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Agenda

Energy Subsidy Reform and Sustainable Development: Challenges for Policy Makers Wrap-up

SANTIAGO, CHILE, 27TH – 28TH MARCH 2001
(VENUE: UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION ON LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN)

Day 1:

8:45 AM **Registration**

9:15 AM **Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Workshop**

Chair: Hans Joergen Koch, Director, Energy Efficiency, Technology and R&D, IEA

Vivian Blanlot, Executive Secretary of the National Energy Commission (CNE), Chile
Welcoming remarks

Mohammad Reza Salamat, Co-Chair, Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development of the Commission on Sustainable Development
CSD 9 and Rio + 10 perspectives and expectations

Hussein Abaza, Chief, Economics and Trade Unit (ETU), UNEP, Switzerland
Expectation from this meeting

José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC)
ECLAC's interest in this process

10:30 AM **Coffee Break**

- 11:00 AM **Session I: Subsidy Reform: Overview and Regional Perspectives**
Overview of the broad energy context, what is meant by subsidy reform and reports from earlier regional workshops in Europe (OECD and Economies in Transition), Africa and Asia
- Chair:** Canadian Government Representative (tbc)
- Fatih Birol, Head, Energy Analysis Division, IEA
The energy future: a context for energy subsidy reform
- Jan Pieters, Ministry of the Environment, Netherlands
Background information on energy subsidy systems and policy reform
- Gábor Szörényi, Deputy Director, Hungarian Energy Office/ MEH
Results and recommendations from Paris workshop
- Wisdom Ayataku-Tobogo, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ghana
Results and recommendations arising from the Durban workshop
- Hoetomo, Bureau for Planning and International Cooperation, Indonesia
Subsidy strategies and policies for Indonesia, results and recommendations from the Bangkok workshop
- Discussion
- 12:30 PM **Lunch**
- 14:00 PM **Session II: Latin America – Energy Subsidies: Rationale and Effectiveness**
Why energy subsidies, what initial goals and what results of existing systems? This session will present an overview of national subsidy systems, reasoning behind their existence, the consequences on market penetration of new technologies and the creation of niche markets. Fossil fuel, renewable, direct and indirect subsidy systems will be discussed. Debate will cover the economic, environmental and social reasons for putting these subsidies into place, and the extent to which these goals have been achieved.
- Chair:** Hugo Altomonte, Economics Affairs Officer, ECLAC
- Pedro Antmann, Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)
Electricity subsidies in Latin America and Caribbean
- Gloria Villa de la Portilla, Director, Energy Division, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
National energy subsidies and sustainable development
- Gilberto Jaime, Advisor to the Energy and Mines Planning Unit, Colombia
Effects of the national energy law on energy subsidies
- 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:30 Juan de la Cruz Tineo, Chief Technology and Foreign Investment Division, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Venezuela
Subsidy policies to provide rural energy services

Pedro Luna Tovar, Directorate General of Pricing & Tariffs (DGAPT), Mexico
Subsidy policies to provide rural energy services

Roberto Kozulj, Bariloche Foundation, Argentina
Counter point perspective

Rina Rodríguez, Director, Secretariat of Natural Resources and Environment
Energy pricing and subsidies in Honduras

18:00 Discussion

20:30 **Cocktail/Dinner**

Day 2

9:00 AM **Session III: Latin America – Impacts & Challenges associated to Subsidy Reform**
Based on past and current experiences of several countries, this session will address the direct and indirect social, economic and environmental effects of reforming subsidies with a specific focus on challenges for such reform.

Chair: Gustavo Ainchil, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations

Ing. Víctor Hugo Paredes, Professor, Geology, Mines and Petroleum Faculty, Central University of Ecuador

Solange Duhart, Head, Rural Electrification Program,
Jose Antonio Ruiz, National Commission for Electricity,
Chile Petroleum Prices Stabilization Fund

Roberto Schaeffer, Professor, Energy Planning Program, Rio de Janeiro Federal University.
Energy pricing and subsidies in Brazil

Jorge Rogat, UNEP Collaborating Centre on Energy and the Environment (UNCCEE)
The economic and environmental effects of removing fuel and coal subsidies in Latin America: case study for Chile

10:30 **Coffee Break**

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Guillermo Castillo, President, Northern Central Electricity Transmission Company,
Peru
Challenges for energy reform

Gerardo Rabinovich, Director Technical Department, Argentinean Institute of Energy,
Argentina
Effects of energy market liberalisation

Discussion

- 12:00 **Session IV: Private Sector Perspectives**
This session will aim to broaden discussions on how subsidies and subsidy reform can affect the economic environment, focussing on Latin America. Private and financial sector issues will be discussed during this session.
- Chair:** Gloria Piña, Director, Venezuelan National Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC)
- Jorge Salvatierra, Senior Investment Officer, Renewable Energy Efficiency Fund (REEF), EIF
- Alberto López, Corporate Business Manager, ENERSIS (ENDESA) España
- Enrique Birhuett, ESMAP/WB Rural Energy Project, Vice Ministry of Energy and Fuels, Bolivia
- 13:30 **Lunch**
- 15:00 **Wrap-Up, Recommendations for Latin America, CSD9 and Rio +10**
Summary of outcomes from the sessions by the chairs, discussions on Latin America specific recommendations. Then, panellists will be asked to provide views on expectations from CSD9 with a particular focus on: how the recommendations from the regional UNEP/IEA workshops can help advance discussions, particular regional issues and concerns, and possible follow up post-CSD 9 in the lead up to Rio+10.
- Chair:** Kristi Varangu, Principal Administrator, IEA
- Wrap-up by session chairs
- 16:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:45 **Panelists**
- Multi stakeholder dialogue:*
 Deling Wang, NGO Energy & Climate Change Caucus
 Gloria Piña, Director, Venezuelan National Commission of the WEC
- Expectations for CSD 9 and Rio + 10*
 Mohammad Reza Salamat, Co-Chair, Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development of the CSD
- Gustavo Ainchil, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations
- Discussion
- 18:30 **Adjournment**