Third Research Coordination Meeting/Workshop

Program Overview

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A Joint effort in cooperation with:

- ☐ UNDESA- Division for Sustainable Development
- ☐ UNDESA Statistics Division
- ☐ International Energy Agency
- □ EUROSTAT
- ☐ European Environment Agency
- ☐ International Atomic Energy Agency

Participating Countries

- □ Brazil
- □ Cuba
- ☐ Lithuania
- **□** *Mexico*
- ☐ Russian Federation
- ☐ Slovak Republic
- ☐ Thailand

Started in 1999

Project General Objectives

- ☐ To supplement the UNCSD indicators effort
- ☐ To define a set of energy indicators for Sustainable Development
- ☐ To assist countries in energy and statistics capacity building

Benefits to Countries

A useful analytical approach:

- ☐ To assess status of energy sector main issues
- ☐ To assess status of energy statistics data capacity
- ☐ To evaluate impacts of current energy policies
- ☐ To formulate future energy policies strategies
- To monitor progress towards a more sustainable energy future

ISED Project

Two Phases

- Phase I:Defining a framework and identifying energy indicators
- ☐ Phase II: Improvements, consensus and implementation at a country level

Currently in Phase II

☐ Type II Partnership registered with the UN CSD

Objectives Phase II

Methodology and Guidelines

☐ Improvements and consensus on ISED List and corresponding Methodology

Country Implementation

- ☐ Assist countries in the use of ISED for the formulation of sustainable energy strategies
- ☐ Incorporate the ISED into databases and energy analysis

Objectives Phase II

Methodology and Guidelines

- ☐ Inter-Agency report on ISED Methodology and Guidelines Final Draft
- □ Plans for publication of the Inter-Agency Report, Dec. 2004.

(IAEA, UNDESA, IEA, EUROSTAT & EEA)

ISED Phase II

Country Implementation

- □ 3-year Coordinated Research Project with the 7 participating countries started in 2002
- \square 1st Workshop in Trieste, ICTP, May 2002
- □ 2nd Workshop, Luxembourg, EUROSTAT, May 2003
- □ 3rd Workshop, New York, UNDESA, September 2004
- ☐ Final Reports to be delivered by March 2005

ISED Third Meeting

Objectives

- □ Learn about about statistical methods and procedures in use by the UN and indicator programs.
- □ Learn about future "energy" activities of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development
- □ Learn about efforts by other participating agencies on energy and general indicators
- □ Analyze findings of Country Case Studies and review Progress Reports prepared by 7 countries
- □ Review of final draft of ISED Methodology report
- □ Define and review plans for further work in 2004 and 2005

ISED Third Meeting

Program/ Agenda

- □ Presentations on Indicators efforts and statistical issues by: UNDESA Statistics and SD divisions, EUROSTAT, IEA and EEA.
- □ Presentation and discussion of Country Case Studies
- □ Requirements for publication of Country reports and articles
- □ Discussion on ISED methodology report
- □ *Implementation plans for 2004 and 2005*

The Challenge

- □ *Work in progress*
- □ Resource Limitations
- □ Data availability, consistency, quality
- □ *Complexity of some indicators*
- □ What is the appropriate trend towards sustainability? Thresholds? Targets?
- □ Quantitative analysis is necessary but not sufficient for full assessment