

The Italian Minister of Education, Research and University addresses the IGN with a letter of support in November 2006.

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Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

Today's event, which I consider to be of strategic importance in the current international scene, represents the beginning of a new pathway for the scientific, technological, educational and information areas with respect to sustainable development. The main objectives that we want to achieve are highly ambitious, so they require scientific and technological knowledge that only a wide international collaboration can achieve. The matter is a fascinating subject and is very actual: together with the energy it characterizes a big challenge for our near future, not only for the countries represented in this meeting but for the whole world. Nowadays environment and energy are, in fact, part of everyone's conscience and our scope is to aspire to a wealthy future where a healthy and secure quality of life is a must.

Quite often advanced technology has produced, with its extensive development sometimes unscrupulous results which are not always respectful to the environment in which we live. It is now time to focus with great attention, not superficially but extensively with respect to all the problems of the present environmental situation.

The IGN (International Green Network) and its Executive Project look suitable to give a coordinated response to these problems and requests, as the G8 Ministers of Research have already recognized.

Therefore I want to highlight the importance of this initiative and, with my frank appreciation I wish you to reach entirely the objectives necessary to provide wealth and prosperity, both to us and to the whole world.

Respectfully,

Mr. Fabio Mussi.