



From Energy Strategy to Action: Parameters for the Action Plan

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Scope

- ***Geographic Scope:***
 - Cooperation opportunities in Central Asia, with consideration of export opportunities.
- ***Focus on Energy***
- ***Timeframe:***
 - Three years (2010-2013)
 - Realize immediate gains
 - Identify and initiate investments beyond 2013
- ***Donor Involvement:***
 - Numerous opportunities for technical assistance and investments
 - ESCC will explore avenues for coordinating donor and IFI contributions to implementation

Core Issues

1. Energy Demand/Supply Balance and Infrastructure constraints

- Support most efficient use of energy resources across the region
- Examine such factors as renewable energy, efficiency and demand side management, intra-regional and extra-regional trade opportunities
- Consider seasonal supply/demand balances and any transmission constraints

2. Dispatch and Regulatory Aspects

- Accelerate sector restructuring, regulation, and contractual arrangements (i.e., commercialization)
- Cover policy, institutional and infrastructure needs to facilitate trade and efficient transit of energy across the region
- Focus on electricity sector

3. Energy-Water Linkages

- Recognize hydropower as a valuable dimension to the region's energy assets
- Address the particular distribution of hydropower resources in Central Asia and the attendant complexities of transboundary water management
- Focus on strengthening the analytical base to facilitate dialogue and coordinated management of energy and water resources

Implementation

- ***Action Plan deliverables:***

- (i) Investments
- (ii) Capacity building and knowledge sharing (including analytical foundations)
- (iii) Policy environment (including strengthening regional institutions)

Emphasis on regional ownership and sustainable capacity

- ***Implementation:***

- ESCC provides coordination and oversight, monitoring and reporting on progress on a regular basis
- Outputs shared and discusses at regular (bi-annual) meetings
- Particular emphasis on progress on the three core themes
- Updates on regional energy projects, including CASAREM investment projects.

Key Performance Indicators

- Emphasis on indicators 1,2,3, and 7 of the Energy Strategy's eight performance indicators:

- (1) Agreements reached (riparian)

- (2) Agreements reached (energy trade)

- (3) Agreements reached (energy transit)

- (7) Volume of exports and imports for electricity

Less emphasis on littoral agreements reached, and volume of trade in oil and coal.

- Indicators link back to the Energy Strategy; however, results may not emerge numerically within the three-year timeframe of the Action Plan.
- Specific performance indicators to be developed for individual actions within the Plan.