EPRs: towards a sustainable energy sector

Workshop “Sustainable energy sector: Policies and practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews”

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Environmental Performance Reviews

What is an EPR?

- Review of progress made by the country in improving its environmental policy
  - Voluntary exercise
  - Comprehensive approach
  - By experts from UNECE member States & international organizations
  - Strong involvement of the country under review

- Recommendations
  - Addressed to the country under review
  - Agreed by UNECE member States (Committee on Environmental Policy)
  - The reviewed country commits to implementation
Environmental Performance Reviews

Objectives

- Facilitates the strengthening of environmental policies through concrete recommendations to the country
- Promotes integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies
- Facilitates exchange of experience between countries
- Strengthens cooperation with international community
- Contribute to achievement of SDGs
ENVIRONMENT

- 1\textsuperscript{st} cycle (1994 – 2004 (2011); 20 countries)
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} cycle (2000 – 2013; 18 countries)
- 3\textsuperscript{rd} cycle (2012 – ongoing; 13 countries)

Morocco, 2021, 2012; Mongolia, 2017
Environmental Performance Reviews

Energy & environment: structure

- Overview of energy sector
- Trends in energy balance
- Environmental pressures
- Energy intensity and efficiency by end-use
- Other sources of energy, especially renewables
- Alternative scenarios of energy development
- Impact from and adaptation to climate change
- Legal, policy and institutional framework
- Participation in international agreements and processes
- Assessment, conclusions and recommendations