

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Fifth meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 24-25 June 2013

**Chair's Summary of the Outcome of the
Programme and Strategy Committee Meeting**

Context: Pursuant to decision A/1/DC/10/Rev.1, the Programme and Strategy Committee met to review and provide recommendations to the Council on the progress in implementing the Work Programme and Budget 2013 (C/5/CRP/5), and in discussing the Preliminary Framework for the Work Programme and Budget 2014-2015 (C/5/2).

Objective: The main objective of this meeting was to review the progress in implementing the Work Programme and Budget 2013, and priority themes for the Council's consideration in its deliberation on the Preliminary Framework for the Work Programme and Budget 2014-2015.

Outcome: A set of views and comments captured by the Chair in his summary below to be presented to the Council at its meeting on 24 June 2013.

The following views and comments were made by participants.

1. Work Programme and Budget 2013 (WPB2013)

- Welcome progress made by IRENA since its establishment, as well as in the implementation of the Work Programme Budget 2013.
- Welcome the increased number of activities directly related to meeting countries needs in response to their requests.
- Support IRENA's effective engagement with partners to ensure maximum value added and avoid duplication.
- Recognize efforts made by the Secretariat on communication and outreach, and stress the need for further enhancement.
- Encourage the Secretariat to engage collaboratively with Members to communicate IRENA's work.
- Encourage the assessment of impact of IRENA's programmatic activities.

2. Preliminary Framework for Work-Programme and Budget for 2014-2015

- Welcome collaboration with regions and encourage the geographical expansion of the regional work. Specifically, regional activities should be expanded in the Latin American and the Caribbean region and Asia.
- Encourage sub-regional work to provide tailor-made support and solutions for countries, including renewable energy status reports and regional seminars in cooperation with regional organizations.
- Continue to engage with stakeholders and partners to ensure synergy and complementarity with other activities.
- Propose activities that countries could support with additional voluntary contributions.
- Continue to engage in activities that promote links to the use of renewables to broader development goals.

2.1 Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre (KPFC)

- Welcome the activities in addressing the critical issues around policy design, socio-economic and environmental impacts of renewable energy deployment.
- Welcome the plans to continue the work on rural energy, including on financial models around mini-grids.

- Create a hub for exchange of best practice and policy implementation to support the creation of an enabling environment.
- Encourage engagement with multilateral and regional financial institutions, as well as the private sector, to stimulate investment.

2.2 IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre (IITC)

- Welcome the plans for the development of end-use sector roadmaps within REMAP as an important part of IRENA's engagement with developed and emerging economies.
- Encourage the countries to contribute to the development of REMAP and in supporting the Costing Alliance.
- Welcome the proposed work for energy storage and grids, standards, costing, and energy planning.
- Recommend that additional work be done on specific technology issues around transport solutions, marine technologies and desalination.

2.3 Country Support and Partnerships

- Welcome the work on islands and encourage GREIN to initiate additional clusters, tourism in particular.
- Invite IRENA to contribute to regional, intra-regional and global initiatives, including by supporting the SE4ALL efforts and the SIDS Global Conference in Samoa in 2014.
- Facilitate exchange of experiences and cross-pollination between countries and regions.
- Encourage further work in regions, including the Americas, Asia and Eastern Europe.
- Promote the work of KPFC and IITC through the development of projects on the ground.