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Joint UNEP and UNECE Expert Meeting on Energy Subsidies

15-16 November 2007
International Environment House
Châtelaine-Geneva, Switzerland

Draft Agenda

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER

12h30 Registration and Lunch

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| 14h00 | Welcome and Opening |
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Welcoming Remarks

UNEP Economics and Trade Branch
UNECE Sustainable Energy Division

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| 14h30 | Session 1: Taking stock |
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This session serves to share past and ongoing work regarding energy subsidies. Each presentation will be followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) – Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI)

Ron Steenblik, IISD – Global Subsidies Initiative

International Energy Agency (IEA)

Trevor Morgan, IEA (suggested)

16h00 – 16h15 Coffee Break

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Anja von Moltke, UNEP Economics and Trade Branch

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Charlotte Griffiths, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division

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| 17h45 | Summary of Day 1 |
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FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

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| 9h00 | Session 2: Identifying Gaps |
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This session serves to:

- I) Identify the key issues/priorities
- II) Identify the key gaps

Each presentation will reflect these elements and will be followed by 30-45 minutes of discussion.

The Environmental Dimension of Energy Subsidies

Jyoti Painuly, UNEP Risoe Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development (URC)

The Social Dimension of Energy Subsidies

Kamal Rijal, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

10h45 – 11h00 Coffee Break

Economic and Trade Distortions due to Energy Subsidies

Speaker to be determined

The Legal and Political Framework for Addressing Energy Subsidies

Nathalie Bernasconi, The Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) (suggested)

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

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| 14h00 | Session 3: Ways Forward |
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This session serves to develop an agenda for collective action for the upcoming years (timeframe for project currently envisaged: 2-3 years). Discussions should therefore result in a list of activities responding to the gaps identified in session 2 and considering potential actors, lead agencies, and funding requirements. To develop such an agenda, the session will be carried out in break-out groups.

Break-Out Groups

15h30 – 15h45 Coffee Break

Presentation and Discussion of Group Work Results

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| 17h00 | Closing of Meeting |
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