



ENERGY CHARTER – IRENA JOINT HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE *2016 Abu Dhabi World Future Energy Summit (WFES)*

ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS FOR CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENTS

Strategies to build market confidence and regulatory stability: opportunities and technical assistance from international cooperation

DATE: 19 January 2016
HOURL: from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm
PLACE: Capital Suite 15, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center ADNEC

Context, goal and format of the roundtable

The global demand for energy and associated services is increasing while global carbon emissions have to be reduced. As a result investment needs to be scaled up rapidly to ensure a reliable and sustainable provision with energy in the future. To realise the emissions-reducing potential of renewables, IRENA estimates that global annual investment in renewable energy would need to double from current levels to reach over USD 500 billion in the period up to 2020, and be further scaled up to an annual average of USD 900 billion between 2021 and 2030.

Market confidence and regulatory stability are two very important factors for attracting timely and efficient investments into renewable technologies. International cooperation for technical assistance and capacity building together with customised advice can support the development of enabling environments for investment in many countries, including the efficient management of an increasing number of international investment disputes.

Based on these premises, the Energy Charter Secretariat has established country specific and horizontal activities, such as the Energy Charter energy investment country reports and risk assessment and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) has initiated the Clean Energy Corridor Initiatives as well as activities for the sustained investment into renewable technology options.

This joint Energy Charter/IRENA workshop presents the two organisations key advisory and technical support activities designed to strengthen the domestic legal and regulatory frameworks for clean energy investments.

A targeted roundtable discussion will bring together international financial institutions, private sector and governments to discuss their experiences and views on the importance of good governance practices in order to overcome barriers to clean energy investment. Speakers will include representatives from international financial institutions, private investors,

regulatory authorities and recipient countries.

The roundtable will focus on the implementation of enabling environments to clean energy investments in developing countries. Participants of the workshop are invited to share their own experiences with removing barriers and mitigating risk in order to facilitate clean energy investment decisions. The diversity of regional experiences will provide an excellent opportunity for global knowledge exchange.

The panel discussion will be moderated by IRENA and the Energy Charter Secretariat.

The organisers

The Energy Charter Treaty is a unique international treaty concluded in 1994 and a multilateral cooperation platform for the promotion and protection of energy investments by means of energy investment country reports, policy recommendations, model agreements, regional cooperation, seminars and training programs, private sector dialogue. Following the adoption of the International Energy Charter in The Hague on 21 May 2015, more than 70 countries from all continents share the political objective of removing barriers to energy investments and to provide stable and transparent domestic legal frameworks.

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental body with 143 member states and the mandate to promote the widespread and accelerated deployment of all forms of renewable energy. Through its comprehensive Clean Energy Corridor Initiatives and technical advisory services, IRENA directly engages with key stakeholders through various means and measures, in order to accelerate the deployment of renewables and the mitigation of investment risks for clean energy investments.

The Energy Charter Secretariat and IRENA enjoy a reciprocal observer status which ensures cooperation for a sustainable energy future.

Preliminary Agenda [7 January 2016]

9:00 – 9:30	On-site registration	
9:30 – 9:40	Welcoming remarks by Energy Charter Secretariat and by IRENA	Energy Charter and IRENA
9:40 – 9:55	Introducing the Energy Charter Treaty: global rules for energy investment security	Dr. Matteo BARRA, Investment Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat
9:55 – 10:10	Introducing IRENA: advisory services for in-country risk mitigation	Ms. Jennifer DECESARO, Senior Programme Officer, IRENA
10:10 – 11:40	Panel discussion: investment environments in developing countries, including Q&A	<u>Countries:</u> Mauritania (<i>confirmed</i>) Egypt, Burundi, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia Niger, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania (<i>invited</i>) <u>Regional Organisations:</u> UNESCWA (<i>confirmed</i>) African Union, UNECA, (<i>invited</i>) <u>International organisations/Associations:</u> REN21, REEEP, World Wind Energy Association, , Regional Electricity Regulatory Association of Southern Africa, Middle East Solar Industry Association (<i>confirmed</i>) Masdar, United Nations SE4All (<i>invited</i>) <u>International financial institutions:</u> ADB, Citigroup Inc., EBRD, IFC, MIGA, The World Bank Group (<i>invited</i>)
11:40 – 12:00	Closing remarks by Energy Charter and IRENA	Energy Charter and IRENA