

## More green energy for the globe

### Germany launches seminars for ministry staff and multipliers from 57 countries on renewable energy and energy efficiency



*Berlin, 08.25.2010* - On 30<sup>th</sup> August begins the new TREE (Transfer Renewable Energy & Efficiency) series of seminars for employees of ministries and multipliers from 57 countries at the Renewables Academy, Berlin. The goal is to train relevant stakeholders on technical, economic and legal aspects of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, so as to provide an effective framework for

market growth in the countries of origin. As part of the scholarship program there will be 11 seminars in different technology priorities, online courses and brochures provided with legal questions. Participants will learn which technology is suitable for which sites, how best the political environment can be shaped more efficiently, what funding mechanisms can be used, as well as aspects of project management. Seven more seminars will be held in South Africa, Mexico, Malaysia, the UAE and India on Solar Thermal Power Plants and Project Finance for Renewable Energies.

Since its beginning in 2008, TREE project has been providing support to build a sustainable energy supply, especially in developing and emerging countries. Participating countries in 2010 are signatory states of IRENA and the 14 participating countries from the first TREE project. So far more than 600 participants from ministries, companies and financiers have been trained.

The TREE project is funded by the International Climate Change Initiative of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), following a decision of the German Parliament. The project was awarded in the framework of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and is a partner of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign of the EU.

*Media representatives are invited to sit in the seminars and network with the international participants. Information about the current program is available on the TREE web site. For appointments, please contact Ms. Anja Haupt.*

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**About Renewables Academy AG (RENAC):** RENAC offers further education courses and training on renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The seminars are held in Germany and throughout the world in German or English. The courses focus on the full renewable energy value chain and address both technical and non-technical issues. A well equipped training centre in Berlin provides practical, hands-on training in photovoltaics, solar thermal, wind energy and energy efficiency. It can also be taken on the road.