

# Ministerial Round Table

On the occasion of the  
**nrg4SD General Assembly**

30 August 2011 - 14h30 – 17h30 – City of Québec – Québec



The Ministerial Round Table is a space for a high-level political debate on territorial governance on the thematic areas of nrg4SD with the cross-cutting theme of sustainable development. This session provides the opportunity for in depth exchange between nrg4SD members at political level. It also allows members to actively contribute to the reflections towards the future Work Programme of nrg4SD.

**What type of event?** The Ministerial Round Table will focus on the thematic areas of nrg4SD's Work Programme with the core theme of sustainable development. Concise and illustrative experiences from nrg4SD subnational governments will be presented and develop aspects on the added value of subnational governments and the multi-level approach to sustainable development.

**How will the debates unfold?** Discussions will be articulated around the following key questions:

- What has been the added value brought to the Federated State or Region thanks to the implementation of this initiative at subnational level?
- Has the initiative followed a multilevel governance approach? If so, in what shape? If not, what were the main reasons behind it?
- How can nrg4SD and/or its members support and enhance the further development of these or similar subnational initiatives in the future?

Contributions to the discussions from all delegates participating in the General Assembly will be warmly encouraged and will constitute an incomparable source of information in order for the Secretariat of nrg4SD to further propose tailor-made services to members in response to the needs of their territories.



# Agenda

**14h30 - 14h35**                      **Introduction to the session**

Moderator - Ms Maruxa Cardama, Secretary General of nrg4SD

**14h35 - 14h45**                      **Opening address**

Mr. Pierre Arcand, Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Parks of Quebec

**14h45 - 15h30**                      **Presentations**

**Biodiversity Conservation Policy in Catalonia: Challenges and Opportunities**

Mr. Lluís Recoder i Miralles, Minister for Territory and Sustainability of Catalonia and Co-Chair for the North of nrg4SD

**Climate Action in São Paulo**

Mr. Bruno Covas, Secretary of State for the Environment of São Paulo and Co-Chair for the South of nrg4SD

**The Yucatán Peninsula Accord on REDD +**

Mr. Francisco Elizondo Garrido, Secretary of State for Ecology and the Environment of Quintana Roo

**The Climate Change Bill of the Basque**

Ms. Marta Marín, Delegate of the Government of the Basque Country

**15h30 -15h55**                      **Questions and Answers – Contributions from All Delegates**

**15h55 -16h10**                      **Coffee break**

**16h10 - 16h40**                      **Presentations**

**A practical Approach to Water Governance from PACA– The ‘SOURCE’ project**

Mr. Michel Vauzelle, President of the Regional Council of Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur and President of ORU-FOGAR

**A vision of Sustainable Development for Mbale**

Mr Andrew Mawejje, Chief Administrative Officer of the District Council of Mbale

**The Sustainable Development Charter for Wales**

Mr. John Griffiths, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development of Wales

**16h40-17h05**                      **Discussion – Q&A**

**17h15 - 17h25**                      **The subnational level: A Centre of Gravity for Strategic Action**

Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, President of the Regional Council of Brittany and Vice-President for Europe of nrg4SD

**17h25 - 17h30**                      **Closing of the Session followed by official picture**