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3rd SUMMIT OF OCT ENERGY MINISTERS

Sustainable Energy Actions, from the Poles to the Tropics

7th December 2017 - Hotel Metropole Brussels

Organised by

Overseas Countries and Territories Association

The Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Union are scattered around the globe from the poles to the tropics in areas where there is an abundance of natural energy sources such as wind, solar, thermal and marine. This enables the OCTs to position themselves as centres of excellence in the field of sustainable energy.

OCT Energy Ministers and technical advisors contribute to the Summit by increasing awareness about the sustainable energy best practices & opportunities in the OCTs, and stimulating commitment to the further development of sustainable energy.

At the first Summit in 2015, OCT Energy Ministers adopted an OCT wide Sustainable Energy Roadmap, facilitating and supporting the path towards lowering fossil fuel dependency and increasing energy efficiency to further assist OCTs in the transition to sustainable energy. At the second Summit in 2016, OCT Energy Ministers further advanced the programming of the 11th EDF thematic envelope, by ensuring political endorsement at a high level, and discussed the results of the 'lighthouse quick-scan analysis' in the OCTs carried out in close collaboration with IRENA.

At this third Summit, the OCT Energy Ministers will be able to actively participate with EU policy makers, the private sector, and other stakeholders in panel discussions on the most appropriate actions to support their transition towards a sustainable energy future, including the participation or association of OCTs in relevant initiatives such as the 'Smart Island Initiative' and the 'Clean Energy for EU Islands' launched in Malta in 2017, as well as other networks with a clear focus on energy.

This summit is being organized by the Overseas Countries and Territories Association (OCTA), who since 2002 has brought OCTs together with the mission of working collectively through the promotion of common positions and partnerships for their sustainable development by cooperation, capacity building and communication.



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08:00 – 09:00 **Registration & Coffee**

Opening

- 09:00-09:10 Hon. Goldray Ewing, Minister for Infrastructure, Housing and Planning of the Turks and Caicos Islands - OCTA Chairmanship
- 09:10-09:20 Opening address by Members of the European Parliament:
MEP Maurice Ponga, Vice Chair of the EP's Committee on Development
MEP Tonino Picula Chair of the islands subgroup - SEARICA Intergroup
- 09:20-09:30 Mr Denis Salord, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO 06 - OCT, European Commission

Session 1: OCTs as test-beds for pilot innovations

Moderator:

Mr. Jorge L. Ventocilla, sustainability and environment expert - former OCTA expert

- 09:40-09:50 Mr Peter Journeay-Kaler, Associate Programme Officer – Islands, IRENA
- 09:50-10:00 Mr. Martin Murphy, TAF SE4ALL, Marine Energy in the OCTs Workshop
- 10:00-10:10 Mr Rémi Gruet, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe
- 10:10-10:20 Ms Teresa Luis Ruiz, Chair of EURELECTRIC's Network of Experts on Islands' Energy Systems
- 10:20-10:30 Mr Christophe Obled, Director of the Energy Agency of New-Caledonia
- 10:30-10:40 Mr Maldwyn Timber, Policy Advisor, Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure of Sint Eustatius
- 10:40-11:10 Floor opens for questions

11:10-11:30 **Coffee break**



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Session 2: Accelerating the clean energy transition on Europe's islands

Moderator:

Mr. Jorge L. Ventocilla, sustainability and environment expert - former OCTA expert

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| 11:30-11:50 | Mr Brendan Devlin, Advisor, DG Energy, European Commission
'Clean Energy for EU Islands' initiative
Horizon 2020 programme - Support to Islands |
| 11:50-12:00 | Mr Giuseppe Sciacca, Executive Secretary, CPMR Islands Commission |
| 12:00-12:10 | Mr Kostas Komninos, Director of DAFNI, Smart Islands Initiative |
| 12:10-13:00 | Floor opens for questions |

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

Session 3: 11th EDF support to renewable energy in the OCTs

Moderator:

Ms Carol Voges, President of the OCTA Executive Committee

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| 14:30-14:35 | Ms Carol Voges, President of the OCTA Executive Committee
"OCTs Collaborating on Sustainable Energy" |
| 14:35-14:45 | Mr Antonio Crespo Moreno, Team Leader, DG DEVCO 06 - OCT, European Commission |
| 14:45-15:00 | Mr Seán Burke, Team Leader, 11th EDF Thematic programme for OCTs |
| 15:00-15:10 | Ms Olivia Lake, Policy Advisor Donor Coordination, RAO – St Maarten
11th EDF Caribbean OCTs programme on Sustainable Energy |
| 15:10-15:20 | Mr Federico Berna, Team Leader, DG DEVCO G1 Latin America and Caribbean, European Commission |
| 15:20-16:00 | Floor opens for questions |



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16:10

Group photo

16:15-16:45

Coffee break

Conclusions

16:45-16:50

OCTA's mandate for continuing discussions on the 11th EDF Thematic programme on the basis of the draft EU Response strategy

16:50-17:00

Conclusions of the Summit by OCTA Chair

17.30-19.30 Networking event