Other Examples of Partnership Activity

The Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition (JREC)

This initiative is made up of almost 90 governments who have decided to co-operate actively on the promotion of renewable energy sources on the basis of **concrete, ambitious and agreed objectives**. In addition to developing their national renewable energy policies and measures, JREC members focus on regional and international political initiatives that foster the establishment of a global policy framework promoting an enhanced uptake of renewable energy. Such actions are aimed at **guiding investments and developing global renewable energy markets**.

Membership is voluntary and is the prerogative of governments. Member Governments have signed up to the JREC declaration launched at the 2002 WSSD. JREC is a virtual platform supported by the co-chairs and a small secretariat.

The JREC co-Chair is held by the European Commission and Morocco. Together they provide political strategic direction and propose the coalition's agenda for endorsement by the members. Decisions are summarized and reported in the Chair's conclusions. Invitations to JREC meetings are extended by the co-chairs and delivered through the European Community's diplomatic channels. Governments can delegate one or several ministers that hold responsibility for renewable energy and sustainable development strategies.

The JREC secretariat is hosted by the European Commission. It supports the co-chairs and members whilst also facilitating inputs from the JREC stakeholders. It assists in the development of strategic priorities, facilitates the organization of conferences and meetings including the participation from all JREC members (in particular from developing countries). Finally, the secretariat offers selected technical services to ensure an adequate knowledge based approach. It aims at promoting synergies between JREC and other initiatives such as the EU Energy Initiative (EU EI), the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), the post Renewables 2004 policy network (REN21), etc.