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## IRENA & REN21 seal their cooperation

### Memorandum of understanding signed by Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General of IRENA and Mohamed El-Ashry, Chairman of REN21

**Abu Dhabi, 18 January 2012.** REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and IRENA, the International Renewable Energy Agency, have announced the signing of a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

“I am very pleased to see IRENA and REN21 moving forward to make their collaboration official,” said Mohamed El-Ashry, Chairman of REN21. “I am sure this MoU will further strengthen the cooperation between REN21 & IRENA for the benefit of rapid renewable energy deployment around the globe.”

IRENA’s Director-General Adnan Z. Amin stated that “the interconnected challenges the energy sector currently faces require well-coordinated answers. The cooperation between IRENA and REN21 will help to advance the renewable energy agenda globally.”

With the signing of this MoU, IRENA and REN21 will also move forward on kick-starting a joint project on building a qualitative and quantitative renewable energy database framework.

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**ABOUT REN21:** REN21 is the global renewable energy policy network that provides a forum for international leadership on renewable energy. Its goal is to bolster policy development for the rapid expansion of renewable energies in developing and industrialised economies. REN21 Secretariat is supported by both The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and The Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. **[www.ren21.net](http://www.ren21.net)**

**ABOUT IRENA:** The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was officially established in Bonn on 26 January 2009. To date 148 states and the European Union signed the Statute of the Agency. Mandated by these governments worldwide, IRENA will promote the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy. IRENA’s headquarters are located in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; the agency’s Technology & Innovation Centre is located in Bonn, Germany. **[www.irena.org](http://www.irena.org)**