aiming to catalyse the market for renewable energy and energy efficiency. Martin has over 20 years of experience in international energy and climate policy and in communicating complex environmental and development issues. He is also President of the Board of the Gold Standard Foundation, an award winning certification scheme that is mobilising half a billion Euros for high impact carbon offset projects.

Aurelio de Andrade Souza, is President – CEO at USINAZUL Energia Sustentável e Serviços Ambientais and the REEEP LAC representative. Mr. Souza is Mechanical Engineer with post-graduation and master course on Policy and Regulation for the Energy Industry. Mr. Souza has worked with Winrock International for over 10 years with rural distributed renewable energy services in Brazil and Africa and provided consultant work to World Bank, AIDB and USAID, GIZ and other multilateral agencies in the field of renewable energy and sustainable development.

Steve Sawyer joined the Global Wind Energy Council as its first Secretary General in April 2007. The Global Wind Energy Council represents the major wind energy associations (China, India, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Australia, Canada, USA, Europe, Germany, Spain, Denmark, Italy, Korea and UK) as well as the major companies involved in the global wind industry. At GWEC he is focused on working with intergovernmental organisations such as the UNFCCC, IPCC, IRENA, IEA, IFC and ADB to ensure that wind power takes its rightful place in the energy options for the future; and with opening up new markets for the industry in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

Roger Platt is Senior Vice President of Global Policy and Law at the U.S. Green Building Council. He is responsible for overseeing the policy aspects of the increasingly global adoption of green building and urban development practices including those recognized by the LEED green building certification program. Platt's role includes managing an international portfolio of non-partisan policy development relationships, including with the World Green Building Council, the United Nations Environment Program, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the C40-Clinton Climate Initiative.

Giles Dickson heads Alstom's 17-strong global team that promotes the Company's thinking on energy, environment, climate and transport policies and engages governments and others on how to support the transition to the low-carbon economy. He joined Alstom in 2008 as Director Government Relations Europe for Alstom. He was previously a UK Government official for 16 years, working mainly on EU affairs, finally serving as Environment Counsellor at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU. He is a member of the Board of the European Power Plants Suppliers Association.

Dr. Francesco Olivieri, is the head of the Washington, DC, Office of ENEL North America, a subsidiary of Enel S.p.A., Italy's largest power company and Europe's second listed utility by installed capacity. Enel has a presence in 23 countries with approximately 95,400 MW of net installed capacity, and serves 60.5 million power and gas customers. Previously, he was Italy's Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Croatia, the OECD, the IEA, and the European Space Agency. As a diplomat with the Italian Foreign Service (1967- 2006), he served also in the US, Venezuela, the EU, and China.

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