
Workshop I

IRENA`s initial working programme

Summary and Preliminary Conclusions

Workshop I: Suggestions for Statutes

- **Articles II to V have been discussed in detail (see following slides)**
- **The initial working programme document will be redrafted accordingly and distributed**

Workshop I: Suggestions for Statutes (ctd)

- **Article II: Inclusion of related energy efficiency aspects and poverty alleviation**
- **Article III: Renewables listed alphabetically, as general categories, enlarged definition of tidal and wave energy**
- **Article IV A: Inclusion of two new paragraphs concerning (1) an initial scoping review, knowledge base (2), cooperation with existing organisations; some minor changes**
- **Article IV B: New § 5 on circulation of proposals to member states prior to giving policy advice**

Workshop I: Suggestions for Statutes (ctd)

- **Article IV B: minor changes, inclusion of regional organisations**
- **Article IV C: Deletion of provisio “Subject to this statute ... the Agency”**
- **Article V A: Potential enlargement of the provision ofr adoption by the Council**
- **Article V B: Inclusion of circulation procedures**

Major issues

- **Flexibility and agility of initial structure as prerequisite for success**
- **Cooperation and coordination with existing organisations in related fields / avoidance of duplications**
- **IRENA is not meant to provide direct financing**
- **Role of IRENA as a catalyst and facilitator**
- **Standards identified as sensitive and crucial**

General agreement on following points

- **A quick start of operational activities is necessary**
- **IRENA as main international organisation /
champion for renewable energy**
- **Close co-operation with existing organisations is
considered important**
- **Duplication in initial phase to some extent not avoidable**
- **Take a hands-on approach to include stakeholders**
- **Operation and maintenance also deserve attention**

Initial working programme

General agreement on the elements of the initial working programme:

- It provides a general orientation for activities in the starting phase**
- The initial secretariat must adapt to the available resources and the priorities set by the governing bodies**

Initial working programme (ctd)

- **Two starting points:**
 - ➔ **Take stock of existing knowledge and activities, define IRENAS basic approaches**
 - ➔ **Initiate cooperation with related organisations**
- **General agreement that IRENA should start the activities described in the work programme as soon as possible**

Initial working programme (ctd)

Feedback on the activities to be considered:

- **Activity 1: Transparent methodology is important in the initial phase**
- **Activity 2: Integration of a broader spectrum of RE into the urban environment (not just solar)**
- **Activity 6: The technology transfer issue deserves further attention**
- **Activity 1-9: Build upon and complement the activities of other organisations**

Open questions for the Plenary

- **Member / non-member participation**
 - **Will policy advice be given to non-members?**
- **Advisory board including industry and business representatives**