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UNDESA Mandate:

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) promotes and supports international cooperation to achieve development for all, and assists governments in agenda-setting and decision-making on development issues at the global level.

UNDESA provides a broad range of analytical products and policy advice that serve as valuable sources of reference and decision-making tools for developed and developing countries

UNDESA Technical Cooperation:

The DESA's Division for Sustainable Development provides analytical and technical advisory services at the request of individual governments.

The Division formulates, implements and executes multidisciplinary programmes and projects dealing with key aspects of sustainable development, including energy.

The Water, Energy and Strategies Branch (WESB) organizes the technical cooperation and capacity building work of the Division for Sustainable Development.

Specific Areas of Activities within the WES Branch:

- To support and guide the development and implementation of sustainable energy policies on energy for sustainable development that create an enabling environment at all levels and that stimulate investment and sustained financing.
- To coordinate and respond to the specific technical cooperation needs and priorities of Member States, especially in the area of energy for sustainable development such as: energy efficiency; renewable energy; energy security; pricing policy; security of supply; energy infrastructure.
- To link policy with capacity building in the area of energy for sustainable development.

Specific Areas of Activities within the WES Branch: UN-Energy

To ensure through UN-Energy coherence in the UN system's multi-disciplinary response to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and effective engagement of non-UN stakeholders in implementing JPOI energy-related decisions.

UN-Energy aims to promote system-wide collaboration in the area of energy with a coherent and consistent approach since there is no single entity in the UN system that has primary responsibility for energy.

The growing international debate related to climate change also brought with it growing expectations of UN-Energy. It is important for the UN system to "act as one" in implementation, and to be pro-active in preparing relevant inputs to inform the global debate.

Activities/projects:

- International Expert Group Meeting on carbon capture and storage.
- Workshop on Underground Coal Gasification Technologies and Sustainable Energy Development in Central Asia.
- In collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) organized a workshop on: Policy options for enhancing energy security and energy efficiency and the role of the private sector.
- Technical recommendations to the Government of Tajikistan in the review, implementation and development of national energy/coal assessment project.
- Raised funds and assisted designated counterpart organizations in preparations for the study "Kazakhstan: A Country Profile on Sustainable Energy Development."
- Provided technical advisory services to the Parliament of Kazakhstan in preparation of new Energy Efficiency legislation.

Activities/projects (cont'd):

- Co-organized with UNDP CO in Kazakhstan the Workshop on “Energy efficiency against the economic crisis.”
- Assisted the Government of Turkmenistan in preparation of Ashgabat Conference on “Stable and reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation” as a follow up to the UNGA resolution 63/210 of 19 December 2008.
- Conducted assessment and prepared project proposal for the Government of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on a “Conjunctive Wind Energy and Water Resources Management Project.”

Future activities/projects

- In collaboration with UNECE: Development Account Project “Enhancing Investment in Advanced Fossil Fuel Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development in Countries with Economies in Transition”;
- In collaboration with UNESCAP, ECE and other Regional Commissions: Development Account Project “Enhancing energy security and improved access to energy services through development of public-private renewable energy partnerships”;
- Work shop “e-8 Financing Sustainable Electrification Dialogues in ECE countries”;
- Working Group on Legal Mechanism for Reliable Energy Transit as a follow up of the Ashgabat Conference.



Thank you.

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