

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

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Decision on the Fund for Developing Country Representatives

The Assembly,

Recalling that the accomplishment of the mission of IRENA, and the achievement of its objectives in promoting the widespread and increased adoption and the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, requires the broadest possible participation of all IRENA Members in the Agency's decision-making processes;

Recalling also that the Assembly established the Fund for Developing Country Representatives (FDCR) with decision A/2/DC/11, and underlined that the effective participation of both developed and developing countries in the work of IRENA will continue to be one of the major strengths of the Agency, as it will result in a high level of inclusiveness, ownership and transparency in the activities of the Agency;

Having considered the current financial status of the Fund, financial shortfalls experienced, financial projections for future meetings, as well as experience gained during the application of the FDCR;

Taking note of calls to broaden the scope of the FDCR and to consider funding developing countries beyond the list of Least Developed Countries (LDC) and Small Developing Island States (SIDS), while *mindful* of the limited resources available, as well as the absence of a universal definition for “developing” country;

Mindful of the need to further enhance inclusiveness in Agency activities by enabling the fullest possible participation, based on available funds;

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on the Fund for Developing Country Representatives (FDCR) as contained in A/3/8, which has been prepared for submission to the Assembly pursuant to a request by the Council at its fourth meeting;

Decides to

1. Modify the funding criteria set out in decision A/2/DC/11 to read as follows:
 - a. Eligibility for funding is limited to Members of IRENA that fall under the category of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) as per UN definition.
 - b. Eligible Member State representatives of the rank of Minister or above would be funded to fly business class, regardless of flight time, subject to availability of resources to fund all eligible delegations participating in the particular meeting. Other delegates would fly economy class unless they are Head of Delegation in which case the Head of Delegation would fly business class in flights over 9 hours, subject to availability of resources for all eligible delegates.
 - c. The Agency will provide accommodation, meals, and airport-hotel transfers in the UAE for the eligible delegates, and will seek to obtain the best possible rates for these services.
 - d. FDCR funding would support two delegates per eligible Member delegation to the Assembly, subject to the availability of resources. In case of funding shortfalls, priority would be given to funding one delegate per eligible Member, and in case of further shortfall, funding would be prioritized on the basis of the date and time that the Agency received completed registration and a completed formal request for funding from the requesting Member.
 - e. FDCR funding would support one delegate per eligible delegation for members of the Council and subsidiary bodies for meetings of these bodies.
2. Keep under review the matter of broadening the scope of FDCR to include funding developing countries beyond the list of LDCs and SIDS;
3. Call on Members to support FDCR through voluntary contributions.