

Annex 2: Minutes of the First Committee Meeting in Support of the Afghanistan Energy Study

Held on 18 May 2016 in Kabul, Afghanistan

Establishment of Renewable Energy Technical Committee and First Committee Meeting

Based on the nominations by MEW and MRRD the Technical Committee for the Afghanistan Energy Study was formed and the Committee met for its first meeting in Kabul, Afghanistan on 18th of May, 2016. The composition of the Technical Committee is as follows:

MEW	MRRD
Aman Ghalib (Deputy Minister)	Sultan Ali Javid (Head of ASERD) – Focal Point
Engineer Reza Haidari (Technical Advisor, Energy)	Ajmal Hamraz (Member of Management Department)
Engineer Mazharuddin Amanpour (Energy Policy Department)	Ahmad Saboor Arya (MRRD/NSP)
Engineer Qais Ahmadzai (Wind Energy Manager)	Wakil Khan Shabgeer (Director, Planning)
Engineer Fahim Sadeqi (Energy Programming Department)	Engineer Ahmad Husain Rasuli (ASERD)

Summary of Discussion and Key Outcomes

The key issues that were discussed at the first Technical Committee meeting were:

- Afghanistan Energy Study Progress Update
- Technical Committee roles and responsibilities along with a tentative plan and schedules for the subsequent meetings in FY16
- Discussions on Project Activities, namely – Gender-Energy Note (as an output of Activity 1); Activity 3 (Household and Enterprise Energy Diaries), Activity 4 (Geospatial Least Cost Electrification Plan) and Activity 5 (Institutional Assessment and Capacity Building)
- Discussions on way forward on each activities and important timelines

The key outcomes of the discussions are:

- The Committee expressed their interest in Activity 4 encompassing detailed Provincial Electrification Concepts (PEC). While the geospatial analysis could be pan-national, the PECs could be pertaining to a few selected/priority provinces (to be identified by the Committee). The Committee also expressed their interest in forming an internal working

group consisting of members from both MEW and MRRD along with student representations (advanced level) from Kabul University – who would work closely with the Consultants assigned for the geospatial analysis – and develop MEW and MRRD’s institutional capacity such that such analysis and PECs can be conducted by the Ministries on their own, going forward.

- The Committee endorsed the need for the Household and Enterprise diaries survey and encouraged delving deep into issues of quality of energy access and energy services, satisfaction of existing customers (grid and off-grid), household aspirations regarding energy access etc.
- The committee reiterated the need for some plausible convergence/complementarity between provinces covered by Activities 3 and 4 such that a holistic needs assessment, stock taking of available facilities and future prospects/needs, priorities of people in terms of energy access and energy aspirations etc. can be derived.
- The Committee was also on board with taking the observations of the Energy-Gender note forward and discuss the possibility of developing a dedicated Gender Strategy for the energy sector
- A study tour on successful implementation of renewable energy technologies has been proposed for the Technical Committee. This has been tentatively planned for in January/February 2017 in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.