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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am really proud to share with you these photographic memories as evidence that our strong and continuous commitment in the field of energy and environment has been broadly recognized and appreciated.

This is a direct result of our efforts which led to UNIDO's first ever participation in the G8 Ministerial Meetings..

*Diana Battaglia
Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy*



UNIDO and the G8 Italian Presidency 2009

From the 1st of January to the 31st of December 2009, Italy holds the G8 Presidency and is now responsible for hosting and organising not only the annual Summit but also the preparatory meetings ahead of the three-day summit. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi gave his attention to Italy's G8 Presidency year with a round of talks with the main international leaders in an effort to define the priorities on which Italy will be focusing its action in the following months.

A distinguishing feature of the Presidency is the inclusive approach to emerging countries, developing countries and international organisations, the aim being to resolve new global challenges more effectively such as granting energy security, combating global climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions coming from the energy and industrial sector, promote the competitiveness of our economies and ensure access to energy sources to all those on the planet who are living in conditions of absolute poverty.

The main goal is to obtain practical results also by linking up with other G8 initiatives and programmes. The task is to define the rules and principles for a new world order for energy, provide fresh impetus for investment, establish new forms of partnership for the development of low-carbon and efficient energy systems, and launch an action plan to reduce energy poverty worldwide.

Within the G8 agenda, UNIDO has participated in two major G8 Ministers Meetings as well as in a Major G8 preparatory meeting held in Trieste so far this year. It is in this context that it has been recognized the role that UNIDO holds as a major player in the energy-environment-industry complex of issues and options.

This participation follows the visit to Italy of UNIDO Director General, Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, in October 2008. During that visit, organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy Head, Ms. Diana Battaglia, the Director General met with major Italian state institutions, such as the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Environment, with other UN agencies based in Rome, and culminated with an encounter with the Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. In the course of these meetings, it became clear that work on energy and the environment was of primary importance and that Italy (and other major countries of the G8 and Group of 20) and UNIDO had an interest in joining hands and efforts to achieve better results.

UNIDO conducts major programmes in Energy and Environment that also act as crosscutting subjects in all its industrial development/promotion work and its advisory role in developing countries' industrial development policies contributing to what it is considered to be one of the main UN Order: "Poverty reduction".



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Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and UNIDO Director General Kandeh K. Yumkella





UNIDO at the G8 Preparatory Meeting | Trieste 2009

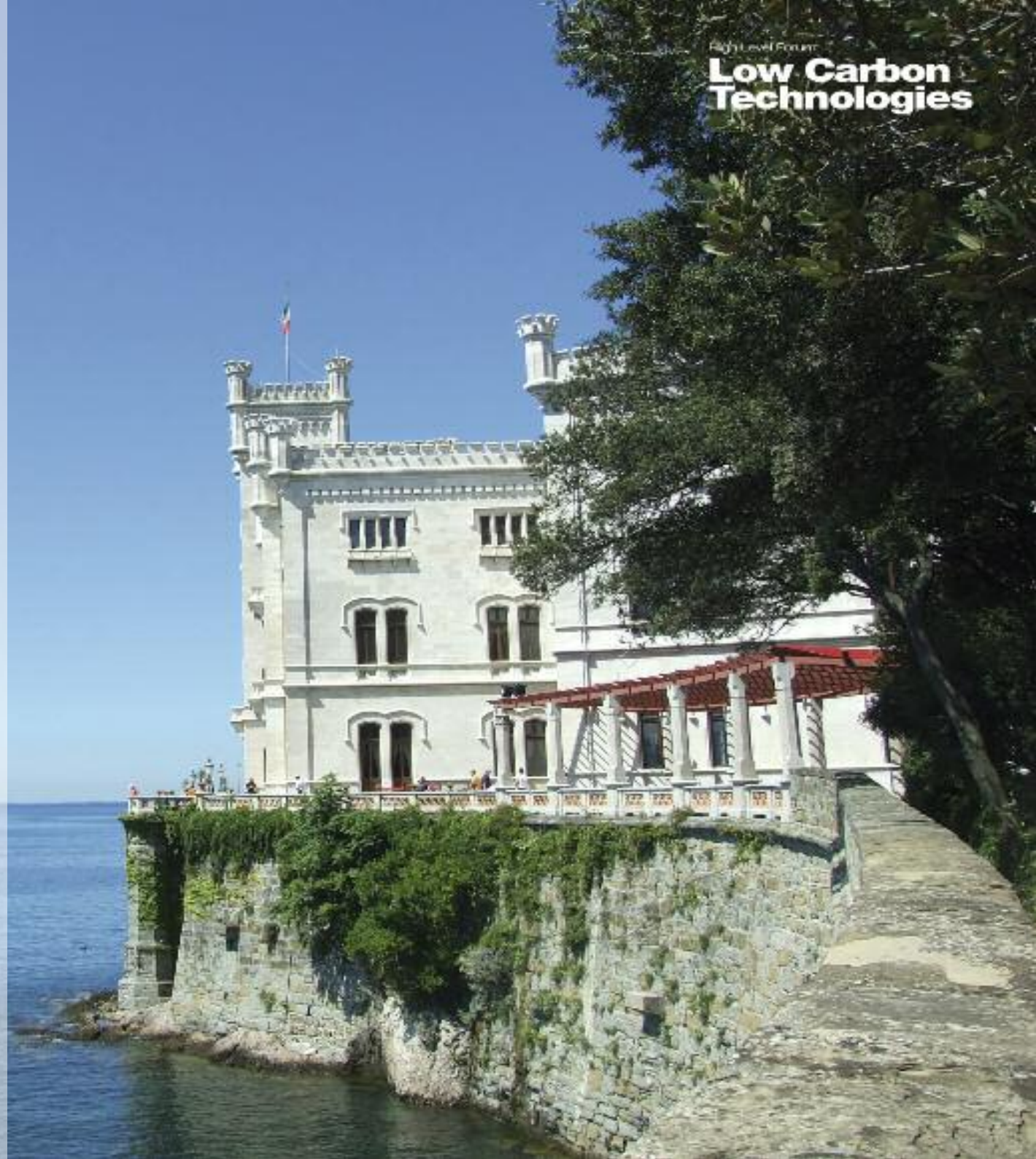
Trieste 2009

UNIDO at the G8 Preparatory Meeting

On April 3rd and 4th 2009, UNIDO participated in the G8 preparatory meeting - “Low Carbon Technologies”- held in Trieste.

The talks addressed the prospect of the development and availability of alternative fuels and of new technologies capable of coming up with an adequate response to the growing demand for energy in the next 20 to 30 years without increasing carbon dioxide emissions. During this meeting, discussions were focused on several main energy key aspects and agreements have been accomplished in two major issues, namely: reduction of carbon emissions and strengthening of the International Research Network for Low Carbon Societies (LCS-RNet).

UNIDO’s Director General Dr. Kandeh Yumkella moderated a major round table entitled “*Overcoming the barriers: instruments for the development and dissemination of low carbon technologies to upturn the economic and financial crisis*” which underlined the need of new ground rules for the world's energy market and also for the mechanisms used to fund new technologies.





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In the framework of the G8 Italian Presidency, the Italian Environment Minister, Stefania Prestigiacomo, convened on April 22-24 the Environment Ministerial Meeting in Siracusa introducing those that are considered to be the main goals of the Siracusa talks which are to send out an important political message on biodiversity and to facilitate dialogue on the issue of climate change ahead of the Copenhagen conference in December this year.

This event dealt mainly with four topics of importance, namely: biodiversity, climate change, children's health, and low-carbon technologies.

Ministers and senior officials discussed about development and deployment of low-carbon technologies in the context of the current financial and economic crises, actions to address, climate change and biodiversity.

It is in such domains that UNIDO Director General Dr. Kandeh Yumkella intervened in the discussion of biodiversity highlighting that the points of view of developing countries, including Africa, should be taken into account when considering new policies or approaches in the protection of biodiversity, since their own views on the matter might differ from the ones perceived from developed economy countries.

The Meeting has successfully culminated with the approval of the *Siracusa Charter* on biodiversity, representing a common path of commitment of the participating countries in the framework of human health safeguard, protection of the environment and sustainable development.





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Italian Minister for the Environment, Land and Sea, Stefania Prestigiacomo.









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UNIDO at the G8 Energy Ministers Meeting | Rome 2009



Rome 2009

UNIDO at the G8 Energy Ministers Meeting

The Energy Ministers Meeting held in Rome from the 24th to the 26th of May 2009 - "Beyond the crisis" - aimed at defining common strategies to cope with global climate change issues and at promoting energy investment for security and sustainable development, and at determining measures that would help reduce energy poverty, especially with regards to Africa.

At this meeting, Dr. Dmitri Piskounov - UNIDO PTC Managing Director - made, on behalf of Dr. Kandeh Yumkella the UNIDO Director General, a presentation on energy strategies to combat climate change from the perspective of UN-energy - the UN Coordinating body. The meeting led to a major agreement on energy Efficiency and was signed by 13 of the participating countries. Such agreement focused on key issues related to renewable energy sources and the access to them from developing countries.

The participating Ministers have furthermore convened on several energy policy points agreeing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and easing the transition to a low-carbon system in order to meet and reach the goal of a new world energy order: "Eco-friendly energy".





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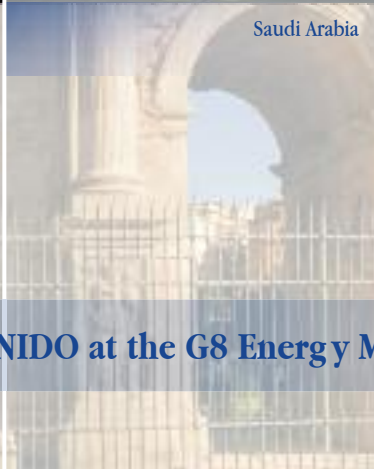
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