FACT SHEET:
THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

WHO WE ARE

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation that supports countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future. We promote the widespread adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy in the pursuit of sustainable development and energy security.

WHAT WE DO

IRENA provides a global voice for renewable energy by serving as a:

» center of excellence and knowledge on renewable energy;
» renewable energy advisory resource for countries;
» network hub of country, regional and global programmes.

Our support includes the provision of:

» renewable energy data and statistics;
» advice on best practices, policy development, etc.;
» insights on financial mechanisms and technological expertise;
» capacity building programmes;
» a large library of publications and other resources.

EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

Knowledge products:

» REsource: A search engine for IRENA’s renewable energy data and analysis. Users can find country-specific data and create customised charts and graphs.

» Costing: Reliable data and analysis on the cost and performance of all forms of renewable energy.

» Global Atlas for Renewable Energy: An online platform mapping renewable energy resources, country by country, to aid in the discovery and development of renewable energy projects.

» REmap 2030: A report determining the realistic potential for countries, regions and the world to double the global share of renewable energy

» REvalue: Detailed analysis on the socio-economic impacts of renewable energy deployment.
Country, regional and global programmes:

» **Clean Energy Corridor initiatives:** A work programme seeking to develop indigenous renewable energy resources to support regional social and economic growth.

» **Renewables Readiness Assessments:** A country-led holistic evaluation of domestic conditions for renewable energy deployment with recommendations for action.

» **SIDS Lighthouses initiative:** A framework for Small Island Developing States to scale up renewable energy holistically and sustainably.

» **IRENA Renewable Energy Learning Partnership (IRELP):** An on-line source for education, training and job opportunities in renewable energy.

» **IRENA/ADFD Project Facility:** In conjunction with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development, IRENA offers a USD 350 million concessional loan programme providing finance to innovative, replicable renewable energy projects in developing countries.

**BASIC FACTS**

» Founding conference: 26 January 2009, Bonn

» Official establishment: 4 April 2011, Abu Dhabi

» IRENA has 140 Members (139 States and the European Union) and 32 additional countries in the process of accession (as of April 2015)

» Offices: Headquarters: Abu Dhabi, UAE; IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre: Bonn, Germany; UN Liaison Office: New York, USA

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