

## **CSD Statement (9 May 2008)**

### **Partnerships for Development**

#### **Organisation: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) Secretariat for Southern Africa.**

REEEP is a global Type II partnership that was launched by the UK government at the WSSD in 2002. REEEP currently comprises more than 200 partners representing 36 governments, businesses and NGOs committed to accelerating the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency. REEEP is funded by the EU and 11 governments: Austria, Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, US, and UK, the major donor of REEEP.

Since 2003, REEEP has supported the development of legislative, regulatory and financial frameworks that stimulate renewable energy and energy efficiency markets. REEEP uses network of partners, activities and projects to identified gap in REES markets and knowledge and take the necessary steps with the support of partners to provide recommendations on how to deal with identified challenges. REEEP on the ground projects are aimed towards developing policy, finance and business models that can be replicated by governments and project developers worldwide.

Being non-political in nature REEEP is uniquely placed within its network of partners and uses these synergies to accelerate the uptake of renewable energy worldwide. For functional effective partnerships, it is very important that sound legislative and regulatory frameworks are in place to better co-ordinate efforts amongst different stakeholders within the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency sector. Furthermore, long-term financing and/or investment in renewable energy programmes is necessary to increase confidence in partnerships working towards common sustainable development goals.

REEEP is only as strong as its partnerships. As such, successes are dependent upon the commitment and contribution of individual partner organizations. Partnerships are not only about targeted and quantified outputs but are also about process where partners relationships need to be strengthened and synergies continuously evaluated in order to maximize on the impacts of efforts in the region. As individual organizations evolve, there is always a risk of losing partners along the way. Therefore, strong co-ordination with clearly defined roles and responsibilities amongst various stakeholders remains an important factor that needs to be considered in efforts to accelerate renewable energy and energy efficiency worldwide.

Focus on both process and targeted outputs (not either/or).

Increased confidence in partnerships.

Well co-ordinated plans amongst relevant stakeholders in REES.

Concrete funding committed to long-term energy master plans to increase confidence in partnerships.