

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

REGIONAL CENTRE IN BANGKOK

RAPID ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS PLANNING MEETING FOR THE REGIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMME FOR POVERTY REDUCTION (REP-PoR)

Energy is a critical issue in the development agenda of developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and UNDP is one of the most significant partners. Oil prices have raced to record highs in recent times, reaching a trading high of almost US\$61 per barrel last month. Whilst halving income poverty underpins the MDGs, meeting the challenge will require attention to not only the eight goals, but also to their inter-relationship with energy since energy interacts with all aspects of social and economic development. Globally, more than 2 billion people have either limited or no access to reliable energy which is vital to daily life in homes, schools and workplaces.

Most of the poor in the Asia - Pacific region, although often living in areas described as 'electrified', have limited access. Modern or efficient energy services are a pre-requisite for increasing productivity and improving livelihoods. Gender equity and energy issues are also intertwined. For example, measures to reduce the gender gap in education will be difficult as long as girls' time is taken up with fuel collections instead of attending school. With increasing urbanisation and migration of rural poor in search of jobs and income, access to energy services will be of major concern even in the urban and peri-urban areas of the region.

While increasing consumption is imperative, it will bring its own challenges. It is anticipated that by 2010, energy consumption in the region will account for one-fifth of global consumption. This increase will translate into increased pressure on fossil fuels and the forests (for fuelwood), impairing the goal of reaching environmental sustainability.

The Regional Energy Programme for Poverty Reduction (REP-PoR) will be undertaking a **rapid regional assessment and gap analysis exercise** to determine baselines at the country level and to determine the priorities of the countries in the region that REP-PoR will need to focus on over the next 3 years. A total of 16 countries will be participating in this exercise.

In order to coordinate the rapid assessment and gap analysis exercise, REP-PoR will organise a **planning meeting in Bangkok on 8 - 10 August, 2005.**

Objectives of the planning meeting:

- Provide an overview of the REP-PoR
- Identify the gaps that exist in terms of policy, capacity development and knowledge management
- Agree on the methodology, framework and structure for the gap analysis
- Discuss the management and implementation issues for the gap analysis

Venue: Amari Watergate Hotel, Krungthep Room, 4th Floor

Dates: 8 to 10 August, 2005

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Tentative Agenda

AUGUST 8, 2005

Session Timing	Topic	Resource person	Remarks
8.00-8.30	Registration and tea		
8.30 - 9.30	Opening, welcome and introduction of participants	Stephen Browne (Welcome Address)	
9.30-9.45	Overview of REP-PoR	Rajan Velumail	
9.45-10.00	Group photo		
10.00-10.30	Coffee/tea Break		
10.30-11.15	Outline and Content for Country Papers	Hafeez Rehman	Half an hour for presentation/15 minutes for clarifications and questions
11.15-11.30	Governance Issues	Arusha Stanislaus	
11.30-11.45	Gender Issues	Roohi Shoaib	
11.45-12.30	Introduction to the breakout sessions on institutions and programme framework	Hafeez Rehman	<p><u>Five groups will be formed</u></p> <p>Group A: Nepal, Afghanistan, and Maldives</p> <p>Group B: India, Bangladesh, and Malaysia</p> <p>Group C: Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia</p> <p>Group D: China, Iran, and Timor-Leste</p> <p>Group E: Phillipines, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam</p> <p>Two groups will discuss on institutions and the other three groups will discuss the programme framework. One selected country will present to the group on the process (CO focal point) and the theme (National consultant), for each topic.</p>
12.30-1.30	LUNCH (The Promenade Coffee Shop, 4 th Floor)		
13.30-15.30	A. Breakout session on institutional framework B. Breakout session on programme framework		<p>Two groups on institutional framework: Nepal and India will present (Group A,B).</p> <p>Three groups on programme framework. : Pakistan, China and Phillipines will present (Group C,D, E).</p>
15.30-15.45	Coffee/tea Break		
15.45-16.30	Presentation to the plenary on the institutional framework		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by 30 minutes of

			discussion.
16.30-17.30	Presentation to the plenary on the programme framework		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by 25 minutes of discussion.
17.30-18.30	Bilateral Meetings		
19.00	Welcome Reception		Pool Bar on 8 th floor

AUGUST 9, 2005

Session Timing	Topic	Resource person	Content
8.30-8.45	Poverty Issues	Stephen Browne	
8.45-9.00	Natural Resources Management and Poverty and Environment Linkages	Gernot Brodnig	
9.00-9.15	MDGs and Energy Services	Kamal Rijal	
9.15-9.30	Introduction to breakout sessions on energy services and monitoring and evaluation (energy use indicators)	Hafeez Rehman	Two groups will discuss access to energy services and monitoring the other three groups will discuss monitoring and evaluation.
9.15-10.15	A. Breakout session on access to energy services B. Breakout session on monitoring and evaluation (energy use indicators)		Two groups on access to energy services: Afghanistan and Bangladesh will present. (Group A,B) Three groups on monitoring and evaluation: Sri Lanka, Iran and Lao PDR (Group C,D,E)
10.15-10.30	Coffee/tea Break		
10.30-11.30	A. Breakout session on access to energy services B. Breakout session on monitoring and evaluation (energy use indicators)		
11.30-12.30	Presentation on breakout session on access to energy services.		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
12.30-13.30	LUNCH (Thai On 4 Restaurant, 4 th Floor)		
13.30-14.15	Presentation to the plenary on breakout session on monitoring and evaluation (energy use indicators).		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
14.15-14.30	Capacity Development	Bob Bernardo	

14.30-14.45	Introduction to breakout sessions on technology access and efficiency and energy based entrepreneurship	Hafeez Rehman	Two groups will discuss on technology access end efficiency and the other three groups will discuss energy based entrepreneurship.
14.45-15.30	A. Breakout session on technology access and efficiency B. Breakout session on energy based entrepreneurship.		Two groups on a technology access: Maldives and Malaysia will present. (Group A,B) Three groups on energy based entrepreneurship: Sri Lanka, Timor Leste and Viet Nam will present. (Group C,D,E)
15.30-15.45	Coffee/tea Break		
15.45-17.00	A. Breakout session on technology access and efficiency B. Breakout session on energy based entrepreneurship.		
17.00-18.00	Bilateral Meetings		

AUGUST 10, 2005

Session Timing	Topic	Resource person	Content
8.30-9.15	Presentation on to the plenary breakout session on technology access and efficiency		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
9.15-10.15	Presentation on breakout session energy based entrepreneurship		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
10.15-10.30	Coffee/tea break		
10.30-10.45	KM tools	Robert Juhkam	
10.45-11.00	Introduction to the breakout session on access to finance and access to information services	Hafeez Rehman	Two groups will discuss on access to finance the other three groups will discuss on access to information services.
11.00-12.30	A. Breakout session on access to finance B. Breakout session on access to information		Two groups on a finance access: Nepal and China will present. (Group B, C) Three groups on access to information: Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Philippines will present. (Group A, D, E)
12.30-13.30	LUNCH (Grappino Italian Restaurant, 5 th Floor)		
13.30-14.00	GEF/Regional Project on Energy Standards & Labelling	Olav Lundstol/Noel Soriano	

14.00-14.45	Presentation on breakout session on access to finance.		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
14.45-15.45	Presentation on breakout session on access to information.		Each group will select one presenter for the plenary. Each group will be given 10 minutes followed by discussion.
15.45-16.00	Coffee/tea break		
16.00-16.30	Management arrangements and implementation strategy	Rajan Velumail	
16.30-17.00	Wrap-up session/closing	Rajan Velumail Hafeez Rehman Kamal Rijal	