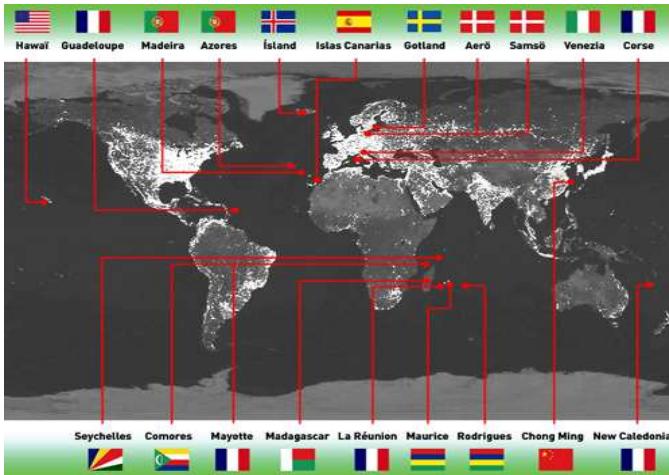


## A COOPERATION NETWORK

Island-NEWS is a cooperation network that was launched after the 2005 Energy Meetings held in Réunion Island, under patronage of the Regional Council.

Island-NEWS aims at promoting and developing actions and strategies for energy self-sufficiency as a solution to Climate Change mitigation by insular territories.

Island-NEWS gathers numerous islands and Regions around the world, via public officials, energy experts, academics and researchers. The network tries to use the expertise of territories in advance on energy issues to support developing territories. Réunion Island and the Indian Ocean islands are at the core of Island-NEWS.



Thanks to the financial support from the Réunion Island Regional Council, a team was set up to lead the network.

The team is associated with the Réunion Island Regional Energy Agency (ARER) and benefits from its capacities. ARER is non-profit-making association as defined by the French Associations Act 1901. Its aim is to promote and develop energy savings, to use renewable energy and to protect energy resources. ARER gathers the main Energy Actors in Reunion Island and also pursues international activities in the Indian Ocean.

Its main missions are:

- Information, education and training
- Advice to project holders
- Development of technological sectors related to energy
- Management of the Reunion Island Energy Observatory
- Management of an R&D platform



## OUR AIMS

Island-NEWS main missions are organised around six axes:

- Knowledge and experience sharing
- Creation and update of the Island Energy Atlas
- Information, education and training about energy and climate change
- Advice and support to organisation of projects related to energy management and renewable energy sources
- Support to energy self-sufficiency strategies
- Creation of Agencies and Observatories on energy and climate change
- Search for international financing sources



## OUR MEANS

To meet its aims, Island-NEWS has the following means:

- Expertise from network members
- A team with technical and organisational capacities
- Methodologies for strategy definition and project management at the service of public authorities and project holders



Wind turbine machinery

- Capacities of the ARER team
- An Island Energy Atlas
- A publication database, that can be accessed online, organized according to the five groups set during the 2005 Energy Meetings:
  - Group 1 : Strategies for island energy self-sufficiency
  - Group 2 : Technologies, R&D, Capacity Building, Jobs around Clean Energies and Energy Efficiency
  - Group 3 : Energy Networks Regulation in Islands
  - Group 4 : Sustainable land settlement, city planning, building and transporting so as to curb energy demand growth
  - Group 5 : Reunion Island Energy strategy for 2000-2025-2050



## EDITO

By Mr Paul VERGES, President of the Réunion Island Regional Council, President of the Réunion Island Regional Agency (ARER) and President of the National Observatory on the Effects of Global Warming (ONERC).

To manage ourselves, in our islands and territories, to adapt lands and societies to the impacts of the global warming that we can currently observe, and to the forecast climate change, is one of the main conclusion shared by all the 4 000 Scientifics of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Changes) currently working on these topics.

The main priority in the response considered for adaptation and mitigation, is to switch toward energy systems using renewable and clean technologies. The estimated time to drive this technological evolution is about 50 years. This is a fundamental strategy at the local and global level, to ensure the sustainable development of our insular societies. This should moreover be helpful for the continental countries to perform their own adaptations.

The Regional Council of Réunion Island, the actors of energy on Réunion Island and some Islands and territories currently programming the development of renewable energies at a large scale, met together on Réunion Island, from 2005 October 26 to November 4, to establish five workgroups for the period 2006 to 2013. Their role is to organise, draft, finalise, disseminate and update a database entitled:

**Energy Self-sufficiency Strategies for Islands :  
2000-2025-2050**

**A solution to climate change mitigation by insular territories**

In addition to the attendees at the Energy in Reunion Island meetings, many islands, regions and numerous experts have expressed their support for such cooperation.

Tomorrow's island and regional energy strategies will need to rally international institutions and must be structured around the critical mass provided under our cooperation programmes in terms of dissemination and action plans. We therefore invite all islands, regions, agencies and institutions involved in knowledge-building, projects or the implementation of local and insular energy self-sufficiency strategies aimed at developing clean and efficient forms of energy to join us (via our web portal: [www.island-news.org](http://www.island-news.org)).

By this process, we aim at setting up a network for steered and systematic dialogue. **We seek to share experience and knowledge gained around the world in order to train technicians and decision-makers in these key issues and to enact the necessary changes to our island and world energy systems.**

## JOIN THE NETWORK

Island-NEWS is open to all energy actors. Joining the network is free of charge.

### Island-NEWS directory

You can subscribe to the Island-NEWS directory and allow other members to contact you and share ideas or knowledge.

### Political commitment

If you are a political representative, you can assert your territory commitment by signing the Island-NEWS memorandum of understanding.

### Knowledge and experience sharing

You can contribute to mutual capacity building:

- take part to the publication database
- transmit energy data about islands
- take part to the monthly newsletter

### Project organisation

You can submit projects, call for partnership and follow projects in the network.



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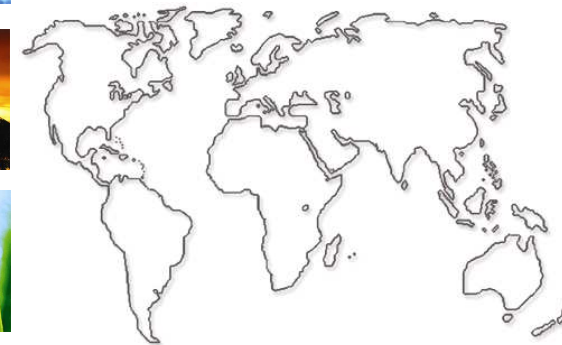
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