

ISEO Album and Comments from the Johannesburg Summit

ISEO Presentation on 27 August 2002 at the IUCN-WWF Environment Center in Johannesburg



Rio Summit Host, **Prof. José Goldemberg**, chaired the first ISEO session and presented the Brazilian Initiative for concrete renewable energy action with Ministers, Supporters, NGOs and Media attending.

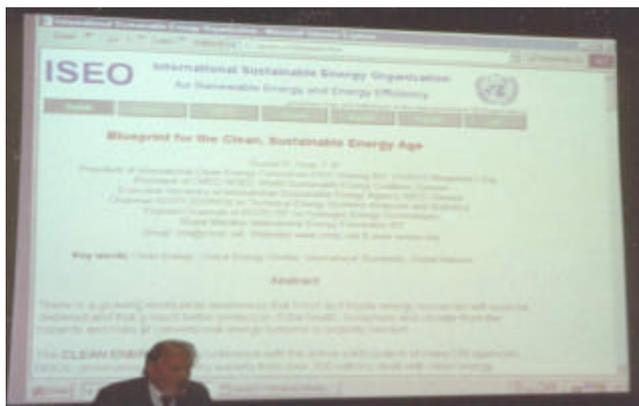
From left: Executive Secretary **Gustav R. Grob**, Geneva, **Robert Farmer**, USA, Professor **José Goldemberg**, Brazil, Professor **Josep Puig**, Spain, explaining the law for the use of roofs for solar energy production in Barcelona and Prof. **Pincas Jawetz**, New York & Austria, introducing the CURE Prompt-book about the protection of the Global Commons.



Delegates from four continents after the historic ISEO session: Asia, Africa, Europe and America



Elena from UN Radio interviewing **Gustav R. Grob**



Executive Secretary **Gustav R. Grob**, Geneva, Switzerland, explaining the ISEO World Network and the Blueprint for the Clean, Sustainable Energy Age



WSSD Plenary Session on the last Summit day: Heads of States and Ministers delivering speeches, showing Swiss ISEO volunteer **Roswitha Grass**



IUCN Commission on Environmental Law Member **Robert Farmer** introduced the Global Energy Charter for Sustainable Development and US perspectives on climate mitigation measures



The overwhelming opening ceremony with South African **President Mbeki** and **Nelson Mandela**

Roswitha Grass: "It is high time to change our minds, develop new ways of thinking, respect everyone and all creation. We must expand our consciousness to become aware that we all are interconnected and that we can save our planet for the benefit of everyone only through sharing and cooperation in the faithful spirit of: **“Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me !”**

Satellite TV Broadcast Panel on 4 September 2002



From left:

Speaking for Asia: Prof. **Mohan Munasinghe**, Chief Energy Advisor to the Government of Sri Lanka and Vice-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change IPCC; former World Bank Officer.

Speaking for Europe and Africa: **Gustav R. Grob**, ISEO Executive Secretary, Chairman of the ISO Committee on Energy Systems Analyses and President of the World Sustainable Energy Coalition CMDC-WSEC, Geneva and ICEC; F.I.P. and IEF.

Speaking for America: Minister **Everton Vargas**, Director General for Environment and Special Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Brazil. Brazil's Chief negotiator in the WSSD Summit.

Speaking for Island States Professor **Al Binger**, Director of the University of the West Indies, Center for Environment & Development, Kingston, Jamaica and Technical Advisor to the Caribbean Community.

Excerpts from the panel introduction speech:

"Gustav Grob, Executive Secretary of ISEO, reporting from Johannesburg about the World Summit on Sustainable Development and discussing the critical energy issue with top energy & environment experts.

Over 50'000 delegates from 191 Nations including some 12'000 Non-Governmental Organizations and media were meeting in Johannesburg during ten days to discuss how planet Earth may be saved from man-made destruction and over-exploitation of nature.

As feared already at the Bali Preparation Commission Meeting three months before Johannesburg, the fatal root of most environmental, health and weather problems – **ENERGY** – was not resolved at all. Besides the general statement that more renewable energies should be developed, neither a time frame nor any implementation targets for the rapid transition to clean, sustainable energy systems are included in the final Johannesburg Summit resolutions.

As noticed already at the Bali PrepCom, the Johannesburg Summit is coming under heavy criticism by the world community and the media, because the energy-related ecological, social and climate issues are again not resolved as at the Rio Summit, with incessantly rising energy pollution.

How can now the cause of most global and local problems be resolved: global warming resulting in sea level rise, flooded coastal areas and drowning ocean islands, lost mangrove forests and wetlands, melting glaciers, ruined ski resorts and river side

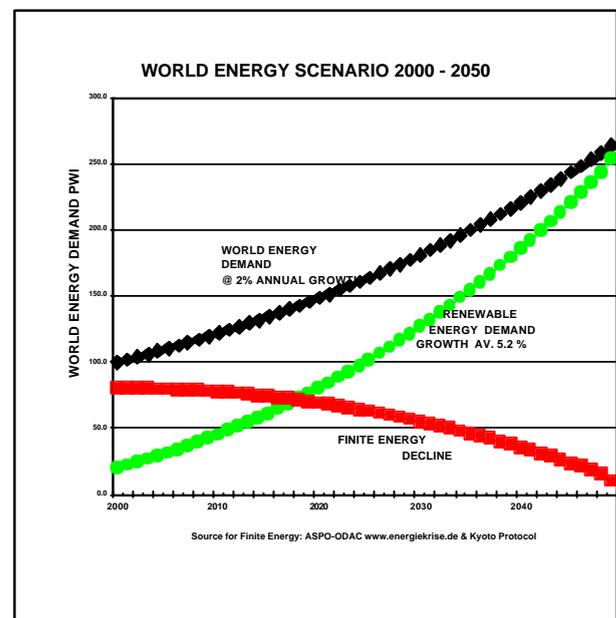
inundations, mountain erosions and land slides; and how can the health, fertility, mortality, biospheres and aquaspheres be protected from fossil energy, causing also oil wars, oil spills and acid rains, spoiling fertile soils, endangering agricultural land and forestry, piscicultures and marine life, food security, drinking water quality and spreading fatal desertification, migrations, trade imbalances etc.

If future generations want to have a chance of survival on our planet, the energy dilemma must be resolved **fast and effectively**. No organization was able to cope with this urgent problem since Rio and decades may be lost again without a mechanism for the rapid transition to **Cleaner Energies**. The effect of the Kyoto Protocol will also be negligible, even if it will be ratified and implemented, because of its time frame and minimal CO₂ reduction obligations.

The new specialized UN agency **International Sustainable Energy Organization ISEO** is now supported by more and more UN Member States, other UN agencies and NGOs to undertake the necessary remedial action on a fast track. The ISEO website www.uniseo.org is now operational and is frequently used. ISEO will become one of the most efficient and effective UN organizations with its rapidly growing world-wide network and implementation partnerships.

We encourage all governments and stakeholders to join forces with ISEO"

All speakers stressed the urgency of changing course towards clean, sustainable energy, as illustrated by the graph of the future energy scenario over the next 50 years.



The "**Blueprint for the Clean, Sustainable Energy Age**" was also presented as a practical means for sustainable energy implementation, according to above future energy scenario – see abstract, contents and order form under the ISEO website www.uniseo.org/blueprint.html.

See <http://www.uniseo.org> for more information on the statute, application form and implementation strategy.

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