

# WORLD SUMMIT OF REGIONS

## CLIMATE CHANGE: REGIONS IN ACTION Saint-Malo (France), 29/30 October 2008

*Venue: Palais du Grand Large, Saint-Malo (France)*

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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#### Tuesday 28 October 2008 (members only)

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| 9.30am-12.30pm | nrg4SD General Assembly   |
|                | 12.30pm-2.00pm Lunch  |
| 2.00pm-4.00pm  | nrg4SD Steering Committee meeting   |
|                | 4.00pm-4.30pm Coffee break  |
| 4.30pm-6.30pm  | FOGAR (Forum of Global Associations of Regions) Executive Committee meeting |
|                | 7.00pm-10.30pm Dinner   |

#### Wednesday 29 October 2008

9am - 9.30am Registration of participants

9.30AM - 12.30AM **OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

✎ *What scientific appraisal can be drawn up for the issue of climate change? Which initiatives and policies are implemented on local, regional, national, European and international levels? This first half-day session is aimed at reviewing climate change from a scientific viewpoint and in terms of the policies currently applied to counter it.*



**9.30am -10.30am**      **Opening speeches**

Welcome speech, **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, *President of the Regional Council of Brittany*

Speech by the representative of the French government, **Jean-Louis Borloo**, *Minister for Ecology, Energy and Sustainable Planning and Development (to be confirmed)*

The place of the Regions and the partnership policy with the European Union with regard to the fight against climate change, **Danuta Hübner**, *European Commissioner in charge of regional policy (video message)*

The action of a network of Regions: addressing the climate issue by *the Committee of the Regions of the European Union*, **Luc Van den Brande**, *President of the Committee of the Regions*

The role of Regions and climate change, **Tasneem Essop**, *Western Cape Province (South Africa), Co-Chair of nrg4SD*

Regions, an asset in the fight against climate change, **Cécile Molinier**, *Director of the UNDP for Europe*

**10.30am -11.20am**      **Climate change: social perceptions & scientific knowledge**

The social perceptions of climate change, seeing and acting, **Nicolas Hulot**, *Chair and creator of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation*

Climate change in facts and figures, **Jaqueline MacGlade**, *Director of the European Environment Agency*

The effects of global warming on a geo-climatic region type, the case of the Sahel area (*Sahara and Sahel Observatory*)

Raising awareness among the younger generations: acting here and now, proposals from Breton high school students.

The cost of climate change, **Nicholas Stern**, *Economist (to be confirmed)*

The Kyoto agreements, a necessary but insufficient trial run? **Jean Jouzel**, *IPCC Vice-President*

**11.20am -11.40am**      **Coffee break**

**11.40am -12.30pm**      **Climate change: commitment by regional and local authorities**

The nrg4SD: Johannesburg (2002) - Saint-Malo (2008), **Esther Larrañaga**, *Euskadi Region, Co-Chair of nrg4SD*

The potential contribution of regions to global programmes, **Monique Barbut**, *President of the GEF (Global Environment Facility)*

Close of the opening plenary session: Expectations and progress areas for the Saint-Malo Summit, **Christian Guyonvarc'h**, *Vice-President in charge of European and international affairs, Brittany Regional Council*

**12.30pm -2.00pm**      **Lunch**

Introduction to the thematic sessions: Regional authorities, a lever for creativity -*Jean Pierre Jouyet*,  
State secretary responsible for European Affairs for France.

## **2.00PM -6.00PM**    **SPECIFIC THEMATIC SESSIONS, held at the same time**

Plenary sessions mark the start and close of the Summit, while a full day is devoted to sharing real experiences during 5 thematic sessions. Each session will be coordinated by two or three regions from the north or south, nrg4sd members or by international organisations. Each session is geared towards highlighting the Region's ability to carry out tangible, innovative and transferable initiatives, through their in-depth knowledge of their territories and their ability to work with local players.

### **Session 1: Biodiversity - Agriculture - Forest Management**

**Coordinators: Western Cape (South Africa) - Kaunas (Lithuania)**

On land and at sea, scientists forecast a massive decline in biodiversity and far-reaching changes to agriculture across the world among the consequences of climate change. In this change, forests will play a key role through their CO<sub>2</sub> intake and source of renewable raw materials. Which initiatives do regions use to adapt to the new climatic context? How can the last old-growth forests and the people who live there be protected?

### **Session 2: Water - Integrated management of coastal areas**

**Coordinators: North Sumatra (Indonesia) - Brittany (France)**

Climate change will lead to changes in freshwater resources from rainfall and thawing glaciers, as well as an increase in sea levels, against a backdrop of many extreme climatic events. These effects are coupled with a two-fold change to the global population: increasing urbanisation in sprawling urban complexes requiring economical use of freshwater and a relocation of major population centres and economic activities along coastal areas calling for new urban planning of housing and business. How are regions taking this obstacle concerning the future of their populations and activities into account? Which initiatives are they carrying out to cope with these new conditions?

### **Session 3: New Technologies - renewable energy**

**Coordinators: São-Paulo State (Brazil) - Basque Country**

The absolute necessity of coming up with more sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic development methods provides an original and promising scope of action for sectors working on technologies which emit less greenhouse gases and reduce their environmental footprint. How are Regions preparing the use of renewable energy at this time of climatic urgency? Which priorities do they have to prepare the impending energy revolution that will turn systems in place since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century on their head?

**7.30pm -11.00pm**    **Cocktail and Gala dinner**

**Thursday 30 October 2008**

## **9.00AM-12.30PM** **CROSS-CUTTING THEMATIC SESSIONS, held at the same time**

### **Session 4: Skills sharing and transfer - Networking - Cooperation**

**Coordinators: Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

In the space of a few years, climate change and its impact on our future has become a matter of global urgency. Regions can only act in partnership, both to voice an aim of solidarity and skills transfer from more developed regions to their less developed counterparts, and to meet specific local conditions. How can skills and technical knowledge be shared between the regions with these

advantages and those who require them? Which type of cooperation schemes can be set up between world regions?

### **Session 5: Post-Kyoto - After 2012**

**Coordinators: Tuscany (Italy) in cooperation with the regions of Western Cape (South Africa), Catalonia, Flanders (Belgium)**

The Conference held in Bali in December 2007 marked out the entry of a new negotiation phase with, as a target, the renewal of the first generation of agreements born of the Kyoto conference. What are the regions' expectations of the next generation of agreements? What role do they intend to play given their own commitments to combating climate change and their policies thereto? Is there room for a genuinely regional standpoint in negotiations which for the moment have only favoured states/countries?

**12.30pm -2.00pm Lunch**

## **2.00PM -6.00PM CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**

↳ *Which guidelines should be selected for regional and nrg4SD initiatives? Which partnerships should be created with other players on these issues? This last half-day session aims to foster dialogue between the various levels of public-sector decision-makers present and to identify concrete guidelines enabling the Regions to play a full part in global initiatives to combat climate change.*

### **2.00pm-3.00pm Summary of the thematic sessions**

Overview of the work conducted in each session, presented by the coordinators and used to identify the following per workshop:

- the assets and problems of regional initiatives in the field
- the forms and advantages of working in partnership
- operational and transferable conclusions

### **3.00pm-3.45pm First round table: key points of regional initiatives**

Participants: representatives from the thematic sessions, United Nations agencies, the European Union and regional networks.

### **3.45pm-4.30pm Second round table: challenges and concrete proposals**

Participants: representatives from the United Nations agencies, the European Union, nrg4SD member regions, experts in public policies, etc.

**4.30pm - 4.45pm Coffee break**

**16.45 17.30**

**Signature of the pilot scheme “Regions and Climate Change” on the initiative of the UNDP (*Christophe Nuttall*, Director of the Centre for innovative partnerships, United Nations Development Programme) and nrg4SD (*Esther Larrañaga*, Co-Chair of Network). Signature of the UNOSAT location agreement (*Alain Retière*, Director of UNOSAT) in Brest.**

### **4.45pm-6.00pm Closing speeches**

How the action of the regions is perceived by the United Nations, *Christophe Bouvier*, Director of the UNEP for Europe (United Nations Environment Programme)

Cooperation prospects with the European Union, European union representatives (to be confirmed)

Regional governments' action against climate change, a new focus for international relations? *Paul Vergès*, President of the Regional Council of Ile de La Réunion, ONERC President.

Summary by the French government, **Bernard Kouchner**, *Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (to be confirmed)*

Final summary of discussions, **Tasneem Essop**, *co-Presidency of the nrg4SD*

Official closing speech, **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, *President of the Regional Council of Brittany*

7.30pm-10.30pm      Dinner

## Friday 31 October 2008

### 9.30AM-5.30PM      DAY TRIP TO MONT SAINT-MICHEL (*indicative schedule and programme*)

9.30am      Departure

**10.30am**      ***Presentation of the project to restore the maritime character of Mont Saint-Michel***

The project to restore the maritime character of Mont Saint-Michel was initiated in 1995. It involves the French government and local authorities from Normandy and Brittany working together under an ambitious scheme co-financed by the European Union to restore to its full glory Mont-Saint-Michel's seascape, which is presently impaired by the accumulation of sediment and the presence of man-made facilities. The three core and complementary objectives are to restore a wide area of shoreline to its natural state, to enhance an outstanding heritage site and to completely renew the tourist approach route to the Mont.

12.30pm      Lunch

**2.00pm**      ***Guided tour of Mont Saint-Michel and free time***

Mont Saint-Michel was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979 and is one of the architectural gems of the Middle Ages. Delegates will be offered a guided tour of the village and the Abbey that is celebrating its 1300<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

4.30pm      Departure from Mont Saint-Michel

5.30pm      Arrival in Saint-Malo

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