



Renewables Readiness Assessment for the Republic of Paraguay Validation Workshop

10 & 11 May 2021

Venue: Hotel Crown Plaza, Asunción, Paraguay and IRENA Zoom Platform

Background

The Ministry of Public Works and Communications of Paraguay, represented by the Vice Ministry of Mines and Energy and in cooperation with IRENA, is developing a Renewable Readiness Assessment (RRA) for Paraguay. The assessment has identified key actions that would help accelerate renewable energy development and deployment in the country.

Through a consultation process, the RRA has identified main challenges hindering the development of the sector and outlined a series of recommendations to help strengthen the national energy sector institutions and their governance; enhance energy policy, regulatory framework and long-term planning for the renewable energy sector; promote institutional coordination and the use of renewable energy beyond the power sector; foster the investment on renewable energy technologies; and reinforce the continuous creation of institutional and professional capacities in Paraguay. In addition, it has proposed the necessary actions to facilitate the renewable energy transition through a wide range of stakeholders.

As part of the RRA Paraguay process, a two-day Validation Workshop will be organised jointly by IRENA and the Vice Ministry of Mines and Energy on 10 – 11 May 2021 in hybrid¹ format. The objective of this workshop is to present and discuss the recommendations identified throughout the RRA process, and validate them with national and regional energy stakeholders, aiming for them to capture in a holistic manner the different aspects hindering the wide deployment of renewable energy in Paraguay.

The workshop will bring together relevant renewable energy stakeholders in Paraguay, including development partners in the country, and will involve a series of plenary sessions intended to maximise active contribution of participants; discussions will be based on the key topics identified during the consultation process and the outcomes will provide input towards finalising the RRA report for Paraguay.

¹ Energy stakeholders in Paraguay will be gathered in one location, during the RRA validation workshop to maximise participation.



AGENDA – 10 May 2021

8:45 – 9:00	Welcoming
9:00 – 9:30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Maria Antonia Gwynn, ITAIPÚ advisor</i> - <i>Félix Sosa Giménez, President, ANDE</i> - <i>Gurbuz Gonul, Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships, IRENA</i>
9:30 – 9:45	Sustainable Energy Agenda 2019-2023 of Paraguay <i>Gustavo Casal, Director of Alternative Energies, Vice-Ministry of Mines and Energy</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Energy and human development in Paraguay <i>Silvia Morimoto, Country Representative, UNDP</i>
10:00 – 10:10	Plenary Session: Setting the scene for discussions topics <i>Fabian Barrera, IRENA</i>
Discussion on the recommendations for addressing the main barriers hindering the deployment of renewable energy in Paraguay	
<i>Moderator: Felipe Mitjans, Director of Energy Resources, Vice-Ministry of Mines and Energy</i>	
10:10 – 11:10	Session I: Strengthen energy institutions and governance <i>Action 1. Create an energy committee to ensure the implementation of the national energy policy</i> <i>Action 2. Increase regulatory capacity and transparency</i> <i>Action 3. Streamline administrative procedures when granting permits and concessions</i> <i>Fernando Anaya, International Consultant, IRENA</i> Discussions
11:10 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 12:20	Session II: Enhance energy policy, long-term planning and regulatory framework for the renewable energy sector <i>Action 4. Develop a cross-cutting strategy considering the link with the SDGs and climate action</i> <i>Action 5. Define renewable energy targets</i> <i>Action 6. Strengthen long-term energy planning</i> <i>Action 7. Assess the regulatory framework in order to unlock the wide adoption of renewable energy technologies</i> <i>Fabian Barrera, IRENA</i> Discussions
12:20-13:00	Session III: Promote energy efficiency <i>Action 8. Develop an energy efficiency legislation including guidelines for policy, incentives and action plans implementation.</i> <i>Action 9. Raise public awareness about the responsible use of energy and adoption of energy efficiency</i> <i>Fabio Lucantonio, Local Consultant, IRENA</i> Discussions



13:00 – 13:15	Wrap-up of the Day <i>José Torón, IRENA</i>
From 13:15	Lunch

AGENDA – 11 May 2021

8:55 – 9:00	Welcoming
9:00 – 9:10	Plenary Session: Setting the scene for discussions topics <i>Fabian Barrera, IRENA</i>
Discussion on the recommendations for addressing the main barriers hindering the deployment of renewable energy in Paraguay <i>Moderator: Felipe Mitjans, Director of Energy Resources, Vice-Ministry of Mines and Energy</i>	
9:10-10:00	Session IV: Promote institutional coordination and the use of renewable energy beyond the power sector <i>Action 10. Strengthen institutional coordination</i> <i>Action 11. Increase support for the adoption of low carbon technologies</i> <i>Action 12. Development of information on the potencial of renewable energy</i> <i>Fernando Anaya, International Consultant, IRENA</i> Discussions
10:00-10:45	Session V: Foster the investment on renewable energy technologies <i>Action 13. Creation of direct incentives and financial mechanisms for green investments</i> <i>Action 14. Creation of a specific financial mechanism and guarantees for renewable energy and energy efficiency.</i> <i>José Torón, IRENA</i> Discussions
10:45 – 10:55	Break
10:55-11:45	Session VI: Reinforce the continuous creation of institutional and human capacities <i>Action 15. Mapping workforce and skills demand</i> <i>Action 16. Address priority energy capacities</i> <i>Fernando Anaya, International Consultant, IRENA</i> <i>Fabian Barrera, IRENA</i> Discussions
11:45 – 12:00	Closing and Conclusions <i>Felipe Mitjans, Director of Energy Resources, Vice-Ministry of Mines and Energy</i> <i>Binu Parthan, Head of Regions , IRENA</i>
From 12:00	Lunch