



ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON THE CONCENTRATING SOLAR POWER GLOBAL MARKET INITIATIVE

Whereas

1.
The Second Middle East and North Africa Renewable Energy Conference in Amman, MENAREC2, charts the way towards an expansion of renewable energies in the MENA region.
2.
Market introduction of Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) has been supported at the International Conference for Renewable Energies renewables 2004 in Bonn and at the World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg (Type-II Partnership) for the benefit of climate protection, poverty alleviation, economic development, energy security, energy independence, rural grid expansion, socialization and long-term price stability.
3.
Solar thermal power plants, which make use of CSP technologies, have the capability to meet a significant percentage of the future global electricity demand without technological, economic, or natural resource limitations. The solar resource necessary for CSP technologies is widely available in the sun-belt around the world and an increasing number of countries wish to develop this indigenous energy resource.
4.
The cost of CSP generated electricity is expected to be further significantly reduced in the next ten years, mainly through technology improvements and market incentives, reaching competitiveness with large-scale, fossil-fueled conventional mid-load steam cycle power plants.
5.
An international collaborative effort for a public – private CSP Global Market Initiative is considered to be essential to assure that the market introduction of CSP will be most cost-effective by aggregating the CSP market and leveling the playing field for CSP technologies in the market.



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Therefore

The objective of the CSP Global Market Initiative is to support the creation of adequate market conditions conducive to build new CSP plants and to expedite the deployment of 5,000 MWe of CSP plants by 2015.

The following elements are considered to be essential to achieve the stated CSP Global Market Initiative goal:

1.
Set reliable market introduction targets and/or directives for commercial, utility-scale CSP – plants in each Region, State and/or country.
2.
Establish policies and procedures in each Region, State and/or country **to secure adequate tariffs** and/or bankable power purchase contracts or **appropriate financing** mechanisms according to the Region's, State's or country's specific situation **to allow CSP plants to be financed.**
3.
Encourage flexibility on CSP plants' operational mode and allow for single plants' capacity or State/country/region CSP – program sizes which would make them more competitive.
4.
Develop adequate mechanisms, fair tariff schemes and grid interconnections **for transnational power exchange** that allows to export solar electricity from countries with excellent solar radiation resources to the renewable electricity markets of developed countries with inferior solar resource.
5.
Multi- and bi-lateral financing institutions should support measures to make cross-country Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Joint Implementation (JI) and related mechanisms bankable, and they should include CSP in their programs.



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Endorsement

The undersigned currently support **bringing CSP to the threshold of an extensive commercial deployment by means of**

- significant **market incentive measures** or
- **multi-and bilaterally supported CSP Demonstration Projects**
such as the current GEF - supported ones in Egypt, India, Mexico and Morocco and / or
- **CSP Research and Technology Development Programs**

While such extensive CSP deployment exceeds the capabilities of a single country and, thus, is unlikely, we hereby join our forces and endorse the collaborative effort, known as the CSP Global Market Initiative, and commit to participate in it.

The undersigned **commit all necessary and available resources to the success of the GMI and support**, through policies as well as directives, in accordance with the different capabilities of our States, Countries or Regions.

The undersigned **invite all States, Countries and Regions of the world** that wish to develop this solar energy resource, **to participate in this initiative.**

signed at the MENAREC2 conference in Amman, May, 9th 2005

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. C. ...', with the date '10.5.2005' written below it. The signature is enclosed in a simple blue rectangular box.