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International Seminar on the Hydrogen Economy for Sustainable Development

The Government of Iceland and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) held an International Seminar on the Hydrogen Economy for Sustainable Development from 27 to 29 September 2006 in Reykjavik.

A hydrogen economy offers an attractive opportunity to developing countries that lack fossil fuel resources but possess renewable energy sources. For instance, small island states that heavily rely on costly imported fuel could become an initial niche market for hydrogen energy systems.

The principal objective of the International Seminar is to provide a forum for experts from the scientific community and academia, representatives of the industry and financing community, strategic planning and policy-making officials from governments, of both developed and developing countries, as well as from international organizations, to discuss technical, policy and financial issues related to hydrogen fuel and sustainable development.

[Opening Address by Mrs. Valgerður Svavarsdóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland.](#)

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