

## **Ministerial Roundtable A: Policies for Renewable Energy Market Development**

**Thursday, 3 June, 14.30 – 16.30 h**

**Venue: Plenary Hall IKBB**

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### **ROUNDTABLE REPORT**

The focus of this Ministerial Round Table has been on Policies for Renewable Energy Market Development. The participants heard a great deal about the factors that have caused a dramatic increase in the use of renewable energy in some countries in the past decade. The most important success factors have been clear national targets and stable policy frameworks that provide security and confidence for investors. Most of the market growth has come in those countries where market access and stable pricing systems have provided a predictable return on investment. Several delegates also emphasized the importance of information and education, especially in developing countries.

The roundtable heard from many countries about new policies now under development that build on the lessons provided by those countries that have led the way in renewable energy development over the past decade. National targets, pricing systems, and capacity building programs are common elements of many of these new efforts. Some of these policies also include tradeable certificates for green electricity.

Collectively, the new national programs represent an unprecedented level of political commitment that bodes well for a new wave of renewable energy development in the next decade. The Policy Recommendations for Renewable Energies, one of the principle documents emerging from the Conference, will provide valuable advice for the scores of new national policies now under development. As those recommendations indicate, the complexity of renewable energy policies and of the new markets they seek to foster means that governments must be ready to modify their policies over time in order to ensure long-term success.