



THE e8 AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS COMMIT TO STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES & PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE POST-COPENHAGEN ERA

PRESS RELEASE

Copenhagen, December 14th, 2009 – The e8, the consortium of 10 G8 electricity companies dedicated to sustainable energy development worldwide, and the major international development organisations¹ held a high-level meeting in Copenhagen, in parallel with the United Nations Climate Change conference, to discuss ways of optimizing the contribution of the private sector in the global efforts to address climate change, and to explore potential future collaborative initiatives in a post-Copenhagen era.

The e8 members and international organisations' representatives openly addressed the role of global collaborative action and public-private partnerships in the effective implementation of sustainable energy development around the globe. The discussion raised questions on such key issues as technology costs and R&D, appropriate policy environment, the replication of successful sustainable project models, the scaling up of energy access and investment in climate change technologies in developing and emerging countries, and the role of the private sector in financing.

In a global context where collaboration among the private sector, industry actors, international organisations, national and sub-national governments has become key in the efforts to address climate change and sustainable energy development issues, the e8 representatives and international organisation leaders highlighted their complementary roles and the large potential for further collaborative action. They particularly stressed the importance of leveraging existing initiatives and the electricity sector's contribution towards the promotion of clean energy access and the deployment of advanced climate change mitigating technologies worldwide, and committed to further collaborative initiatives to achieve such a goal in a post-Copenhagen framework.

¹ The Asian Development Bank (ADB), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Development Programme – Territorial Approach to Climate Change (UNDP TACC), and the World Bank.

Attending International Organisations:

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The e8:

Created in the wake of the 1992 Rio Summit, the e8 is a non-profit international organization, composed of 10 leading electricity companies from the G8 countries, whose mission is to play an active role in the international debate on global electricity issues and to promote sustainable energy development through electricity sector projects and human capacity building activities in developing and emerging nations worldwide.

The e8, in partnership with UN agencies, key international organisations and local partners, contributes to enhancing access to energy for some of the two billion people around the world still without access to this essential resource.

The e8 mission, with the fight against climate change and sustainable development at its core, translates into three key objectives:

- to contribute to the development of common policies that create the foundations for global cooperation on sustainable energy development and the fight against climate change;*
- to participate in the global debate on key issues relating to the electricity sector, putting forward common positions and becoming a representative voice of the international electricity sector vis-à-vis the G8; and*
- *to support developing and emerging countries in the effective and sustainable generation and use of electricity.*

The e8 members are: *American Electric Power (United States), Duke Energy (United States), EDF (France), ENEL S.p.A. (Italy), Hydro-Québec (Canada), JSC "RusHydro" (Russia), Kansai Electric Power Company, Inc. (Japan), Ontario Power Generation (Canada), RWE AG (Germany), Tokyo Electric Power Company, Inc. (Japan)*