



Capacity Building for NGOs on Renewable Energy Development

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Milestones on NGO Engagement in Renewable Energy

- **Started in UNCED (1992)**
- **Speed-up in Johannesburg (2002)**
- **Strengthened in institutions in Bonn (2004)**
- **New development in Beijing (2005)**
- **To be continued beyond BIREC...e.g. Montreal**

Capacity Building for Renewable Energy

- **Highlight of the global situation on renewable energy development**
- **Political approach to achieve RE target**
- **Institutional development to engage multi-stakeholders on RE**
- **Civil society's participation**
- **NGOs become key players in this process: lobby in int'l negotiations, RE policy, commercialization, capacity building, media engagement**

The Role of NGOs

- **Become a dynamic feature of international environmental politics and policies with growing NGOs' engagement on RE**
- **NGOs can play key roles in: influence government policy; mobilize citizen's participation, engage multi-stakeholders' participation; technology transfer; financial sector reform; mobilize media and public support**
- **BIREC will be remembered as a milestone to engage NGOs on RE, especially with Chinese NGOs**

China as an Example

- **Most of NGOs working on RE started in late 1990s and early 2000s**
- **Mostly international NGOs, fewer Chinese local NGOs**
- **Strengthened in the last two years**
- **Renewable Energy Law provides new opportunities, also new challenges, for NGOs**

China as an Example (continue)

- **People' Congress plays a key role**
- **Experiences can be shared with others with best-practice examples**
- **Especially on policy development, media engagement, international tech. Transfer, capacity building and experiment on new mechanisms development**

The Road Ahead of Us

- **NGOs should play an even more important roles in RE and sustainable worldwide**
- **There is no unified approach for NGOs' involvement, but they should assess their own situation/strength and do what they can on RE**
- **To establish new mechanisms to involve more NGOs, e.g. network, finance, personnel, skills training**

- **To mobilize participation and support from below in society and local communities**
- **Larger, more established NGOs should help smaller, new NGOs and engage them in proactive ways**
- **It will be more effective in operation if joint action plans can be developed at BIREC and beyond it**
- **It is a long march, not easy, but exciting and rewarding**
- **Hope all of us will become key players and partners in this process of promoting sustainable energy development!**