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**INVITATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL  
RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**



29 October 2015

Dear Ms. Moore,

On behalf of the European Commission (EC), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (REN21), the Syndicate for Renewable Energy of France (SER) and the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), it is a great pleasure to invite you to speak at the ‘Renewable Energy: Energising the Future’ conference, taking place on Sunday 6 December 2015 at Palais Brongniart, Paris. The event is part of the renewable energy track of the COP21 2015 Paris Climate Conference (twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC)).

Our energy system remains the heartbeat of our economy, productivity and competitiveness. The energy sector, accounting for more than two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions, must be prioritised to accelerate the mitigation of emissions. Decisions that governments need to make today will shape our energy use for decades to come. Renewable energy offers a cost-effective and universal solution to energy sector decarbonisation.

Decarbonisation is a major component of the solutions agenda being promoted for COP21 as a new element in the global climate discussion. Within this agenda, renewable energy can have a prominent role, and it is attracting special attention as a result. At COP21, governments, the media and the public will be involved in a series of high-profile events designed to showcase the role of renewables as the fastest, cleanest, most reliable and most economically beneficial way to meet our climate goals.

We have joined forces to showcase and raise awareness of the contribution of renewable energy to decarbonising energy systems and the opportunities it presents for a cleaner future.

On Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, the ‘Renewable Energy: Energising the Future’ conference will be held in the heart of Paris, outside the UNFCCC blue zone and therefore accessible to a broader public and the media. This conference will be the premier public event on renewable energy in Paris this year, catalysing a strong coalition of willing stakeholders.

High-level and world-renowned speakers will share their visions for a future powered by renewable energy. CEOs will describe what it took to get their companies to go for 100% renewables in their operations; government leaders will explain their ambitious plans for scaling up renewable energy investments; and industry leaders will talk of innovations and breakthroughs that resulted in renewables being deployed faster and on a greater scale than analysts had anticipated.

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Lord Mayor, City of Sydney  
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We would be honoured if you could share insights based on Sydney's experience in working towards a future fuelled by renewables.

We thank you in advance for the kind consideration of our invitation.


Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: 'Renewable Energy: Energising the Future' draft agenda