

Resolution of the Third International Forum: Energy for Sustainable Development

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We, the participants of the Third International Forum: Energy for Sustainable Development. Capacity building for energy efficiency and access to cleaner energy in Central Asia and neighbouring regions:

1. Consider the Third International Forum: Energy for Sustainable Development, which follows the International Energy Efficiency Fora held in Astana, Kazakhstan in 2010 and in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2011, to be a substantive input into capacity building for sustainable use of energy, including access to energy, energy efficiency and cleaner energy production in Central Asia and neighbouring regions.
2. Acknowledge the pivotal role of governments and national and regional policy in promoting sustainable use of energy, improving energy efficiency and providing wider access to cleaner energy in Central Asia and neighbouring regions and call upon governments to strengthen control over implementation of existing strategic programmes in the areas of energy efficiency and renewable energy.
3. Underline the critical role of the private sector in implementing projects, including those within public-private partnerships, in the area of sustainable use of energy, energy efficiency and access to cleaner energy.
4. Acknowledge the importance of public participation in the development and implementation of the energy efficiency projects and necessity of multilateral dialogue and cooperation, including with non-governmental organizations, scientific institutions and other stakeholders.
5. Emphasize the special role that the United Nations system and in particular the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) play in promoting sustainable development in Central Asia and neighbouring regions and in this context welcome the United Nations Secretary-General's initiative "Sustainable Energy for All" and its objectives of ensuring universal access to modern energy, doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency and doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix to be achieved by 2030.
6. Underscore the significant role of international financial institutions, in particular of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Eurasian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Islamic Development Bank, international organizations and donor countries, in attaining progress in sustainable use of energy, energy efficiency and wider access to cleaner energy.
7. Reaffirm the critical role that energy plays in the development process and call upon all stakeholders to strengthen international cooperation in the energy field in Central Asia and neighbouring regions in line with the "Future We Want" Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development outcome document.
8. Acknowledge the significance of further improving the investment climate in the countries of Central Asia and neighbouring regions, including through the development of financial mechanisms stimulating implementation of the projects in sustainable use of energy, energy efficiency and wider access to cleaner energy, and facilitation of their application, as well as ensuring transparency in the distribution of financial resources.
9. Stress the importance of ensuring an appropriate energy mix in the countries of Central Asia and neighbouring regions through measures that include increased use of cost-effective renewable energy and more efficient consumption of fossil fuels, among others, with the view to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and negative environmental impacts.
10. Consider that multilateral experience exchange in the field of sustainable development is a meaningful direction of international cooperation in Central Asia and neighbouring regions. In this regard we underline the substantiality of creating open information resources including data on

legal and regulatory frameworks, public participation, financial mechanisms, public-private partnerships, successful projects implementation aimed at promoting sustainable use of energy, energy efficiency and providing wider access to cleaner energy.

11. Recognize that improving energy efficiency in the housing sector, one of the most energy intensive sectors, with direct impact on households, may become one of the main directions of international cooperation due to the similarity of problems in this area faced by the countries of Central Asia and neighbouring regions as well as stable and reliable power supply of cities and other inhabited areas.
12. Note a fast-paced urbanization in the region and related increase in energy consumption by cities, and subsequently, an important role of the cities in practical implementation of the energy conservation programmes and mitigating climate change impacts. Creating action plans on sustainable energy development by the governments and local authorities will help improving energy efficiency in the cities.
13. Stress the significance of setting forth the tariff systems flexibly responding to current social and economic trends due to special role of pricing mechanisms in promoting sustainable use of energy, improving energy efficiency and providing wider access to cleaner energy taking into account the particular importance of the energy sector for the social and economic development of the countries in Central Asia and neighbouring regions.
14. Underline that sustainable use of energy, improved energy efficiency and wider access to cleaner energy are an important component of energy security and we express confidence that widening a continued international dialogue in Central Asia and neighbouring regions will facilitate solution of common problems in energy sector and related areas. In this regard we support the Resolution of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) on convening, in 2013 in Vladivostok, the Russian Federation, the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (APEF) at the ministerial level and invite ESCAP Member States to actively participate in this important event with the aim of establishing a comprehensive and holistic Asia-Pacific region-wide energy agenda for the future.
15. Are convinced that education and training of skilled professionals in the energy area are indispensable prerequisites for sustainable development, including creating favourable environment for innovation and providing a driving force for progress towards improved energy efficiency and wider access to cleaner energy.
16. Express gratitude for the warm welcome and the excellent organization of the Forum to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and also in this regard note the important role of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

We, the participants of the Forum

considering the importance of promoting sustainable development in Central Asia and neighbouring regions,

with a view to foster implementation of international programmes and projects in capacity building for sustainable use of energy, energy efficiency, access to cleaner energy and exchange of experience in Central Asia and neighbouring regions

call upon UNECE, ESCAP and UNDP to continue holding such Fora on a regular basis,

and recommend to convene the next Forum in 2013.