
IRENA-Workshop on Capacity Building for Renewable Energies

Date: 14 October 2009, 9.a.m. to 5.45 p.m.

Venue: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hamdan Street PO Box 2541, Hotel Front Desk: 971-2-6210000; Room: Emirates C (7th floor)

Objectives: The IRENA Preparatory Commission approved the Interim Work Programme 2009/2010 on 29 June 2009. Following this decision IRENA aims to help its members to develop, enhance, and nurture institutional and individual capabilities to effectively execute a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy. In this respect IRENA will devote particular attention to the sustainable use of all renewable energy sources. The objective of IRENA's 1st workshop on capacity building is to support IRENA in achieving the tasks of the initial work programme, especially:

- To collect experiences in capacity building made by other organisations and institutions
- To identify the need for capacity building for technical and non-technical issues
- To collect suggestions for practical steps to implement IRENA's work programme on capacity building and on how potential synergies with existing programmes and institutions can be exploited
- To establish contact with institutions currently engaged in capacity building for energy issues

Target groups: IRENA invited participation from private and public institutions with experience in capacity building for renewable energies as well as Signatory States of IRENA interested in active participation in the workshop. The total number of envisaged workshop participants is 100.

General workshop outline: The workshop will start with a keynote speech held by IRENA followed by country-specific presentations / speeches by international organisations on experiences with capacity building; three working groups will address specific questions on needs, synergies and further steps; the working groups will present their results to the plenum and finally IRENA will highlight results from its point of view.

Workshop language: English

Costs: No entrance fee, participants cover their travel expenditures

Online-registration tool for participants and programme update at website of Renewables Academy (RENAC): <http://www.renac.de/en/projects/irena-workshop>

Further travel information: see <http://www.renac.de/en/projects/irena-workshop/travel-information/>

Programme

8.00 – 9.00

Registration of participants in front of **Emirates C (7th floor)**

Coffee and get together, **Emirates C (7th floor)**

9.00 – 9.05

Welcome by host country, Mr. Thani Al Zayoudi, UAE-Office for IRENA, UAE

9.05 – 9.10

Organisational aspects of workshop

Antonella Battaglini (Senior scientist at Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and Mike Enskat (Senior Programme Manager Energy for Sustainable Development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GTZ))

9.10 – 9.15

Safety Instructions (Crowne Plaza)

9.15 – 9.30

Keynote speech „IRENA’s role in capacity building for renewable energies“,

Ms. Hélène Pelosse, Director-General of IRENA

Definitions, experiences with capacity building for Renewables energies, potential synergies and cooperation with IRENA, Moderators: Antonella Battaglini (PIK) and Mike Enskat (GTZ)

9.30 – 9.45

UNDP’s experiences with capacity building methodologies,

Mr. Kishan Khoday, Deputy Resident Representative (Programme & Operations), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

9.45 – 10.00

Needs for capacity building for Renewable energies in least developing countries,

Mr. Atef Marzouk, Policy Officer in charge of Renewable Energy, Department Infrastructure and Energy Division, African Union Commission, Ethiopia

10.00 – 10.15

UNESCO’s Experience and Role in Building Capacities for Renewable Energy,

Mr. Benno Boer, Science Officer at the UNESCO Office in Doha

10.15 – 10.30

Questions

10.30 – 10.50

Coffee break

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10.50 – 11.05

Capacity building for renewable energies in development banks,

Mr. Klaus-Peter Pischke, Chief Energy Sector and Policy Division, KfW Development Bank, Germany

11.05 – 11.20

Networks to develop capacities for renewable energies,

Mr. Peter Richards, Senior Advisor International Secretariat Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)

11.20 – 11.30

Questions

11.30 – 11.45

Demand for Capacity building for Renewable Energies,

Ms. Christine Lins, Secretary General of European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)

11.45 – 12.00

Capacity Building Program for Renewables in East Asia with focus on PV

Mr. Yuji Nakata, Director of New Energy Technology and Development Department of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), Japan

12.00 – 12.10

Questions

12.10 – 12.20

Tasks of working groups A, B and C

Moderators: Antonella Battaglini (PIK) and Mike Enskat (GTZ)

12.20 – 12.30

Group photo, Emirates C (7th floor)

12.30 – 2.00

Lunch (buffet); 9th floor

2.00 – 3.45

Working groups session

Working Group A “Capacity building for renewable industry sectors / technology” *), Moderators: Mr. St. John Hoskyns, Renewable and Alternative Energy, International Energy, British Department of Energy & Climate Change and Mr. Yuji Nakata, Director of New Energy Technology and Development Department of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO); **Emirates B (7th floor)**,

Working Group B “Capacity building for the legal and administrative framework” *), Moderators: Mr. Abubakar S Sambo, Director-General Energy Commission of Nigeria and Mr. Berthold Breid, CEO Renewables Academy (RENAC); **Emirates C (7th floor)**,

Working Group C “Capacity building for the financing sector” *), Moderators: Mr. Klaus-Peter Pischke, Chief Energy Sector and Policy Division, KfW Development Bank, Germany and Mr. Gerard Reid, CEO Ardour Capital Investments International; **9th floor**

3.45 - 4.30

Coffee break; Room: *Emirates C (7th floor)*

Moderator’s prepare working group report; *Emirates A (7th floor)*

4.30 – 5.30

Reports of the moderators of the working groups; *Emirates C (7th floor)*

4.30 – 4.40

Working group A “Capacity building for renewable industry sectors / technology”

4.40 – 4:50

Working group B “Capacity building for the legal and administrative framework”

4.50 - 5.00

Working group C “Capacity building for the financing sector”

5.00 – 5.30

Questions and discussion

5.30 – 5.45

Summary and remarks on lessons learnt for further steps, H  l  ne Pelosse, IRENA

5.45

End of workshop