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ESMAP 2010 Knowledge Exchange Forum

ESMAP's 2010 Knowledge Exchange Forum: A Snapshot Overview of the Day's Events

ESMAP hosted its inaugural 2010 Knowledge Exchange Forum with a focus on Exploring Cutting-Edge Energy Solutions: ESMAP Initiatives and Partnerships, on March 25, 2010. The full day event highlighted the innovative approaches the task teams and clients are pursuing under ESMAP's 2008-2013 Strategic Business Plan. This event preceded the annual Donor Consultative Group meeting for Energy Trust Funded Programs of ESMAP and ASTAE.

[Learn more.](#)

New Documentary Showcases ESMAP's Response to the Global Financial Crisis

ESMAP has released a five minute documentary outlining its program 2009-2010. The documentary shows ESMAP's response to countries with cutting-edge energy solutions during the global financial crisis. [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ESMAP's Energy Assessments and Strategy Programs

Middle East Countries Could Boost Their Electricity Through Cross Border Trade

A new ESMAP-World Bank study is helping five Middle East countries explore how regional energy integration can increase reliable supply of electricity and natural gas supply while reducing costs. The report concludes that Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon - often impacted by electricity supply interruptions - and can boost their critically needed energy supply through cross border development and trade. Even in the case of Egypt which currently meets demand levels adequately, expanded trade will bring opportunities in the future for both import and export of gas and power. Through ongoing dissemination, this report is providing a touchstone for politicians and policy-makers to pursue this issue in the region. [Learn more.](#)

Egypt: Policymakers Use ESMAP Analysis in Ongoing Policy Reform Discussions

A recently released ESMAP analysis is guiding policy decisions on energy subsidies in Egypt. The study shows a compelling case to reform the current energy subsidy system in Egypt. Subsidies in the oil and gas sectors alone consume nearly six percent of GDP. Electricity subsidies are equal to approximately 8 percent of GDP for total energy subsidies equal to an astonishing 14 percent of GDP. This reports analyzes the significant negative impact of these subsidies on Egypt's budget, and suggests several policy strategies that could be pursued to ameliorate this situation. [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP Discusses Weather and Climate Risk Management for the Energy Sector

ESMAP hosted a Brown Bag Lunch on March 23, 2010 at the World Bank in Washington DC to discuss outcomes from the October 2008 NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Weather and Climate Risk Management for the Energy Sector. The event brought together 28 weather and climate scientists, energy experts, institutional specialists and economists. [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP's Energy Efficiency Cities Initiative

ESMAP Offers Practical Energy Efficiency Solutions To Meet Energy Needs in Cities

Over the past year, ESMAP's Energy Efficient Cities Initiative - EECI made progress in working with a wide range of cities in the developing world to help scale up urban energy efficiency improvements in municipal services. The accomplishments of the program were presented at the 2010 ESMAP Knowledge Exchange Forum, in Washington DC on March 25, to nearly 100 delegates ranging from ESMAP donors and development partners, to practitioners and World Bank staff. [Learn more.](#)

New Publication: Energy Efficient Cities: Assessment Tools and Benchmarking Practices.

On April 2010, EECI published a new book targeting urban policymakers, practitioners, researchers and the private sector. *Energy Efficient Cities: Assessment Tools and Benchmarking Practices* is based on seven papers presented at the 5th World Bank Urban Research Symposium - "Cities and Climate Change: Responding to an Urgent Agenda." The book presents analytical tools and policy insights ranging from integrated assessments of new cities to the impacts of socioeconomic, climate, and demographic changes on existing cities. The book documents a variety of low-carbon and carbon-neutral good practices in urban sectors. [Learn more.](#)

EECI Extends Deadline for the Annual Good Practice Awards for Cities

EECI has extended the deadline for submitting applications for the newly launched annual Good Practice Awards for cities to September 30, 2010. The awards recognize cities that have promoted energy efficiency in sustainable and innovative ways. [Learn more.](#)

Expanding Opportunities for Energy Efficiency in Vietnam

A newly published report is helping the government of Vietnam promote energy efficiency. The report shows energy demand trends in Vietnam, summarizes key government and international donor interventions in energy efficiency, and recommends ways to expand energy-efficiency results. The new report was jointly funded by ESMAP- Asia Sustainable and Alternative Energy Program (ASTAE). [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP's Renewable Energy Market Transformation Initiative

REMTI Registers Progress in Helping Countries Diversify Their Energy Supply Mix

ESMAP's Renewable Energy Market Transformation Initiative (REMTI) is making progress in assisting countries diversify their energy supply mix and scale up the deployment of renewable energy technologies –concentrated solar power, geothermal, wind, and small hydro power, said Cindy Suh, REMTI Program Team Leader at ESMAP's Knowledge Exchange Forum in Washington, DC on March 25, 2010. The event was attended by a cross section of development partners, policy makers, practitioners and energy specialists. [Learn more.](#)

DFID: ESMAP Outlines Ways to Scaling Up Deployment of Grid-Connected Renewable Energy Technologies

UK's Department for International Development (DFID) invited ESMAP's participation at the Chatham House Conference on "Advanced Market Commitments for Low Carbon Technology: Creating Demand In Developing Countries", held in London, on January 28, 2010. ESMAP introduced its Renewable Energy Market Transformation Initiative (REMTI) which supports a scaling-up of analytical and advisory support to client countries for grid-connected deployment of renewable energy technologies. [Learn more.](#)

SIDA: World Bank/ESMAP Presents Ways to Secure Climate Adaptable Energy Services for Low Income Countries

The Government of Sweden invited the World Bank and the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) to discuss the new energy policy and to establish ways to secure climate adaptable energy services for low income countries. The meeting took place in Stockholm, Sweden on February 23, 2010. [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP's Pro-Poor Energy Access Technical Assistance Programs

Africa Electrification Initiative's New Web site to facilitate sharing of knowledge among Africa's Energy Practitioners

A new Web site for Africa Electrification Initiative (AEI), funded by ESMAP has been launched. The Web site will provide a living body of practical knowledge for Sub-Saharan Africa energy practitioners in the area of design and implementation of rural, peri-urban and urban on-grid and off-grid electrification programs. [Learn more.](#)

New Report: Sustainable Production of Commercial Woodfuel: Lessons and Guidance from Two Strategies, March 2010

A new report is providing evidence for recognizing sustainably-sourced woodfuel as an environmentally friendly, renewable, socially acceptable and widely established source of energy. Typically, woodfuels contribute to about 90 percent of all energy consumed in a country. The lessons learned and guiding principles of the study point to significant potential for forestry innovation and improvement. [Learn more.](#)

New SME Brochure: Fighting Poverty through Decentralized Renewable Energy

ESMAP has released a new brochure following outcomes of an Energy SME Conference, held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The brochure is a blueprint for SME involvement in alternative energy products and services. [Learn more.](#)

ESMAP PUBLICATIONS

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Vietnam: Expanding Opportunities for Energy Efficiency, March 2010. [Learn more.](#)

Fighting Poverty through Decentralized Renewable Energy: Energy SME Program Brochure, March 2010. [Learn more.](#)

Sustainable Production of Commercial Woodfuel: Lessons and Guidance from Two Strategies. March 2010. [Learn more.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 - 20, 2010: Concentrating Solar Power: Project Development Opportunities In Southern Africa (Botswana)

May 26 - 28, 2010: Carbon EXPO 2010, Cologne, Germany. [Learn More.](#)

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ESMAP's mission is to assist clients—low and middle income countries—to increase know-how and institutional capacity to achieve environmentally sustainable energy solutions for poverty reduction and economic growth.

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