



Joint UNEP and Statistics Sweden Expert Meeting on Energy Subsidies

MONDAY, 26 May 2008

International Environment House I, Room 2
Châtelaine–Geneva, Switzerland

AGENDA

9:00-9:15 Registration

9:15-9:30 Welcome and Opening

Welcoming Remarks

Sheng Fulai, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch (ETB)

9:30-12:30 Part I: Energy Subsidies – Technical Issues

Facilitator: Sadeq Bigdeli, Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research
(NCCR) – World Trade Institute (WTI)

What are the issues with energy subsidy definitions?

Ronald Steenblik, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Presented by Tara Laan, Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI) of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Availability of energy subsidy data: US perspective

Doug Koplou, Earth Track

Definitions and data under the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts (SEEA) framework

Nancy Steinbach, Statistics Sweden (SCB)

Discussion

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:30 Part II: What has been done so far?

Facilitator: Sheng Fulai, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch (ETB)

Various Statistics Sweden projects on subsidy data

Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden (SCB)

Addressing statistical issues of energy subsidies in East and Southeast Asia

Anindya Bhattacharya, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

Data needs for designing responses to rising oil prices in the transport sector

Armin Wagner, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)

Discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45-17:30 Part III: Future Challenges

Facilitator: Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden (SCB)

Discussion

- *How can we help initiate future data collection activities of UNSD/OECD/Eurostat?*
Viveka Palm, Statistics Sweden (SCB)
- *What are potential institutions to host a future database for analysis purposes?*
- *What is our concrete action plan to address the existing constraints?*

17:30 Summary and Outcomes

Concluding Remarks

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