

SE4ALL RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING

3- 4 April 2014

Madrid, Spain

DRAFT MINUTES

The first face-to-face meeting of the SE4ALL Advisory Board Renewable Energy Committee took place on 3-4 April 2014 in Madrid, Spain. The participants are listed in Annex I. The meeting agenda is attached as Annex II to these minutes.

The key points of the discussion as well as the next steps to be taken are summarized below.

Thursday, 3 April 2014

1. WORKING SESSION (I)

Welcome by *Mr. Entrecanales, Mr. Amin and Mr. Yumkella*

- Mr. José Manuel Entrecanales (Acciona) welcomed attendees and introduced the meeting from the perspective of the private sector, mentioning the current challenges faced by the industry and highlighting the committee as an opportunity for the private sector to make its opinion heard.
- Mr. Kandeh Yumkella (SE4ALL/GFT) expressed his gratitude to Co-leads for their leadership and provided an update on the SE4ALL initiative, including the work of other committees and the first Annual SE4ALL June Forum, to be held on 4-6 June in New York. The Forum will mark two years after Rio+20, as well as officially launch the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All 2014-2024, as declared by the UN General Assembly. The Forum will also kick-start a global campaign with focus on Energy and Women's Health, build momentum towards the UN Climate Summit in September, and contribute to the ongoing discussions on Energy and the Sustainable Development Goals for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. In this regard, Mr. Yumkella expressed his gratitude to Mr. Amin for hosting the preparatory meetings for the Climate Change Summit in Abu Dhabi.
- Mr. Adnan Amin (IRENA) expressed his gratitude to Mr. Entrecanales for hosting the meeting and to Mr. Yumkella for his continued support and guidance. Mr. Amin reiterated the tremendous political opportunity represented by both the sustainable development goals and the climate change negotiations, and expressed his delight in hosting the preparatory meetings for the Climate Summit in Abu Dhabi. In response to Mr. Entrecanales comments on current challenges faced by the private sector, Mr. Amin suggested that the committee use available information and knowledge to make the business case for RE, building on the current momentum for renewable energy (expected to be a two trillion dollar industry by 2015).

Introduction to the Terms of Reference (ToR)- *Mr. Entrecanales, Mr. Amin and Mr. Yumkella*

- Regarding the draft Terms of Reference of the committee, Mr. Amin underscored the importance of agreeing first on the objectives of the committee before deciding specific initiatives to be addressed, and highlighted two critical issues to be addressed: (1) focus on areas where big transformational opportunities are available (such as the Africa Clean Corridor) and (2) finance. As regards the latter, Mr. Amin recommended that the RE committee works in close cooperation with the Finance Committee.
- Mr. Entrecanales agreed that the finance element is crucial for the RE Committee too and reiterated the importance of working closely with the Finance Committee, as RE targets cannot be met without the strong support and commitment of the financial sector. Regarding the Terms of Reference, Mr. Entrecanales summarized the five focus areas that had initially been identified and narrowed them down to three main areas of work that in his view are key to start with: (1) Policy and regulatory framework (including Research and Development); (2) Knowledge management, sharing and transfer; and (3) Social acceptance (preferably to be named as “social support”).
- Mr. Amin agreed with the suggested focus areas and proposed to change “social acceptance” for “public support”.
- Mr. Yumkella reiterated the importance of R&D and suggested building public-private coalitions to drive down costs for RE. Mr. Amin agreed that this is a very important idea as government expenditure in R&D is falling.

Discussion

- A sixth focus area on “reducing trade barriers” was suggested. The inclusion of trade as a new area was discussed and there was concern that given current sensitivities around this topic it may not be a good moment for the committee to intervene.
- Members agreed that it is better to narrow down the number of areas and integrate some of them, in order to simplify both the message and the process.
- Brazil highlighted the importance to evaluate consideration of sustainability and the impact of initiatives to produce bioenergy, taking into account local conditions to respect the needs of each country.
- All members agreed that finance needs to be included, as it is important to identify key factors to develop new funds and/or improve existing funds in support of new RE projects. Although the Finance Committee is in charge of this task, it is important that the RE Committee keeps reference of the finance sector too. To this end, it was proposed that banks (particularly African) are invited to the committee. In addition, it was agreed that it would be very positive to invite to the RE committee members of the Financial Committee in order to facilitate interaction and exchange of views.
- Committee members agreed that it is very important to define both the format and the content of the deliverable to present in June so that based on that clear priorities can be established.
- Mr. Minoru Takada (SE4ALL/GFT) provided an overview of the role of the RE committee in the context of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative and in relation to the work of the other committees. Mr. Takada clarified that the deliverables to be presented in June are not final and that they will continue to be developed over time, yet the idea is that by the time of June all committees can come up with an initial set of recommendations and an initial set of actions. It is expected that both the SIDS Conference and the Climate Change summit will provide a good opportunity for committees to provide an update on their

progress. Likewise, other non-governmental processes and events can serve as platforms to report on progress and mobilize further action.

WORKING SESSION (II)

- After a brief introduction on the development of the Terms of Reference and the expectations of this meeting –agree on a good draft to be shared with principals- by Ms. Elizabeth Press and Ms. Carmen Becerril, a discussion followed on the content of the ToRs. It was agreed that, given the structure of the document, day 1 discussions would focus on defining/agreeing in the main focus areas for recommendations, with day 2 dedicated to the instruments and actions to support the implementation of these recommendations.
- Reference was made to the cross-cutting nature of areas as (i) finance, (ii) efficiency, and (iii) access, with two possible ways to address them: either considering them as different areas, or mainstreaming them into all focus areas as crosscutting issues. Since there are other committees specifically dealing with these topics, it was agreed that it is important to cooperate and follow their work closely.
- As regards finance, it was agreed that strengthened dialogue with local banks is needed in order to understand their requirements and definitions of “bankable projects” at local level.
- The issue of deregulation as a way to create new markets was also discussed, with a proposal to include it within the “policy and regulation” area.
- In the interest of time, participants decided that it would be better to focus work on the key main areas, leaving specific issues to be included in each of these areas in a later stage.

Summary of Focus Areas

Focus Area 1. Policy and Regulatory Framework

- As agreed in previous session, reference can be made on the issue of trade although it will be tackled in a later stage. The SETI initiative, multi-stakeholder coalition that proposes tailor-made trade policy options for sustainable energy solutions, was mentioned as a key initiative that is currently addressing the issue of trade in green technologies.
- R&D was confirmed to be integrated into the “Policy and Regulatory Framework”. Particular reference was made to the issue of the integration of renewable in the energy mix.
- Participants agreed that Finance and capacity building are cross-cutting and should be reflected as such.

Focus Area 2. Knowledge management, sharing and transfer

- Participants agreed that the key in tackling this area is not to “reinvent the wheel” but to build and capitalize on already existing initiatives. In this regard, the following initiatives were highlighted:
 - Remap 2030 (IRENA)
 - Global Atlas (IRENA)
 - RE Knowledge Gateway (IRENA)
 - REN21
 - BNEF market report
 - Medium-Term RE Market Report (IEA)
 - RISE (World Bank)
 - Review of hotspots

- Clean Energy Ministerial
- Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBAP)
- Specific manuals, studies and projects: Hydropower, inventory studies for riverbasins, technology roadmaps, biogas, etc.

Focus Area 3. Public Support

- o Audiences: Besides governments and private sector, other key constituencies to address are: civil society, parliamentary, media, transmission system operators, distributors, and the energy sector in general.
- o Intermediaries: The importance to rely on external people/organizations to support the committee outreach activities and message was stressed, as it will be easier for the public to believe the message if supported not only by those already operating in the RE sector. Together with the definition of the audiences to be addressed, it would be important to define intermediaries (message amplifiers) who would support outreach and engagement activities. Some names and existing initiatives that were suggested were: Mr. Boris Schuchz (CEO, 50 Hertz), the Green Growth Group (EU), the Coalition for Public Support to RE (IRENA).
- o Content/instruments: Regarding the technology sources to consider, it was agreed that the committee will cover all six sources as considered in IRENA's statute: bioenergy, geothermal energy, hydropower, ocean, solar and wind energy. As for the message, it needs to be clear and constituency-specific, based on the already available data and facts but with a focus on specific values and argument frames.

Friday, 5 April 2014

WORKING SESSION (III)

Introduction/Summary of Day 1

- o Members agreed that the committee should focus on three main areas as discussed the previous day:
 - (1) Policy and regulatory frameworks;
 - (2) Knowledge management, sharing and transfer; and
 - (3) Public support.
- o In addition, (4) finance and (5) capacity building will be included as cross-cutting issues in all three areas (as "umbrellas").
- o Once the three main focus areas were agreed upon, discussion to follow would focus on the initiatives, instruments and actions to be supported by the committee in order to boost action in the three target areas.
- o Despite the identification of three areas, committee deliverables should be crosscutting and touch upon the three areas. Local conditions will determine which area/s are more relevant for that particular context and require immediate action.

Initiatives/instruments ("Actions")

- o As one of the deliverables to be presented in June (in a preliminary version), it was suggested that the committee develops 10 globally applicable recommendations on RE.

- Best practices and models can be transferred between countries, but countries themselves would need to take the lead by themselves.
- Crosscutting issues of RE with other areas (finance, efficiency and access) must be considered as action in other areas may also facilitate action in RE. Making linkages is key.
- The need to boost action in developed countries was underscored.
- The experience of existing platforms, initiatives and policies, may serve as model for other regions. Identifying flagship initiatives, exploring their potential of replication and fostering their take-up in other regions was suggested as another action that could be undertaken by the committee. The EU Green Growth Group and the Brazilian auction system or hydropower experiences were some of the suggested possible initiatives that could be explored. As local conditions are key determinants of success/failure of the initiatives, it was agreed that the analysis of these initiatives would need to focus not only on what was done and what the results were, but also on *why* it worked in that particular context, and what conditions need to be met in order to ensure that the same initiative would be successfully replicated elsewhere.
- Another highlighted initiative that could be implemented by the committee would be the development of global public campaigns to promote RE.
- Participants agreed that discussion is needed in order to build consensus on the concept of “sustainability” as regards renewable energy. To this end, another suggested action was the development of a consensus vision by the committee on sustainability issues.
- The proposed actions should be based on a geographical approach. Target regions the committee could start working with are: OECD, SIDS, Africa.
- It was suggested that the committee also tackle the issue of subsidies (*harmful* subsidies) through concrete actions, such as potentially endorsing the G20 call on reduction of harmful subsidies, or addressing the issue of phasing out fossil fuel plants in OECD countries (through recognizing the leadership of governments that are taking the lead) . After a broad discussion on the issue, it was agreed not to include subsidies as a priority action for the committee at this stage.

Summary of Action Points

1. Sharing knowledge, including specific experiences, initiatives and instruments. Examples of already existing platforms and initiatives: IRENA Knowledge Gateway, regional based organizations, national experiences that can be replicated (e.g. Brazil).
2. Development and dissemination of a 10-point recommendation document on how to accelerate action towards the 2030 RE target.
3. Promote dialogue among decision makers supported by the creation/replication of specific platforms. Platforms can be region-focused (such as the Green Growth Group in Europe or OLADE in Latin America) or cross-regional and cross-sector, depending on specific needs and objectives.
4. Foster regional integration in RE: the Africa Clean Energy Corridor can serve as a model to be potentially replicated in other regions. The committee can welcome, support and encourage this corridor concept.

CLOSING SESSION

- Mr. Takada summarized the meeting discussions and presented the main conclusions and agreements, particularly as regards (i) the Focus Areas; and (ii) the Actions that can be promoted to advance the RE agenda in these focus areas. The Terms of Reference of the committee will be revised to reflect the decisions taken.
- Mr. Entrecañales and Mr. Yumkella closed the meeting thanking participants for having availed themselves for the meeting and for the productive discussion. Mr. Yumkella

expressed his gratitude to Mr. Entrecanales and the Acciona team for hosting the meeting and for the excellent arrangements made. Both of them expressed their satisfaction with the results of the discussion and acknowledged the relevance of the selected focus areas and actions, encouraging the committee to follow and support the implementation of the now defined path to advance the RE agenda.

NEXT STEPS

Participants agreed on the following plan of action and organization of work:

1. Draft minutes to be drafted by the SE4ALL/GFT and shared with all committee members.
2. Draft Terms of Reference to be revised to reflect the content of the discussion (Acciona/IRENA)
3. Drafting of the deliverables: IRENA to take the lead. All committee members are invited to send their inputs to Ms. Elizabeth Press.
4. Suggestions on possible new members to join: all committee members invited to propose new members to be invited to the committee, including members of other committees.
5. Timeline:
 - Revised ToRs: April 2014
 - Zero-draft of the deliverables: end April/early May.
 - Next meeting: May 2014 (date TBC)
 - Presentation of deliverable: 5 June 2014, at the SE4ALL Forum

ANNEX I.

PARTICIPANTS

In attendance:

Jose Manuel Entrecanales, Acciona (Co-Lead)

Carmen Becerril, Acciona

Juan Ramon Silva, Acciona

Arantza Ezpeleta, Acciona

Elizabeth Press, IRENA

Kathleen Daniel, IRENA

Minoru Takada, SE4ALL/GFT

Isabel Raya, SE4ALL/GFT

Helena Claudia de Almeida Cantizano, Brazil

Fabio Rodrigo Siqueira Batista, Brazil

Leonardo Wester, Brazil

Hilary McMahon, Carbon War Room

Isabella Tomas, Austria

Steve Sawyer, Global Wind Energy Council

Joined by video:

Adnan Amin, IRENA (Co-Lead)

Kandeh Yumkella, SE4ALL/GFT

Letha Tawney, World Resources Institute

Sandra Winkler, World Energy Council

ANNEX II. AGENDA

SE4ALL Advisory Board Renewable Energy Committee Face-to-face meeting

VENUE:

Acciona Headquarters : Av. de Europa, 18, 3rd floor; 28108 Alcobendas, Madrid (Spain)

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

Participants will discuss and agree on the following:

1. Expectations for the Renewable Energy Committee.
2. Deliverables to be presented at the Advisory Board Meeting in June.
3. Next steps, including timeline.

Thursday, 3 rd April		
Time	Topic	Details
12:00-13:00	Reception - Lunch	3 rd floor, Board room (Presidency Wing)
13:30-15:00	Working session (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. José Manuel Entrecanales, President and CEO, Acciona</i> - <i>Mr. Adnan Amin, Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA</i> - <i>Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Special Representative of the Secretary-General & CEO, Sustainable Energy for All</i> ▪ Introduction of participants (<i>all</i>) ▪ Meeting objectives and expected outcomes (<i>SE4ALL/GFT</i>) ▪ Presentation of the draft Terms of Reference (<i>Acciona/IRENA</i>) ▪ Discussion (<i>all</i>) 	3 rd floor, Board room (Presidency Wing)
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	3 rd floor, Board room (Presidency Wing)
15:30-17:00	Working session (II) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuation of discussion (<i>all</i>) 	3 rd floor, Board room (Presidency Wing)
17:00	Transfer from Acciona premises to hotel	Provided by Acciona
18:15	Transfer from hotel to the Royal Palace	Provided by Acciona
19:00 - 20:00	Royal Palace cultural visit	Walking distance from dinner venue
20:30-22:30	Dinner	Restaurant at “The Royal Theatre”
22:30	Transfer from dinner venue to hotel	Provided by Acciona

Friday, 4 th April		
Schedule	Topic	Details
08:30	Transfer from hotel to Acciona premises	Provided by Acciona
09:00-09:30	Welcome coffee	3rd floor, room No. 9
09:30-11:00	Working session (III) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of Day 1 ▪ Continuation of discussion 	
11:00-12:00	Wrap-up session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalization of the ToR ▪ Conclusions and next steps ▪ Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, SRSG and CEO, Sustainable Energy for All</i> 	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
14:00	Transfer to hotel	Provided by Acciona
16:00	Transfer from hotel to Toledo	Provided by Acciona
18:00-20:30	Cultural visit to Toledo, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 4 th centenary of the death of the painter "EL GRECO"	Organized for those who will be staying over on Friday night in Madrid
20:30	Dinner in Toledo	Restaurant "El Locum"
22:00	Transfer from Toledo to hotel in Madrid	Provided by Acciona