

Note on the second workshop programme

Project of energy conservation indicators in the countries of southern shore of the Mediterranean

Second Workshop, Follow up on Data Collection

Cairo - April 6-7, 2011

Background

The design, the implementation or the monitoring of any energy conservation policy in a country, at the national or sectoral level, require relevant indicators which reflect the reality of the energy performances of the socio-economic activities. In addition, for the developing countries in general and those of southern of Mediterranean sea in particular, the implementation of information systems on energy conservation indicators and their counterparts as regards greenhouse gas emissions will be a key condition for the development of NAMAs¹ within the framework of the current negotiations on climate. Also for the National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP), that are being prepared as part of the Arab Energy Efficiency Directive, accepted by the Electricity Ministers Council of the League of Arab States, last November 2010, the Energy Indicators are essential for follow up and evaluation.

For this reason the Plan Bleu, in partnership with RCREEE, launched this project on 10 south Mediterranean countries, namely: Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Libya, Palestine, and Tunisia. Yemen is also involved in the study as a tenth member state of RCREEE.

The main objective of this project is to develop energy efficiency indicators and to interpret them for the whole region. The indicators will be, as far as possible, similar to those developed in the EU countries. For this purpose, an Excel database will be prepared and filled by national experts selected in the various partner countries.

This activity is in coherence with one of the main strategic objectives of the Plan Bleu which consists in: to define and give information on, using indicators, a monitoring framework of energy efficiency in the Mediterranean. In turn, the system itself conforms to the mandate that the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention gave to Plan Bleu.

This Project also contributes to the joint activities of RCREEE and MED ENEC regarding the development of National Energy Efficiency Action Plans as mentioned above, and future follow up on monitoring by RCREEE of the energy efficiency measures implementation and improvement.

The implementation of this project is based on the contribution of 10 national experts appointed by Plan Bleu, whose primary mission is collecting data and developing indicators in each target country, in close collaboration with the focal points of RCREEE. These focal points representing the energy agencies or statistics departments are officially appointed by the Member States to help the national expert in data collection and to build the nucleus of the network "EE data and indicators". This Network assures continuity and sustainability of calculating EE indicators and evaluation of energy efficiency policies in regard to Arab EE Guidelines and related NEEAP.

The 10 National experts and the 10 National focal points make up "the working group" of the project. Regional coordination of the project is ensured by Rafik Missaoui, from Alcor.

¹ Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions

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The project is organized into the following main activities to build capacity of national experts and RCREEE focal points in calculation EE indicators as well as assessing EE measures and policies:

1. A kick-off workshop with the 10 country experts and the 10 national focal points in charge of energy statistics. (January 6-7 2011, in Tunis Tunisia.)
2. Provide an Excel database for data collection, (February 2011.)
3. Data collection by the national experts with the support of the focal points at the partner countries level (ongoing)
4. Hotline assistance for the country experts by the project manager
5. Organization of a mid-term workshop for the assistance of the working group (mentioned above). Planned on April 6-7, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt
6. Organization of a second mid-term workshop for the validation of data and calculated indicators
7. Creation, if possible, of a web-based database allowing a user-friendly consultation of data and elaborated indicators
8. Organization of a final seminar of findings restitution on the results , targeting the decision-makers in the region
9. Publication and dissemination by Plan Bleu, RCREEE and MED-ENEC of the EE indicators in the Mediterranean Region.

Presentation of the second workshop

Date and place from the second workshop

The "Project of energy conservation indicators in the countries of southern shore of the Mediterranean and MENA" Second workshop, under Plan Bleu and RCREEE coordination, with MED ENEC support will be held on 6-7 April 2011 in Cairo (Egypt)

RCREEE, whose headquarters are in Cairo, proposes to host and organize this second meeting within the hotel Tiba Rose- Air defense House-Heliopolis.

Objective and contents of the workshop

This second workshop agenda (see attached preliminary program) will be divided in two days and will look at the data collected during the first stage, the indicators' calculation tool that was chosen during the first workshop and the difficulties encountered by the teams.

Participants

- The 10 country experts and 10 focal points (see list of participants).
- Representative of Plan Bleu: El Habib El Andaloussi
- Representative of RCREEE: Amel Bida
- Representative of MED-ENEC : Florentine Visser
- Representative of Plan Bleu focal point in Egypt : Gehan El-Sakka (Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency -EEAA)
- Representative of AFD-Egypt : Anne-Sophie KERVELLA

The opening session will be honored by the presence of :

- Eng Samir Hassan : RCREEE Executive Director
- Dr Ahmed Badr: European Union Delegation Representative in Egypt.
- Dr Laila Georgy Youssef : Vice-Chairman of NREA.