

Title of the Official Side Event (50 words max)	Wind Power Worldwide
Side Event Theme / Description (300 words max)	<p>Wind power has already become a primary source of energy in several parts of the world, contributing in some countries essential parts of the electricity supply. A number of countries have been able to establish a strong domestic wind industry. The next step will be to analyse the factors that have lead to the success of these countries and draw conclusions for wind power promotion strategies in other parts of the world.</p> <p>High-level representatives of the wind sector from around the world will present the situation of wind energy in their home regions, including current status, trends and future prospects. Speakers will cover industrial and technological developments as well as successful policy frameworks and social implications of wind power utilisation, including empowerment of local communities through wind power. The panellists will discuss how the success story of wind power can be extended to further countries, through different ways of cooperation between the various stakeholders. An important aspect will be the role that citizens have to play in a more decentralised power system – in developing as well as in industrialised countries.</p>
Potential speakers and panelists	Dr. Anil Kane, Chairman Indian Wind Energy Association InWEA, President WWEA: India and Asia Stefan Gsänger, Secretary General WWEA:
	Worldwide trends and Europe Prof. Dr. He Dexin, President Chinese Wind Energy Association: China Prof. Dr. Galal Osman, President Egypt Wind Energy Association: MENA region Hon. Peter Rae AO, Chairman Renewable Energy Development Board of Tasmania, Senior Vice President WWEA: Australia and the Pacific region Volker Thomsen, Canada: The Americas Dr. Ibrahim Togola, Director, Mali Folkecenter: Subsahara Africa