

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Sixth meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 10-11 December 2013

<p>The Council endorsed the following draft and decided to submit it to the Assembly for its consideration and adoption.</p>
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Draft Decision on the Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015

The Assembly,

Recalling its firm belief in the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy in addressing the challenge of the growing energy demand worldwide and the concern about climate change;

Reaffirming its determination to strengthen the role, capacity, and effectiveness of the International Renewable Energy Agency in order to realize its full potential and to respond to the needs of Members;

Acknowledging IRENA's crucial role in supporting countries in strengthening their abilities to advance the widespread and increased adoption and use of renewable energy;

Reaffirming the Agency's Medium-term Strategy, which outlines its mission to be 'the principal platform for international cooperation, a centre of excellence on renewable energy and a repository of policy, technology, resource and financial knowledge and to support countries in their transition to a renewable energy future';

Welcoming significant progress made in advancing the programmatic work to support countries in their transition to a sustainable energy future;

Acknowledging the resulting growth in demand for the Agency's services and a continuing increase in its membership;

Noting that the proposed Work Programme and Budget 2014-2015 is the product of dialogue with and feedback from Members, in light of the balance required between developing the Agency's programmatic work and the need to remain responsive to a changing environment;

Mindful of the challenges posed due to the difficult global economic environment;

Mindful also of the need to ensure ambition, stability and predictability of the Agency's core resources to enable it to fulfil its mission;

Recalling Article XII of the Statute on the budget of the International Renewable Energy Agency;

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015;

Taking into account the views expressed by Members during the consideration of this item:

1. *Decides* to adopt the proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2014-2015 with the amount of USD 40 million to cover core activities and administrative costs, across the biennium;
2. *Invites* Members, Signatories, States in Accession and other potential Members to provide additional voluntary contributions to the IRENA budget, to strengthen the Agency's ability to undertake additional activities in support of the programme of work;
3. *Requests* the Director-General to establish cooperative arrangements with bilateral multilateral and international initiatives and entities, such as Clean Technology Cooperation Network and the Green Climate Fund, to jointly implement elements of the Work Programme;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to work with the Council to seek innovative options for future funding opportunities for the Agency, in accordance with the provisions of Article XII/A.3 of the Statute, and to report on the progress made at the fifth session of the Assembly;
5. *Authorises* the Director-General to make transfers between appropriations sub-programmes pursuant to Financial Procedure 104.1 (b) up to the limit of 15 per cent of the amount appropriated for the sub-programme in question.