

# **The Community of Renewable Energy of Asia-Africa: Plan of Action for 2005-2015**

## **Introduction**

Encouraged by the desire and commitment to build a Community of Renewable Energy of Asia-Africa, to ensure access to adequate, affordable, reliable, safe and environmentally benign energy to promote sustainable development, to improve quality of life and to eradicate poverty, we have agreed to formulate this Plan of Action for the future of the Community for 2005-2015.

We are convinced that our goals can only be accomplished through the involvement, cooperation and partnership of governments and all stakeholders as well as international cooperation and solidarity at all levels.

To realise the Community of Renewable Energy of Asia-Africa, all governments and other stakeholders shall endeavour to work towards the implementation of the Plan of Action. It is acknowledged that some activities or programmes are already ongoing and at various stages of implementation at sub-regional levels. Additional activities should also be implemented in the future and each government and other stakeholders will make every effort to promptly carry out activities, which gain consensus support.

## **Plan of Action**

This Plan of Action will have three core elements:

Building a Cohesive and Co-operative Community as a solid foundation to pave the way for the institutionalisation and realisation of a true Community of Renewable Energy of Asia-Africa.

Promoting Collaborative Networks and Mechanisms to encourage more efficient and practical cooperation on renewable energy applications in Asia and Africa.

Promoting Human Resources Development and Capacity Building to improve potential and existing resources to help achieve the ideal goal of efficient and clean energy utilisation for sustainable development.

### **I. Building a Cohesive and Co-operative Community**

1. Establishing an embryonic focal point in Indonesia in anticipation to a future permanent secretariat of a Community of Renewable Energy of Asia-Africa.
2. Organising an Asian-African Renewable Energy Conference in Asian-African countries consecutively in every 3(three) years.

3. Promoting collaborative activities at the programme and project levels for a cohesive and co-operative renewable energy community.
4. Supporting harmonisation of policies and strategies on renewable energy development and implementation.

## **II. Promoting Collaborative Networks and Mechanisms**

1. Promoting partnerships of renewable energy institutions in Asia and Africa in specific renewable energy sectors.
2. Promoting cooperation of renewable energy institutions through pairing countries of Asia and Africa to act as focal points in each region on specific renewable energy issues.
3. Strengthening national networks and mechanisms to promote internal cooperation.
4. Establishing efficient and well functioning intercontinental networks and mechanisms involving all renewable energy and energy efficiency stakeholders for exchanging of information and best practices.
5. Promoting community awareness programmes and campaigns on the benefit of renewable energy and energy efficiency by supporting interactions and exchanges among all stakeholders.
6. Promoting collaborative activities in the area of financial resource mobilisation.

## **II. Promoting Human Resources Development and Capacity Building**

1. Strengthening the existing institutions or establish new institutions, where necessary, for training and human resource development.
2. Encouraging joint training and research programmes amongst relevant institutions.
3. Increasing close collaboration to harmonise specification and standardisation of renewable energy technologies.
4. Mobilising national, regional and external resources-intellectual, technical and financial- to consider the future establishment of an Asian-African Renewable Energy Institute.

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