



Partnership on Global Climate Change Action between the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Florida



Common Interests

The people of the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Florida are tied through bonds of friendship, commerce, culture, and a mutual respect for liberty and the institutions of democracy. Many current Floridians proudly proclaim their German heritage while Florida remains a favorite vacation destination for German citizens. Our cultures and our institutions have been deeply influenced by the love of our peoples for our respective natural environments. Now we find that the natural beauty of our landscapes is threatened by rapidly growing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere. We share a common interest in protecting the climate that has nurtured modern human society and culture over the past 10,000 years. We share a common interest in acting together to address global climate change.

Common Purpose

The scientific record compels immediate action to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. The Federal Republic of Germany has provided remarkable leadership among the world's nations over the past two decades. The State of Florida is proud to join Germany in calling for immediate world-wide action while taking active steps to reduce our own emissions. The purpose of this statement is to outline an aggressive agenda for partnership that supports the climate policies of each partner and provides mutual economic benefits to the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Florida.

Partnership Agenda

The Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Florida wish to partner the following actions:

- I. We will partner in discussing and promoting concepts for a post 2012 climate regime that builds upon and broadens the Kyoto Protocol in order to protect the planet's climate systems by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.
- II. We will partner to increase climate-friendly commerce between Germany and Florida to bolster our respective economic positions while mutually

benefiting each partner. Areas of particular emphasis could include trade opportunities in renewable and other safe and sustainable energy technologies, products that promote increased energy efficiency throughout the economy, and renewable energy feedstocks.

- III. We will partner to improve our public policies that reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases. Our policy focus could include market-based incentives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase our respective reliance on renewable energy sources, and increase the energy security of each partner. We will explore possible linkages between carbon markets in Florida and Germany.
- IV. We will partner to improve our science in understanding how climate change is affecting our respective economies, our agriculture, our natural resources, our environmental quality, and our public health. Our science partnership could include exchanges of scholars, expertise, and data that mutually benefit our respective scientific communities.
- V. We will partner to improve our technologies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with a particular emphasis on technologies associated with renewable energy generation and storage, energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage, and other advanced energy technologies that may benefit our respective energy sectors.
- VI. We intend to exchange delegations for the purpose of implementing the partnership agenda outlined in this document.

This Joint Declaration of Intent is signed in two copies in the English and German languages.

July 13, 2007, in Miami, Florida in the United States of America.

For the Federal Republic of Germany

For the State of Florida

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