



Fourth Workshop on the Environment

29/30 September 2004, Rome

Via Poli 19, ground floor, room "Sala Colonne"

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AGENDA

Most of day one will look at transparency of decision-making processes, including the practicability and modalities of ex ante and ex post reporting and consultation with relevant stakeholders. In the afternoon of day one the current status on the role of ECAs to support sustainable energy and other environmentally friendly technologies will be provided. Day two then aims at developing ideas for new products that promote investment in renewable energy technologies and other environmentally friendly technologies. Discussions will build on the work of a multi-stakeholder working group convened in the lead up to the International Conference for Renewable Energies, Bonn June 2004.

Wednesday, 29 September, 2004

8.30 – 9.00

Registration

Facilitator: Diana Smallridge, International Financial Consulting

9.00 – 9.30

Welcome and objectives of the workshop

Raoul Ascari, Chief Financial Officer, SACE

Mark Radka, Energy Programme Coordinator, UNEP

Introduction to topic one

Diana Smallridge, International Financial Consulting

9.30 – 11.00

Transparency Guidelines – strategy and practical experience

Kazuo Matsushita, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Comments by:

Naomi Kanzaki, Friends of the Earth Japan

The presentation on JBIC's approach to Stakeholder Consultation and Transparency will be followed by a Q&A and discussion session.

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45

Need for transparency - practical examples from an NGO perspective

Co-ordinated by Regine Richter, Urgewald

The presentation will highlight the importance of transparency from both a developed country and a developing country perspective. It will illustrate negative impacts of lack of transparency and make practical suggestions how transparency can be increased.

12.45 – 14.30

Lunch – Restaurant "Il Chianti"

14.30 – 16.00

Sustainability Reporting

Experience from the process used by the UNEP FI and the GRI, Sean Gilbert, GRI

Sustainable Development Performance Indicators, David Allwood, ECGD

Sustainability reporting is an additional way of increasing transparency. Companies involved in the UNEP FI have developed indicators for triple-bottom-line reporting supplementing the GRI guidelines. Also, several ECAs have started to look into production of annual reports on environmental and social performance. This session will

provide an opportunity to share experiences and thoughts, and might give rise to a co-ordinated effort to adapt indicators to ECA operations.

16.800 – 16.45

The way forward

This session provides an opportunity to take up some of the suggestions and assess them in more detail. Ideally the outcomes of this session would help provide practical guidance as to establishing and using transparency guidelines.

16.45 – 17.00

Coffee break

Facilitator: Andrew Dlugolecki, ANDLUG Consulting

17.00 – 18.00

The Role of ECA to support sustainable energy technologies and projects - State of play

The Bonn Renewables Conference – what has happened, planned follow up
Mark Radka, Energy Programme Coordinator, UNEP

The Executive Briefing prepared for Bonn – the main findings
Diana Smallridge, International Financial Consulting

Development of New Product
Diana Smallridge, International Financial Consulting

The session at the SEFI conference in Bonn – summary of discussions and outcomes
Andrew Dlugolecki, ANDLUG Consulting

The Status of OECD Discussions on the Arrangements
Eckhard Moltrecht, Hermes Kreditversicherungen

Workshop Dinner – River cruise on the Tevere in the centre of Rome

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9.00 – 9.45

Risk Perception and Environmental Projects – Bridging the Gap

Andrew Dlugolecki, ANDLUG Consulting

High carbon intensity of a project could present an additional risk. Premia accounting for carbon intensity, based on carbon intensity analysis and portfolio impact assessments, can help level the playing field between relatively low carbon intensive RE and generally higher carbon intensive conventional energy projects.

9.45 – 10.15

Database of Renewables Projects Approved, Renewables Projects Not Approved

Cory Firestone, US EXIM

Presentation of the format – feedback from the group, followed by a discussion on how to take this approach forward.

10.15 – 10.45

Incentives and new mechanisms for Renewable Energy Development

Giulio Dal Magro, SACE

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30

Renewable Energy Market: Structure and Associated Risk

Giulia Guidi, SACE

11.30 – 12.00	Sustainability and Due Diligence Guidelines Stefan Gsaenger, World Wind Energy Association
	Description of WWEA's sustainability guidelines, developed as a tool to decrease transaction costs in wind project development.
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch – at the workshop venue
13.30 – 14.15	Renewable Energy Industry in Italy: Local Constraints and Foreign Opportunities Roberto Longo, President of APER
14.15 – 15.45	How can bundling of small projects be done? <i>Interactive Session on Development of New Products and Carbon Risks</i>
15.45 – 16.15	Workshop Summary and Conclusions

Departure for field trip. Return 1 October, late afternoon.
