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SÉMINAIRE

**Energy and Poverty
Increasing access to modern forms of energy**

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Auditoire D 185 - Bâtiment D - Battelle
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DERNIER SÉMINAIRE DU SEMESTRE D'HIVER 2005-06 :

Jeudi 9 février 2006 à 17h.15

Environnement, économie, éthique, J.P. Maréchal, Université de Rennes

❖ *The conference will be given in English* ❖
❖ *La conférence sera donnée en anglais* ❖

The Speaker

John M. Christensen is working for the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) with two functions - Head of the Secretariat for the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNESD) and Director of the UNEP Risoe Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development, which he has been heading since its establishment in 1990. John M. Christensen has worked on energy and development issues in more than 20 countries over the last two decades, he has also been a Bureau member of the IPCC and a lead author in both the IPCC second and third assessments.

The Conference

With a focus on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the seminar will analyse how energy and especially increased access to modern forms of energy can contribute to reaching the MDGs. The global challenges related to 1.6 billion people having no access to electricity and approx. 2.4 billion using traditional biomass technologies for cooking will be discussed in relation to other global challenges in the energy sector like climate change and security of supply. Finally the presentation will outline possible approaches to increasing access with a focus on productive uses while discussing the related investment challenges. Examples of UNEP projects will be presented as examples of possible approaches.

Some references and further reading:

- Energy access – summary for policy makers (www.gnesd.org) or Energy for Sustainable development Journal, special issue on energy access, Dec. 2004.
- UN-energy (2005), The energy challenge for achieving the MDGs.

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