



Report on the WEC Youth Congress, Rome 2007

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Promoting the sustainable supply and use of energy for the greatest benefit of all



Outline

- Introduction
- Africa's Participation
- Discussions Sessions
- Conclusions and Recommendations

Introduction

- Participation of Youth from 50 countries
- Provided a platform for sharing views on energy issues
- Also provided a platform for cultural experiences

Africa's Participation

- Africa was represented by 12 Youth Delegates, 5 from SADC
- Total of almost 300 Youth Delegates
- SADC was the most represented
- These numbers were disappointing
- Created a challenge in terms of voicing Africa's concerns
- Africa was united in its views
- Bias towards the views of the developed world

Discussion sessions

- Drafting of a Youth Declaration
- Difficult to agree on which energy issue should receive most attention
- Centered around problems of the developed world
- Better representation of GLOBAL energy issues next time around
- Issues raised by SADC not included in the Youth Declaration

(www.worldenergy.org/news__events/world_energy_congress/rome_2007/958.asp)

Conclusions and recommendations

- Opportunity to understand the extent of global energy issues
- Invaluable cultural experiences
- Unfair representation of African countries
- Should start to prepare for Montreal 2010 immediately and double numbers of SADC Youth
- SADC Youth should take a leading role in Africa
- The world's energy future is in our hands!