

**Name of the Partnership/Initiative:**

**Partnership Initiative: Energy for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development**

**Expected date of initiation:**

**1 September 2002**

**Expected date of completion:**

**open ended**

**Partners Involved:**

After two stakeholder meetings a range of potential partners was recently invited to associate themselves with the Initiative. At this date (12 August 2002) the following have agreed to associate themselves with the Initiative and/or to take part in the further dialogue. More are expected to join in the time up to WSSD, and the Initiative will remain open to other participants, also in the time after WSSD.

**European Commission****Governments:**

Developing country governments and governmental organisations:

*Senegal*  
*Morocco*  
*Democratic Republic of Congo*  
*Tanzania*  
*Uganda*  
*Swaziland*  
*Malawi*  
*Kenya*  
*Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*  
*Barbados*  
*Grenada*  
*Bolivia*  
*CCAD, representing Central American countries*

European governments

*Austria*  
*Belgium*  
*Denmark*  
*Finland*  
*France*  
*Germany*  
*Greece*  
*Ireland*  
*Italy*  
*Luxembourg*  
*Netherlands*  
*Portugal*  
*Spain*  
*Sweden*  
*UK*

**Intergovernmental organisations:**

**Major groups:***Businesses:*

ENEL Green Power, Italy.

*NGOs:*

Organisation for Renewable Energy (OVE), Denmark

ITDG, UK

**Other:**

Global Forum on Sustainable Energy

*Leading Partner:*

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*Contact points for specific partnerships developing out of this Initiative will be with the lead country, or the European Commission, as appropriate.*

**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative**

*Development Objectives:* The Initiative aims to facilitate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of halving the number of people in extreme poverty and other MDGs by 2015, through the provision of adequate, affordable, sustainable energy services. This will be achieved within the context of beneficiary country driven activities.

*Immediate Objectives:* Through the Initiative the EU proposes to establish "Energy Access Partnerships" with developing countries, with the involvement of the private sector and civil society, that will develop in response to the energy needs of developing countries and regions. Through these Partnerships, donors will work with developing countries to help identify energy needs and necessary assistance to create the economic, social and institutional conditions that will enable their energy needs to be met. The aim of the Partnerships is to enable the EU and its developing country partners, and other stakeholders, to work together to improve efforts for increasing access to energy services, particularly for poor women and men, based on their specific circumstances and requirements. Gender issues will be mainstreamed in all aspects of the Initiative. The Partnerships will ensure that existing energy activities and other initiatives will be well coordinated to provide coherent packages. They will be based on existing organisations, structures and procedures.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nations Millennium Declaration:

The United Nations Millennium Declaration, as part of the "indispensable foundations for a more peaceful, prosperous and just world", fixes ambitious Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular to lift people out of poverty and to free the poor from hunger. Achieving these goals of social and economic progress requires, among other things,

access to energy in a sustainable manner to: power productive machines; pump water for drinking and agriculture; prepare and cook food; run refrigerators in hospitals; use information and communication tools in schools. Ensuring adequate access to energy is thus one of the essential links in the chain which will make it possible to meet the objectives of national development strategies for health, education, rural development, new productive activities, gender equality etc <sup>1</sup>.

### **Expected results:**

It is expected that the Initiative will contribute towards improving access to energy services as an underpinning for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This will be encouraged in the following ways:

- Raising political awareness among high level decision makers, of the importance of access to energy services for achieving the MDGs;
- Making apparent the need for energy services in national/regional development strategies, as defined in PRSPs, CSPs, RSPs, NIPs, national sustainable development strategies and other national/regional policy documents;
- Stimulate coherence of energy related activities in the beneficiary country/region, through effective co-ordination among development co-operation activities (including other Type 2 Initiatives);
- Attract new resources (capital, technology, human resources) from the private sector (businesses) and civil society.

The EU Energy Initiative will have a particular focus on poverty eradication by improving access to adequate sustainable energy services in rural, peri-urban and urban areas, through the full menu of technical and institutional options, including rural electrification, decentralised energy systems, increased use of renewable energy (such as hydropower, tidal energy, wave energy, wind power, biomass, solar energy or geothermal energy), and enhanced energy efficiency (including cleaner, more efficient fossil fuel technologies, technology for more efficient appliances and the more efficient use of traditional biomass).

The results for a Partner Country or Region will be measured against the specific objectives and development priorities agreed upon in the context of the specific national or regional Partnerships.

### **Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:**

The implementation of the Initiative will be organised into 2 phases.

#### **Phase 1 Identification: Determination of mutual commitments, defining the scope and the nature of future action in the field of energy for poverty eradication and sustainable development in the countries or regions .**

The fundamental basis for action through the Initiative, will be to develop Partnerships in areas where common efforts between the EU and participating countries could contribute to broadening access to energy services, in particular for poorer populations. These Partnerships will evolve through in-depth discussion of an action plan with participating countries or regions, so as to contribute to their specific needs, as defined, for instance in national Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers.

<sup>1</sup> *World Energy Assessment: energy and the challenge of sustainability*; UNDP, UN DESA, WEC; NY; 2000

Each National and Regional Partnership will be open to all concerned parties. Partnerships will evolve through discussion of the specific energy service needs resulting from National Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, Country Strategy Papers, Regional Strategy Papers, National Indicative Programmes, or other national Sustainable Development Strategies documents. Thus the actions decided upon will contribute to, and be part of, national/regional development strategies, by making explicit the energy needs that they imply.

The duration of Phase 1 will be variable, depending on the breadth and complexity of the issues raised in discussions. It is expected that in most cases, it should be possible to develop initial agreement on actions within two years from the initiation of discussions. The Partnerships will evolve in an iterative way allowing for periodic revision as a function of evolving needs and of lessons learned through partnership activities.

### **Phase 2 Implementation: Carrying out activities in each Country or Region on Energy for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development**

The EU, through the European Community and Member States' co-operation and assistance programmes and activities, would support partner countries in carrying out the agreed upon national and regional action plans through concerted efforts at all levels.

This Phase will be open-ended, with specific objectives and milestones defined by the Partners, in accordance with existing co-operation mechanisms.

### **Co-ordination and Implementation mechanism**

Please provide a brief description of expected co-ordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

For each National and Regional Partnership co-ordination and implementation of the agreed upon actions will be integrated into existing structures. Partners will agree upon the specific mechanisms to be used. Thus the Partnerships will avoid creating new structures or administrative burdens for partner countries.

The **implementation** of agreed upon actions may be carried out, as appropriate, by competent public organisms of the partner countries or by other bodies, such as:

- **Service providers**, who may be existing or new individual organisations, businesses, NGOs, Universities, etc.
- **International organisations** (UN agencies, International Financial Institutions, ...) and Initiatives (UNEP Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development, ESMAP/Global Village Energy Partnership, UNIDO, LPG Initiative, Global Forum on Sustainable Energy, ....).

### **Arrangements for funding**

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organisation(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

Funding for the Initiative will be organised through appropriate combinations of public and/or private resources, both from domestic and international sources. European Commission and European Union Member State co-operation agencies will contribute financing, respecting the procedures and priorities established with respect to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, Country Strategy Papers, Regional Strategy Papers, National Indicative Programmes, etc. This could take the form of public-private partnerships. Public resources will be provided in a variety of forms, so as to maximise

their impact. This could take the form of:

- Grants
- Loans
- Risk guarantees
- Equity investments, for instance in special purpose Energy Service Companies
- Technical assistance.

Given the magnitude of needs for access to energy services, the Initiative will strive to attract a major contribution from private sources. Specific Initiative activities will be designed to create the conditions for maximising private sector involvement.

### **Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer**

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

Partnership activities, as agreed upon by the Partners, could include activities (on a national or regional basis as deemed appropriate by partner countries) aiming at the following results:

- **Institutional capacity building.** ODA should provide long term support to the public institutions, both national and regional, responsible for setting priorities, for planning, and for establishing appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks to ensure affordable access to energy services. Support to both national and regional centres of excellence could be considered.
- **Technical co-operation, transfer of knowledge and skills.** Building the required human capital in the energy sector will require the promotion of education and training courses at the national and regional level, knowledge networks, development of autonomous capacity for RD&D, secondment activities for energy professionals etc. Activities should draw on national and regional resources and should strengthen regional co-operation in the field.
- **Market development.** The Partnership should contribute to building the national and regional market mechanisms and to supporting the local market actors who sell, finance, install and maintain the technologies required for access to energy. This includes capacity building and training for private sector actors. Innovative financial mechanisms (ESCOs, guarantee funds, micro credits, etc.) should be developed to make best use of financial resources.
- **Facilitating adequate forms of public-private partnerships.** The technologies, the expertise and much of the capital needed to provide energy services will come from the private sector. Appropriate forms of Public-Private partnerships should both attract private actors and contribute to achieving national development priorities.
- **Facilitate co-operation with financial institutions,** so as to promote investment in energy efficient infrastructure, for instance, in public transport, in buildings, in industry.
- **Cross sectoral approach to energy.** Specific tools - inter-disciplinary workshops and literature, for non-energy decision-makers in developing countries and within donors organisations, and financial institutions – are needed to integrate energy issues into decision making processes in all sectors of activity.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

Country and regional Partnerships, as decided upon by the Partners, could include as part of their activities:

- Training and education, both for public institutions and for private actors;
- Institutional support for a wide range of public bodies, including energy regulatory authorities, planning and policy bodies, and bodies responsible for sectoral policies.
- Support for energy centres including dissemination of knowledge on sustainable use of energy for end users (demand driven)
- Information capture and exchange, both on policy and technological issues
- Support for market actors (both public and private), in order to foster the creation of dynamic energy service sectors;
- Specific RD&D activities, focused on the specific needs of each participating nation or region.

The specific activities will be determined through the dialogue between Partners. It is expected that much of the provision of adequate information and technology would be supported and/or facilitated by international initiatives (see below).

**Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

The Partnerships will provide flexible and transparent frameworks to achieve synergies with other international energy related initiatives. Moreover, they will ensure linkages between objectives agreed within the Johannesburg Political Declaration and Plan of Implementation and Partnership activities on the ground, and provide a monitoring and feedback mechanism that will enable progress to be assessed and evaluated.

The Initiative will strive to work with all ongoing Sustainable Development efforts, and in particular the international energy related initiatives, whenever this can contribute to the National and Regional Partnerships. Among these can be:

- NEPAD;
- UNEP Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development;
- Global Forum on Sustainable Energy;
- ESMAP/Global Village Energy Partnership;
- UNIDO Energy Initiative.

**Monitoring Arrangements**

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:  
(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

Each Partnership will determine the appropriate monitoring and review arrangements, based on existing co-operation practices, so as to inform the governments involved of progress made and lessons learnt. The Partnerships will ensure transparency in monitoring and reporting, and will be ready to share experience with other Partnerships, as suggested in the 'Guiding Principles for Partnerships for Sustainable Development'

**Other relevant information:**

The EU Energy Initiative will establish a web-page containing information on the different Partnerships, to ensure transparency and to facilitate exchange of experience

**Name and contact information of the person filling in this table:**

The table has been filled in by an ad-hoc group of experts from the EU, and approved by the EU Council Working Party on International Environmental Issues (Environment and Development). The contact person is the same as stated earlier in this table.

