



ENERGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The WPF will organize, on **8 October 2009**, the meeting “Energy for a Sustainable Future”, within the frame of the initiative “Joining our Energies”, promoted by the Region of Piedmont between 7 and 13 October.

In a moment in which important elements of the relationships between states, institutions and international organizations depend on the possess and value of energy in all its forms, the debate, focused around the subject related to the role and importance of energetic resources in international politics and global governance, is pertinent both to the international debate and to its concrete applications on the territory. **Mercedes Bresso**, President of the Piedmont Region and Co-President of The World Political Forum together with **Mikhail Gorbachev**, President of The World Political Forum will open the discussion.

The conference will then be structured in two different panels, one devoted to "Renewable energies and energy efficiency: investing on future", which will involve outstanding experts in the field, such as **Bernard Laponche**, Expert of energy and energy efficiency policies, *Global Chance*, France; **Martin Lees**, Secretary General of *the Club of Rome*, UK; **Ruud Lubbers**, Chair of the Supervisory Board of the *Energy research Centre* of the Netherlands (ECN); Chair of the Council of the *Rotterdam Climate Initiative*, The Netherlands; **Gunter Pauli**, Social and ecological entrepreneur and founder of the *ZERI Foundation*, Belgium; **Ashok Khosla**, President of the *International Union for the Conservation of Nature* and **Wolfgang Sachs**, *Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, and Energy*, Germany.

The second panel on "Common policies towards a common goal" will involve directly institutional representatives of both the **USA Department of Energy** and the **European Commission**.

This initiative will in fact continue the WPF line about environment, linking closely to the subjects treated in March 2008 with the conference “From Global Warning to Global Policy”, but even to the more specific ones touched by the following meetings about information related to ecology (Venice, October 2008) and water as a source of life but even of conflicts (Brussels, February 2009). **The WPF is an organization in Special Status with the UN Economic and Social Council since 2009.**

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