



Founded in 1997, HELIO International is an independent, international network of energy analysts whose common goal is to promote sustainable and equitable development. These experts carry out independent assessments of national energy policies and inform decision makers about their effectiveness. They also analyse and advise on ecodevelopment and climate stabilisation.

HELIO International is a non-profit organisation based in Paris, France. It is an accredited observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations Framework Climate Convention (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

HELIO is also a member of numerous, major international networks (see over for list).

## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WATCH (SEW)

SEW is the core activity of HELIO International. SEW's objective is to measure progress towards sustainable energy and development practices nationally, regionally and globally. National reporters and regional coordinators collect and analyse energy data against a series of indicators selected for their relevance, clarity, balance and timeliness.

Using these as benchmarks, the country-level reporters provide an independent view of the national energy scene. Their reports can then be used by governments, industry, NGOs and other stakeholders to promote ecodevelopment through policy development, projects and local activities.

## HELIO ACTIVITIES

**Provides independent input** to the design and implementation of ecodevelopment projects.

**Designs analytical tools** and organises training workshops on energy policy assessment and monitoring.

**Promotes the creation and integration of citizen users' councils** in the energy decision-making process.

**Publishes a periodical report series** on energy sustainability from national, regional and global perspectives (*Sustainable Energy Watch Report*).

**Supports the work of other international energy and development networks** by providing strategic expertise and disseminating information via the HELIO network.

**Maintains a website** that includes SEW reports on national and regional energy developments, information on HELIO projects and relevant energy developments occurring elsewhere.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ■ **Monitoring of SouthSouthNorth (SSN) projects**

SSN is a network of organisations, research institutions and consultants that works with public and private stakeholders to build capacity to reduce poverty in the context of global climate change. SSN has teams in Brazil, South Africa, Tanzania, Mozambique, Bangladesh and Indonesia. HELIO is responsible for monitoring all of SSN's activities and processes. It also provides peer support to the development and achievement of SSN outputs.

### ■ **Consulting on energy and climate projects**

HELIO represents civil society concerns about access to and security of sustainable energy supplies. It also provides technical assistance on externalities assessment and monitoring tools. Current projects include NEEDS, ENCOURAGED and ASIA PRO-ECO China (all mandated by the European Commission).

### ■ **Contributing to the GRI Energy Utilities Sector Supplement**

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) works to make reporting on economic, environmental, and social performance as routine and comparable as financial reporting. Sector-specific supplements complement the core reporting guidelines. HELIO is a member of the working group that is researching and drafting the Energy Utility Sector Supplement.

### ■ **Release of *The Ultimate Challenge: energy for global ecodevelopment***

The 2006 SEW report series benchmarks 18 countries' progress in meeting energy sustainability goals. The global report synthesizes the main findings and lessons learnt as identified by the country-level reporting.

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

HELIO International works with numerous international partners:

- Climate Action Network (CAN Global & Europe)
- ECO-Forum
- eden
- Environnement et Développement Tiers Monde (ENDA-TM-Energie)
- European Environment Bureau (EEB)
- Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD)
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- International Network for Sustainable Energy (INFORSE)
- Institut de l'énergie et l'environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)
- Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)
- Plan Bleu
- Réseau Action Climat-France (RAC)
- SouthSouthNorth (SSN)
- Sustainable Energy Forum (SEF)
- The Sustainable Energy and Economy Network (SEEN-IPS) – Celleno Group

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