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#### **G8 Energy: Sunday and Monday in Rome 23 ministers from around the world.**

Representing more than 80% of global supply and demand for energy. Focus on energy efficiency and investment to combat climate change to face the crisis and combat poverty.

New collaboration between governments to confront the crisis, to foster investment in major energy projects and promote energy efficiency to speed up development and the use of clean, sustainable technology. These are the objectives of G8 Energy to be held in Rome on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 May as part of Italy's presidency of the G8.

The Rome summit, entitled "Beyond the crisis: towards a new world energy leadership", organised by the Ministry of Economic Development and presided over by the Minister Claudio Scajola, will be the principal world energy event in 2009. The results will be brought for ratification before the Summit of G8 Heads of State and Government in L'Aquila in July.

The Italian capital will welcome 23 energy ministers from the G8 nations and other major world economies, representing overall more than 80% of the planet's supply and demand for energy.

It is essential to respond to global climate change by safeguarding energy security and accessible, competitive prices for energy supplies. Above all the crisis is hitting less developed nations: there is urgent need for a programme of action to address energy poverty. Priority must focus on Africa, where lack of energy resources is one of the prime causes of social instability, uncontrolled migration and epidemics.

The summit schedule will include the Energy Business Forum (EBF), a meeting between the ministers and senior executives from the world's principal energy companies. Opening the summit on Sunday 24 May, the EBF will face the issue of relaunching investment to confront the crisis.

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