

Mitigating Climate Change through Attracting Foreign Direct Investment in Advanced Fossil Fuel Technologies



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Background

- Approved by UN General Assembly for 2010-12
- Purpose: to assist countries in overcoming the lack of investment in a cleaner electricity production
- Executing agencies: UNECE, in cooperation with UNCTAD and ESCAP
- 9 countries covered: Afghanistan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan
- The project combines three elements:
 - Mitigating climate change
 - Advanced fossil fuel technologies
 - Attracting foreign investments

Advanced fossil fuel technologies

- Pre-combustion technologies
 - Underground coal gasification (UCG)
 - Conventional coal gasification
 - Liquefaction: Fischer-Tropsch process
- Combustion technologies
 - Supercritical & Ultra-supercritical Technology (SCT and USCT)
 - Fluidized bed combustion (FBC)
 - Combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT),
 - Integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC)
 - others
- Post-combustion technologies
 - Carbon capture and storage

What does the project have with energy efficiency?

- An effective way to decrease GHG emissions: replace obsolete fossil fuel power plants with more efficient ones.
- Improving the efficiency of electricity generation (“upstream” efficiency) is one of the low-hanging fruits of the climate change mitigation.
- Improving “upstream” efficiency has not received the attention it deserves.
- This is unfortunate because any investment in improving the efficiency of fossil fuel-fired electrical power plants has a positive domino effect that enables us to reap huge climate change benefits along the value chain of electricity generation, transmission, distribution and consumption.

Project activities and outputs

- National "baseline studies"
 - Purposes: Fact finding, needs assessment, overview on relevant government actors
 - Undertaken by national consultants, guided by international consultant
- Synthesis report
 - Comparative analysis of "baseline studies"
 - Injection of global best practices
- Regional workshops in China, Central Asia and/or Eastern Europe
 - Briefing of country officials on results from baseline studies and synthesis
 - Potential networking and exchange of ideas among officials
- Training on independently conducting pre-feasibility studies for country staff
- Major conference in Eastern European/Central Asian region
 - Convention of state officials and domestic and foreign investors
 - Discussion on improvements in national policy frameworks
 - Networking and exchange
- Independent evaluation

Thank you!

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