

**Assessing the Barriers and Opportunities for Renewable Energy in North America
18 February 2002**



Commission for Environmental Cooperation

Location:
Hotel Inter-Continental
St. Jacques Room
360 Saint Antoine Ouest
Montreal, Canada

8:30 Registration: (Continental Breakfast Available)

9:00 Opening of Meeting

- Objectives of Meeting and Context
- Roundtable Introductions

9:20 Setting the Context - Renewable Energy Use - Where we are in North America, and what is our potential?

Discussion by William Moomaw, Tufts University

10:00 Public Policy and Renewable Energy in North America - What has been tried, how has it worked?

- An overview of policies in Canada, Mexico and the United States at the federal, state/provincial and municipal levels in support of renewable energy

11:30 Private Sector Leadership

- Initiatives by the private sector in "green energy"
- Private sector financing of renewable energy
- Structure of initiatives (e.g. contract length, price stability and price premiums)

13:00 Lunch - Provided by CEC

14:00 Renewable Energy Outside of North America - are there lessons to be learned?

- Discussion of the experience and policies of other countries (e.g. Germany, Denmark, Spain, Netherlands)
- How does this experience compare with North America?

16:00 Renewable Energy Futures in North America

- What are the opportunities for cooperation among the three NAFTA parties in terms of the removals of barriers to renewable energy in North America?
- North American Energy Working Group

17:00 Closing