



Energy+ Partnership Meeting Rio, 20 June 2012 Minutes

Venue: Windsor Atlantica Hotel, Avenida Atlantica 1020, Rio de Janeiro

Time: Wednesday 20th June, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Participants:

Yannick Glemarec, UNDP
Venkat Putti, ESMAP, World Bank
Vanessa Miler, France
S. Chander, ADB
Einar Telnes, Norway
Dag Høystad, Friends of the Earth
Stefan Schurig, World Future Council
Jin.Gyu Oh, Korea Energy Economics Institute
Robert Ddamulira, WWF
Voahirana Randriambola, WWF
Simon Trace, Practical Action
Terje Kronen, Norway
Ole A. Lindeman, Norway
Hans Olav Ibrekk. Norway

1. Welcome and brief presentation of participants

Ambassador Lindeman wished welcome and all participants introduced themselves. No item under any other business was tabled.

2. Status of the International Energy and Climate - Energy+ Partnership

A brief status update was given – highlights:

- New Minister of International Development Cooperation – Heikki Holmås
 - No change of priorities, on the contrary
- SE4ALL – moved access to energy high up on the political agenda – pivotal moment for all of us. Noted in the Rio Declaration

Update on Partners:

- No active work to get new partners. Grown organically. Now about 45 partners and several in process. Updated list will be posted on the website.

- Challenge: define a role of partners, engage in developing the approach/methodology, develop country level partnerships

Analytical work:

- Technical Working Group comprised of representatives of about 18-20 partners.
- Report prepared outlining the key features of Energy+. Draft has been circulated. Final version available.
- Sectoral Working Group. Met in Durban. Agreed to a work program. Meetings with the World Bank and IEA. Aim to develop a new market mechanism – sectoral approach – different views on this among agencies. Will continue the work.
- Three phased approach operationalized through the country level agreements.

Private sector roundtables

- DC November 11
- Nairobi March 12
- Minutes circulated to all partners

Interim Working Group:

- Durban – focus on status update, analytical work – agreed to a program which ESMAP will be undertaking – updating renewable energy handbook – outreach package – reduce transaction costs for renewable energy projects.
- Abu Dhabi – focused on the relationship between Energy+ and SE4All
 - Energy+ a key delivery vehicle for increased access in developing countries through the use of RE and EE.
 - Working closely with the SE4ALL initiative.
- Manila – discussed the report of the TWG and institutional/organizational issues

Energy+ Donor Group:

- Two telecons – update on status
- Meeting in Bonn, February – Energy+ and SE4ALL, donor modalities and coordination

Information and outreach:

- Presented Energy+ at many international meetings and conferences, including here in Rio – Global Compact 18 June
- Website – ready to be launched – www.energypluspartnership.no
- Showcasing Energy+ country level agreements – side event 21 June, 3.30 – 5 pm, EU pavilion.

NGO update

- Meeting in Rio. Active dialogue with NGOs in Nairobi and in Norway. A key issue is the role NGOs can play in the initiative

Participants took note of the status update.

Update from partners:

- UNDP: Develop a model to assess public policies in order to reduce risks for investors. Country examples from South Africa, Kenya, Mongolia and Panama. Model and report to be released and made publically available most likely in August. Energy+ partners could undertake peer review of the model.

- World Future Council: Provide an updated on their work on FiT. The ensuing discussions highlighted that there are different opinions on the role of FiT and it was recommended that this issue should be discussed further at the next partnership meeting.
- France: Provided an update on the Paris-Nairobi Climate Initiative.
- ADB – highlighted the need to clarify whether the objective was access or use of renewables.
- Practical Action . Provided an update on the access to energy indicator work with ESMAP and UNDP.
- Korea: Provided information on Korea's experiences and the linkage between Green Growth and renewable energy. Expressed also the Korean government's strong interest in Energy+.
- Norway: Reorganization and strengthening of Norad. Study on business models for energy efficiency carried out and will be distributed.
- Friends of the Earth: Addressed the challenge that too few NGOs act as service providers and at the same time are policy actors.
- WWF: Stated that they undertake both functions. Highlighted that sustainable energy = renewable energy

3. Update on Energy+ country level agreements

Partnerships launched at COP17 in Durban:

- South African Renewable Energy initiative (SARi) – announced support with UK, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and the EIB
- India – renewable energy fund based on reverse auctioning. UK is partner

Partnerships launched in Rio:

- Ethiopia – five year program NOK 500 million – increased access in rural areas, initial focus on cookstoves – a CRGE priority.
- Kenya – five year program NOK 250 million – reduced use of kerosene – initial focus on pv and cookstoves.
- Liberia – five year program NOK 100 million – initial focus on developing a comprehensive energy and climate strategy.
- Project development facility with the ADB, Blue Moon Fund and WWF
- Working with the Clinton Foundation to develop a diesel replacement program for SIDS

Tentative plans for 2012 and 2013:

- Strong interest from Nepal, Tanzania and Mozambique
- Encourage other partners to develop similar programs in other countries.

Participants expressed strong support for the achievements.

4. Brief discussion on the Energy+ Country Partnership Strategy

The document is directed to current and potential Partners of the Energy+ Partnership. Its purpose is to highlight the innovative features of the country-level

implementation strategy being pursued with a number of developing governments committed to transforming their respective energy sectors. The strategy is fully cognizant of and embrace the risks of promoting innovative approaches to energy sector transformation given that current international financing approaches have failed to produce the models, approaches and mechanisms to accelerate fundamental change in this sector so central to climate change and development objectives.

The brief document is divided into three main sections.

- First, it identifies many of the challenges that must be addressed to transform energy sectors in which commercial enterprise must play the dominant role in the long-term. These challenges emerge from background analysis and recent Energy+ consultations with private investors and entrepreneurs who have identified principal barriers that impede and further discourage commercial investment in developing countries.
- Second, we sketch out the three principal instruments proposed for national-level implementation strategies under the aegis of Energy+. Those instruments include the three-phase approach, results-based financing and the national energy registry.
- To close, the document offers a brief guidance note relating to country partnerships, MRV and the role of carbon finance.

Participants took note of the document since there was no time for discussion. The report has been circulated to all partners.

5. Next steps

- Timetable and next partnership meeting
 - Proposal: CIF Forum, Turkey, November 2012
 - Key agenda item – organizational/institutional issues – is there a need to formalize the partnership and establish formal processes and structures?
 - Show case country level agreements
 - Energy+ prospectus – invite partners to discuss and form Energy+ country level partnerships.

The proposal to convene the next partnership meeting in Turkey in November was supported.

6. AOB

No item.