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Dear Mr Boeije,

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Please could you let us know whether the NER will be sending a representative to the International Conference for Renewable Energies, organized by the German Government, on June, 1-4, 2004 in Bonn, Germany (for more information see: www.renewables2004.com).

We believe that this event is an important opportunity for laying foundations for a long-term and just transition to sustainable energy. The Conference, organised by the WREC on 30 & 31 May, also in Bonn offers a complimentary opportunity for learning from international experience.

The Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition is the primary grouping that should be taking forward commitments of its members and ensuring that the conference is not undermined by countries or business interests that want no more than to perpetuate the status quo. South Africa is a member of this coalition and is represented on the International Steering Committee for the intergovernmental conference (currently by a DME official who is on secondment from Eskom).

Please further let us know whether there are any commitments or undertakings regarding renewable energy that are being considered by the NER and/or whether any input is being made to DME or the Ministry.

We attach for the attention of any considering participation, or simply advising/consulting the DME on relevant issues, a copy of the declaration prepared by the international NGO community 'The Future is Renewable'. We intend to share the NER response to this request with the members of the South African civil society Energy Caucus as well as of the Southern African Climate Action Network and thus request acknowledgement of this letter.

Yours for a just transition to sustainable energy

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