

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Energy Charter Secretariat and the Energy Research Institute of
the Russian Academy of Sciences**

The Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) and the Energy Research Institute (ERI) of the Russian Academy of Sciences hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the respective objectives of the organisations,

Aware of the increasing importance of education and research to attain a sustainable energy future,

Agree on the following:

Article 1. Objectives

- To strengthen cooperation between Parties through joint activities,
- To promote knowledge related to all energy matters,
- To support the knowledge sharing on the Energy Charter-related matters

Article 2. Implementation

The Parties will inform each other of any planned and current activities that could contribute to attaining the above-mentioned objectives.

The Parties will work together develop a program describing the joint activities to be carried out on a regular basis. This program and the subsequent joint activities will aim at covering the following aspects:

1. The Energy Research Institute will designate and the ECS' Knowledge Centre will receive academic scholars whose research interests lie in the area of work of the Energy Charter Secretariat. These fellows will be invited to conduct their research at the premises of the ECS Knowledge Centre.
2. In accordance with the Secretariat's internal rules and its access policy on documents, researchers of the Energy Research Institute will be allowed to make use of the Secretariat's archives, physical and online library for studies on an ad hoc basis.
3. The Parties will aim at organising conferences, seminars and training programs for young researchers on Energy Charter-related issues.
4. The Energy Research Institute will designate a representative to the Academic Advisory Panel of the Knowledge Centre.