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Baku, Azerbaijan - (18-21 OCTOBER 2016)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY / REGIONAL SEMINAR ON:
«Enabling Policies to Promote Financing Renewable Energy Investments»

19-20 October 2016

Economic And Social Commission For Western Asia / United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

**OVERVIEW OF THE UN DA PROJECT ON
“PROMOTING RE INVESTMENTS FOR CCM & SD”
AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES FROM THE SEMINAR**



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Promoting renewable energy investments for climate change mitigation and sustainable development (2015-2017)

- Implemented by ESCWA (lead agency) and UNECE

Objective

Capacity building for development of RE investment projects.

Assist UN ESCWA & UN ECE Member States to strengthen capacities in attracting investments in RE projects in the context of climate change mitigation and sustainable development.

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Expected accomplishments

- Improved capacity of government officials/ national financial institutions / national energy experts / project developers / to develop RE investment projects in private and public sectors
- Improved capacity for governments to adopt policies & measures to improve opportunities for banks & commercial companies to invest in RE projects through the development of new financing mechanisms

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Main activities:

- a) Technical assistance to national officials & experts: 2 regional trainings in “RE project development, finance and business planning” (Yerevan-Armenia, 2015 / Rabat-Morocco, 2016) + guidebook for project developers prepared by ESCWA
- b) Individual technical assistance to project developers in preparing bankable project documents : Investment project pipeline (Activity in progress in both regions)
- c) Review of project pipeline & knowledge on RE investment projects (regulatory & policy requirements / technical aspects) for attracting and implementing investments (foreign/national capital): A joint regional workshop in Astana, Kazakhstan, Jun 2017

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Main activities (continued):

- d) Case studies on RE policy reforms: 4 case studies in each region (Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco & UAE / Georgia, Kazakhstan, Serbia & Ukraine):
Work being finalized
- e) Capacity strengthening of national & local policymakers in promoting RE investments: A joint regional seminars on RE policy reforms (This present seminar in Baku, Azerbaijan, October 2016) + dissemination of case studies' reports
- f) Online platform for knowledge sharing, information & compilation of best practices & lessons learned: Coordination underway with IRENA to integrate objectives/features of platform in new version of "IRENA's SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MARKETPLACE" web site
- g) End-of-project workshop to bring together officials & selected project developers from the 2 regions along with major domestic & foreign investors: November 2017

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DA Project Advisory Board:

Accompany the project activities, provide feedback on outputs / strategic insights to project developers

- **Composition:** Distinguished experts / 6 Members
- **Tasks:**
 - ✓ Feedback on RE policy case studies reports.
 - ✓ Review RE project proposals / strategic insights to project developers to enhance access to financial resources.
 - ✓ Provide information on existing financing opportunities.
 - ✓ Provide feedback on other project's outputs.
 - ✓ Participate, as experts/resource persons, in project events

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Regional Seminar on: «Enabling Policies to Promote Financing Renewable Energy Investments», 19-20 October 2016

Jointly organized by ESCWA and UNECE in Baku, Azerbaijan /
Framework of 7th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable
Development International Conference on Renewable Energy (ICoRE)
→ *Closing Session of RE Seminar = Session 3 of ICoRE*

Objectives:

Focus on policy reforms that can promote financing of RE investments
/ Strengthening capacity of national & local policymakers in both
regions :

- ✓ Examine the impact of policy reforms through 8 case studies of UN ESCWA and ECE Member Countries (4 in each)
- ✓ Better understanding of role of institutional & policy frameworks in promoting RE investments
- ✓ Required or desirable changes to existing policy, legal & regulatory frameworks to more favourable RE investment climate

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Topics of the Seminar:

- The Dynamics of Renewable Energy Policies Development
 - Presentation and panel discussions of the 8 case studies conducted by UN ESCWA and UN ECE in 8 MC: Lessons learnt and ways to improve the RE regulatory & institutional environment to promote financing of RE
- Case Studies' Countries :**
- ✓ ESCWA MC: Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco & UAE
 - ✓ UNECE MC : Georgia Kazakhstan, Serbia & Ukraine
- The role of policy reforms in promoting RE investments

Other Topics: (ICoRE)

- Tracking progress of renewable energy uptake and synergies with energy efficiency (Session 1)
- Best practices on how to increase the uptake of renewable energy (Session 2)

Link to UN DA project:

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