

RDG-06-09: Analysis of Regulatory Barriers to Renewable Energy Uptake in Partnership Developing Countries

Project

One of the key barriers identified in relation to the increased uptake of renewable energy is the lack of mature markets and favorable policy, regulatory and legal frameworks to encourage the development of and investment in renewable energy. The purpose of the project is to provide an overview of the regulatory and policy situation in Partnership developing countries (China, India and Korea) in relation to renewable energy projects, with case studies of priority countries, especially those that are already taking positive steps to promote increased investment in renewable energy markets. The ultimate aim of the project is to encourage and enhance the capacity for emission reduction efforts in the target developing countries, by promoting legal and regulatory measures to create the enabling environments for the uptake of renewable energy.

Participation

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The proposed work will be carried out by the Renewable Energy and International Law (REIL) Project, an international partnership formed in association with the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), Yale's Center for Environmental Law and Policy and Baker & McKenzie's Global Clean Energy and Climate Change Practice.

Objectives

The major objective of the Project is to identify and assess ways to remove the unintended barriers to renewable energy that exist in the laws of the target countries, whether purely domestic or as a result of the implementation of international treaty law, and to capture opportunities to use these laws to expand the renewable energy market further. The project will also examine other transnational and comparative policy and law to create a catalogue of domestic "best practices," and thereby promote the enabling environments necessary to increase renewable energy market penetration in the target Partner countries.

Milestones

A written report setting out the results of the examination of existing regulatory and market frameworks in target countries. The report will provide detail on the legal, regulatory, institutional and policy frameworks in place, as well as the barriers and opportunities facing the renewable energy sectors in the target countries. Target date: September 2006.

In-country workshops to complement the written report and disseminate its key findings. The workshops would be coordinated around other Partnership workshops to maximize

the exposure of these issues to the broader Partnership community. Target date: November 2006.

Location

The work would primarily be undertaken in Sydney, Australia, with short workshops conducted in India, China and Korea (exact locations to be confirmed). The workshops would be run in conjunction with industry associations and other relevant groups such as TERI, WISE, CREIA and CRED.

Resources

US\$100,000