Media Technical Briefing

German sustainable energy experiment successes and challenges: Is a similar transition possible in Ontario?

What: Media Technical Briefing with Arne Jungjohan Director for the Environment and Global Dialogue Program, Heinrich Boell Institute (Washington office)

Where: OSEA office, 156 Front Street West, Suite 201, Toronto Ontario

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Time: 9:00am – 9:45 am (EST)

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Background

In Germany, citizens, industry, and politicians are engaged in a 40-year plan known as the "Energiewende" (Energy Revolution) that has resulted in more than 103.4 TWh per year being generated from renewable sources, representing 20% of Germany's energy mix. (By comparison, Ontario consumed around 141.5 TWh in 2011).

Mr. **Arne Jungjohan** will answer questions related to Germany's past successes and bold goals:
- Germany has committed to produce 60% of its gross final energy consumption and 80% of its electricity consumption (by 2050) through renewable energy sources;
- In the aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, the German government has decided to phase out nuclear energy production by 2022;
- The creation of 800,000 well-paying jobs, up from the 360,000 already created through 2011;
- German has a 16% share of the global environmental technology market;
- Improved energy and industry efficiency and emissions.

At 10:00 a.m., following the technical briefing, a free OSEA webinar will be convened, with a panel of German and domestic experts discussing activities in Germany and how the lessons learned can inform choices in Ontario. To register for the webinar, visit: http://ontario-sea.org/Page.asp?PageID=924&ContentID=4137.

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