

nrg4SD Montreal Statement

1. We, representatives of regional and state governments from all parts of the world, who assembled as the **Steering Committee of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD)** in Montreal in December 2005 and present at the **COP 11 UNFCC** meeting, declare our strongest commitment to fighting against Climate Change and contributing to effectively reduce Green House Gases emissions.
2. At a time of continuing global uncertainty, we declare our commitment to **work together at regional level**, to contribute effectively to the reduction of Green House Gases (GHG) emissions.
3. We recognise the **leadership of the United Nations** as the most universal and representative organisation in the world to counter Climate Change and to promote multilateral partnerships to tackle the causes and the effects of Climate Change.
4. We understand that the **National Governments** are involved with the United Nations and the **Kyoto Protocol** with the aim of reducing GHG emissions in an effective manner to address Climate Change effectively.
5. **National Governments alone cannot** achieve the great challenge we are facing. We declare that **regional action is fundamental** in this matter, and that fluent and open communication, as well as partnerships, are essential to effectively address Climate Change.
6. The role and responsibilities of **Regional Governments must be appreciated** in this process.
7. **Climate Change is a global challenge** that needs a **global action** plan and policy, that should, amongst others, be **implemented at regional level**.
8. The **nrg4SD offers the United Nations the necessary support** to address climate change at regional level.
9. The **Post-Kyoto period** should be addressed and the Climate Change policy to be implemented at global level clarified in order to be able to define the future action plans.
10. Among the members of the nrg4ds there are **Annex I countries** and **Non-Annex countries**. The network will promote the North to North, North to South and South to South innovative partnerships on climate change.
11. The Network will work to **promote and share experiences** in, amongst others:
 - Adaptation;
 - Improvement of environmental management (Voluntary Agreements);
 - Transfer of non-intensive GHG emissions technology;
 - Promotion of Renewable Energies
 - Performance indicators for all emitting sectors;
 - Best Practices dissemination;
 - Carbon markets.



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12. A **strong representation of the regions of the network** will closely follow the issue of Climate Change and will be present in the COP that will be organised in the coming years.

