

## **Interim Director-General of IRENA has been elected**

At the IRENA preparatory conference that was held in Sharm El Sheikh on June 29, 2009, H.E. Maged George the Egyptian Minister of Environment was chairing the Egyptian Delegation .



Three countries presented proposals to host the seat of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) : United Arab Emirates , Germany and Austria. All the proposals presented were of the highest quality and all would have been very successful locations to host the IRENA headquarter. After a period of consultation, the Chairman of the preparatory commission declared that both of Bonn and Vienna has withdrawn their offers and the interim seat of (IRENA) will be located at Abu Dahbi . The decision was taken by general consensus from representative of 136 countries .

At the same time it was decided that two IRENA centers will be established , one in Bonn for technology and innovation and the second in Vienna as Agency's liaison office for cooperation with other organisations active in the field of renewables .

Four candidates from Greece, Denmark, Spain and France were nominated by the Member States for the position of the Director General of IRENA . The four candidatures have outstanding profiles and strong backgrounds in the field of renewable energy. After a close and fair election, the French candidate Ms. H  l  ne Pelosse was appointed by the Signatories as the first Interim Director-General of IRENA.