

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 (nrg4SD and FOGAR members only)

- 9.30am-12.30pm nrg4SD General Assembly (Lamennais Rooms 4 and 5)
12.30pm-2.00pm Lunch Jacques Cartier Rotunda
- 2.00pm-4.00pm nrg4SD Steering Committee meeting (Lamennais Rooms 4 and 5)
4.00pm-4.30pm Coffee break Jacques Cartier Rotunda
- 4.30pm-6.30pm FOGAR (Forum of Global Associations of Regions) Executive Committee meeting (Rooms Lamennais 4 and 5)
- 7.00pm-10.30pm Dinner Jacques Cartier Rotunda (Reserved for the NRG4SD steering committee members and the FOGAR executive committee members)

Wednesday 29 October 2008

9.00am - 9.30am Registration of participants

9.30AM - 12.30PM **OPENING PLENARY SESSION** (Chateaubriand Auditorium)

☞ *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**

Chaired by **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, *President of the Regional Council of Brittany*

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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, **Esther Larrañaga**, *Euskadi Region, Co-Chair of nrg4SD*

Regions, an asset in the fight against climate change, **Cécile Molinier**, *Director of the UNDP for Europe (United Nations Development Programme)*

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, **Al-Hamndou Dorsouma**, *Sahara and Sahel Observatory*

The Kyoto agreements, a necessary but insufficient trial run? **Jean Jouzel**, *Vice-President of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)*

11.20am -11.40am **Coffee break** *Jacques Cartier Rotunda*

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

The nrg4SD: Johannesburg (2002) - Saint-Malo (2008), by the co-chair of the network represented by **Pierre Uys**, *Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape Province, South Africa*

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

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

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** *Grand Large Room*

Introduction to the thematic sessions: (Chateaubriand Auditorium)

Regional authorities, a lever for creativity – **Jean Pierre Jouyet**, French State Secretary for European Affairs

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

Depending on the sessions: Chateaubriand Auditorium, Lamennais Rooms 1-2-3 or Lamennais Rooms 4-5

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 Regions' 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 CO₂ 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 20th century on their head?

7.30pm -11.00pm **Cocktail (Jacques Cartier Rotunda) and Gala Dinner (Grand Large Room)**

10.00-11.00pm - Concert performed by the group Bassi Kouyaté / Hamon-Martin in the Chateaubriand Auditorium

This concert will bring together on stage musicians from Brittany and the Malian group Bassi Kouyate together with the duo Hamon-Martin for an original creation which mixes traditional music from the Sahel and Brittany, performed for the first time at the Saint-Malo Summit. At the initiative of this creation is the Association Amétis, which cooperates with *Afrique Verte*, an NGO working to promote food sovereignty and security in the Sahel.

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

Depending on the sessions: Chateaubriand Auditorium or Lamennais Rooms 1, 2 and 3

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) - Catalonia

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 Grand Large Room

2.00PM -6.30PM CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (Chateaubriand Auditorium)

*Session chaired by: **Claudio Martini**, President of the CPMR*

↳ *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-4.00pm First round table: key points of regional initiatives

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

4.00pm-5.00pm Second round table: challenges and concrete proposals

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

5.00pm - 5.15pm Coffee break Jacques Cartier Rotunda

5.15pm-6.00pm *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), ADEME and nrg4SD (*Esther Larrañaga*, Co-Chair of Network).
*Signature of the agreement on the location of UNOSAT/CLIMSAT in Brest (*Alain Retière*, Director of UNOSAT/CLIMSAT).**

6.00pm-7.00pm 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, **Bernard Petit**, Deputy Director General - DG Development, European Commission

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.

Final summary of discussions and future prospects

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

8.00pm-10.30pm Dinner Grand Large Room

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 1300th anniversary this year.

4.30pm Departure from Mont Saint-Michel

5.30pm Arrival in Saint-Malo
