

# WORLD SUMMIT OF REGIONS

## CLIMATE CHANGE: REGIONS IN ACTION Saint-Malo (France), 29/30 October 2008

*Venue: Palais du Grand Large, Saint-Malo (France)*

### PROGRAMME

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#### Tuesday 28 October 2008 *(nrg4SD and FOGAR members only)*

9.30am-12.30pm nrg4SD General Assembly *(Lamennais Rooms 4 and 5)*

12.30pm-2.00pm Lunch *Jacques Cartier Rotunda*

2.00pm-4.00pm nrg4SD Steering Committee meeting *(Lamennais Rooms 4 and 5)*

4.00pm-4.30pm Coffee break *Jacques Cartier Rotunda*

4.30pm-6.30pm FOGAR (Forum of Global Associations of Regions) Executive Committee meeting  
*(Rooms Lamennais 4 and 5)*

7.00pm-10.30pm Dinner *Jacques Cartier Rotunda* *(Reserved for the NRG4SD steering committee members and the FOGAR executive committee members)*

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8.30am - 9.00am Registration of participants

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9.00AM -12.30PM **OPENING PLENARY SESSION** (Chateaubriand Auditorium)

🔗 *What scientific appraisal can be drawn up for the issue of climate change? Which initiatives and policies are implemented on local, regional, national, European and international levels? This first half-day session is aimed at reviewing climate change from a scientific viewpoint and in terms of the policies currently applied to counter it.*

9.00am -10.15am **Opening speeches**

Chaired by **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of the Regional Council of Brittany  
Moderator: **Christine Oberdorff**, Journalist

Welcome speech, **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of the Regional Council of Brittany, and **René Couanau**, Mayor of Saint-Malo

Speech by a French government representative, **Marie Claire Daveu**, Director of the Cabinet of Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet, State Secretary for Ecology within the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Spatial Planning

Integration of the climate question in territorial and social cohesion policy on continental or subcontinental scale: a worldwide theme of co-operation, **Danuta Hübner**, European Commissioner in charge of regional policy (video message)

The action of a network of Regions: addressing the climate issue by the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, **Kay Twitchen**, Committee of the Regions Rapporteur on climate change

The role of Regions and climate change, **Esther Larrañaga**, Co-Chair of nrg4SD, Regional Minister for Spatial Planning and Environment, Euskadi Region

Regions, an asset in the fight against climate change, **Cécile Molinier**, Director of the UNDP for Europe (United Nations Development Programme)

10.15am -11.20am **Climate change: social perceptions & scientific knowledge**

General introduction in conversation with **Jean-Loup Chrétien**, the first European astronaut aboard the Soyouz and Atlantis missions

The social perceptions of climate change, seeing and acting, **Nicolas Hulot**, Chair and creator of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation

Climate change in facts and figures: Presentation of the Report on impact of Europe's changing climate, **André Jol**, Head of Group on CC impacts, European Environment Agency

The effects of global warming on a geo-climatic region type, the case of the Sahel area, **Al-Hamndou Dorsouma**, Sahara and Sahel Observatory

The Kyoto agreements, a necessary but insufficient trial run? **Jean Jouzel**, Vice-President of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

11.20am -11.40am **Coffee break** Jacques Cartier Rotunda

## 11.40am -12.30pm Climate change: commitment by regional and local authorities

The nrg4SD: Johannesburg (2002) - Saint-Malo (2008), by the co-chair of the network represented by **Mark Gordon**, Director for Strategic Environmental Management, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Raising awareness among the younger generations: acting here and now, proposals from Breton high school students.

- **Amadou Gueye**, President of the Regional Youth Council of Brittany, 2006/2008
- **Agathe Morvan** and **Juliette Breton** (Estran Charles de Foucauld High School in Brest). Presentation of the project "The contribution of the Breton Youth to the European strategy to limit the extent of climate change" April 2008

Close of the opening plenary session: Expectations and progress areas for the Saint-Malo Summit, **Christian Guyonvarc'h**, Vice-President in charge of European and international affairs, Brittany Regional Council

**12.30pm -2.00pm Lunch Grand Large Room**

## **2.00pm - 2.30pm Introduction to the thematic sessions: (Chateaubriand Auditorium)**

Regional authorities, a lever for creativity – **Jean Pierre Jouyet**, French State Secretary for European Affairs

The potential contribution of regions to global programmes, **Monique Barbut**, President of the GEF (Global Environment Facility)

## **2.30PM -6.00PM SPECIFIC THEMATIC SESSIONS, held at the same time**

*Depending on the sessions: Chateaubriand Auditorium, Lamennais Rooms 1-2-3 or Lamennais Rooms 4-5  
Coffee breaks for the 3 workshops between 4.00pm - 5.00pm – Rotunda*

Plenary sessions mark the start and close of the Summit, while a full day is devoted to sharing real experiences during 5 thematic sessions. Each session will be coordinated by two or three regions from the north or south, nrg4sd members or by international organisations. Each session is geared towards highlighting the Regions' ability to carry out tangible, innovative and transferable initiatives, through their in-depth knowledge of their territories and their ability to work with local players.

### **Session 1: Biodiversity - Agriculture - Forest Management**

**Coordinators: Western Cape (South Africa) - Kaunas (Lithuania)**

On land and at sea, scientists forecast a massive decline in biodiversity and far-reaching changes to agriculture across the world among the consequences of climate change. In this change, forests will play a key role through their CO<sub>2</sub> intake and source of renewable raw materials. Which initiatives do regions use to adapt to the new climatic context? How can the last old-growth forests and the people who live there be protected?

### **Session 2: Water - Integrated management of coastal areas**

**Coordinators: North Sumatra (Indonesia) - Brittany (France)**

Climate change will lead to changes in freshwater resources from rainfall and thawing glaciers, as well as an increase in sea levels, against a backdrop of many extreme climatic events. These effects are coupled with a two-fold change to the global population: increasing urbanisation in sprawling urban complexes requiring economical use of freshwater and a relocation of major population centres and economic activities along coastal areas calling for new urban planning of housing and business. How are regions taking this obstacle concerning the future of their populations and activities into account? Which initiatives are they carrying out to cope with these new conditions?

### **Session 3: New Technologies - renewable energy**

**Coordinators: São-Paulo State (Brazil) - Basque Country**

The absolute necessity of coming up with more sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic development methods provides an original and promising scope of action for sectors working on technologies which emit less greenhouse gases and reduce their environmental footprint. How are Regions preparing the use of renewable energy at this time of climatic urgency? Which priorities do they have to prepare the impending energy revolution that will turn systems in place since the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century on their head?

## GALA EVENING

7.00pm -8.00pm      *Cocktail (Jacques Cartier Rotunda)*  
8.00pm - 10.00pm    *Gala Dinner (Grand Large Room)*

10.00pm - 11.00pm - Concert performed by the group Bassi Kouyaté / Hamon-Martin in the Chateaubriand Auditorium

This concert will bring together on stage musicians from Brittany and the Malian group Bassi Kouyaté together with the duo Hamon-Martin for an original creation which mixes traditional music from the Sahel and Brittany, performed for the first time at the Saint-Malo Summit. At the initiative of this creation is the Association Amétis, which cooperates with *Afrique Verte*, an NGO working to promote food sovereignty and security in the Sahel.

**Thursday 30 October 2008**

**9.00AM-12.15PM CROSS-CUTTING THEMATIC SESSIONS, held at the same time**

*Depending on the sessions: Chateaubriand Auditorium or Lamennais Rooms 1, 2 and 3*  
*Coffee breaks for the 2 workshops between 10.30am – 11.30am – Rotunda*

### Session 4: Skills sharing and transfer - Networking - Cooperation

**Coordinators: Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

In the space of a few years, climate change and its impact on our future has become a matter of global urgency. Regions can only act in partnership, both to voice an aim of solidarity and skills transfer from more developed regions to their less developed counterparts, and to meet specific local conditions. How can skills and technical knowledge be shared between the regions with these advantages and those who require them? Which type of cooperation schemes can be set up between world regions?

### Session 5: Post-Kyoto - After 2012

**Coordinators: Tuscany (Italy) - Catalonia**

The Conference held in Bali in December 2007 marked out the entry of a new negotiation phase with, as a target, the renewal of the first generation of agreements born of the Kyoto conference. What are the regions' expectations of the next generation of agreements? What role do they intend to play given their own commitments to combating climate change and their policies thereto? Is there room for a genuinely regional standpoint in negotiations which for the moment have only favoured states/countries?

12.15pm -2.00pm      *Lunch Grand Large Room*

**2.00PM -6.15PM CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (Chateaubriand Auditorium)**

Session chaired by: **Claudio Martini**, President of Tuscany, President of the CPMR, President of FOGAR

☞ Which guidelines should be selected for regional and nrg4SD initiatives? Which partnerships should be created with other players on these issues? This last half-day session aims to foster dialogue between the various levels of public-sector decision-makers present and to identify concrete guidelines enabling the Regions to play a full part in global initiatives to combat climate change.

**2.00pm-3.00pm Summary of the thematic sessions - Moderator: Christine Oberdorff**

Overview of the work conducted in each session, presented by the coordinators and used to identify the following per workshop:

- the assets and problems of regional initiatives in the field
- the forms and advantages of working in partnership
- operational and transferable conclusions

**3.00pm-3.30pm** \*Signature of the pilot scheme “Towards carbon neutral and climate resilient territories”  
\*Signature of the agreement on the location of Climsat in Brest and Collaboration agreement between Climsat and Météo-France Lannion

**3.30pm - 4.00pm** Coffee break Jacques Cartier Rotunda

**4.00pm-5.30pm** Round table: Regions in the face of climate change: challenges actors, partnerships

Participants: Representatives of regions from Africa, America, Asia and Europe which have already had to cope with the effects of climate change and/or which have already conceived public policies in this area.

**5.30pm-6.15pm** Closing speeches

Regional governments’ action against climate change, a new focus for international relations? **Paul Vergès**, President of the Regional Council of Ile de La Réunion, ONERC President (French National Observatory on the Effects of Global Warming).

How the action of the regions is perceived by the United Nations, **Christophe Bouvier**, Director of the UNEP for Europe (United Nations Environment Programme)

The European Union’s policy in the field of climate change: the need for coherent intervention, **Olivier Luyckx**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Development of the European Commission

Final summary of discussions and future prospects

Official closing speech by **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of the Regional Council of Brittany

**8.00pm-10.30pm** Dinner Grand Large Room

**Friday 31 October 2008**

**9.30AM-5.30PM** DAY TRIP TO MONT SAINT-MICHEL (indicative schedule and programme)

9.30am Departure

**10.30am** Presentation of the project to restore the maritime character of Mont Saint-Michel

The project to restore the maritime character of Mont Saint-Michel was initiated in 1995. It involves the French government and local authorities from Normandy and Brittany working together under an ambitious scheme co-financed by the European Union to restore to its full glory Mont-Saint-Michel’s seascape, which is presently impaired by the accumulation of sediment and the presence of man-made facilities. The three core and complementary objectives are to restore a wide area of shoreline to its natural state, to enhance an outstanding heritage site and to completely renew the tourist approach route to the Mont.

**Presentation of the project in French and English**

12.30pm Lunch

**2.00pm**    *Guided tour of Mont Saint-Michel and free time*

Mont Saint-Michel was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1979 and is one of the architectural gems of the Middle Ages. Delegates will be offered a guided tour of the village and the Abbey that is celebrating its 1300<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

4.30pm    Departure from Mont Saint-Michel

5.30pm    Arrival in Saint-Malo

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