



Memorandum of Understanding Between Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN)

(Representing the Interest of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, being the designated Focal Point for IECh)

and

Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS)

The Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) and the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS), hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the respective mandates of the organisations,

Aware of the increasing importance of strategic planning, coordination and monitoring of national policies in the field of energy in all its ramifications, to attain sustainable energy future for socio-economic development,

Desire to rely on the capacity building activity under existing cooperation in the field of energy under the International Energy Charter (IECh), to strengthen the promotion of national energy security, economic development and environmental protection,

Agree on the following:

Article 1. Objectives

- To strengthen cooperation between Parties through joint activities,
- To promote knowledge sharing and capacity building,
- To enhance activities with Nigeria, Nigeria's neighbor countries and with ECOWAS.

Article 2. Areas of Cooperation /Collaboration

As a result of the meeting of the Secretary General of the energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) Ambassador Urban Rusnak and the Director General of the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN), Professor Eli Jidere Bala that took place at the Energy Commission of Nigeria Headquarters in Abuja, it was agreed to focus on the following main areas:

1. To build local capacity to develop a template, based on international best practices, for monitoring the performance of Nigeria energy sector in the execution of government policies on energy.
2. Develop local capacity to identify, measure and analyze relevant parameters for performance monitoring of Nigeria energy sector in the execution of government policies on energy.
3. Exchange of modern and evolving efficient energy technologies;
4. Cooperation on Research and Development on energy;
5. Techniques in bankable energy projects design;
6. Peer review and best practices in policies, plans and implementation strategies and mechanisms;
7. Discussion on topical challenges and solutions in the energy sector, including international energy trade.
8. Joint training and capacity building programmes on energy investments, energy efficiency and renewable energy for Nigeria and the ECOWAS sub-region.
9. Promotion of renewable energy deployment and related modern energy services as tool to energy poverty reduction.
10. Removing barriers to foreign investment and trade.
11. Improvement of Energy Efficiency Measures through capacity building and cooperation in the following areas:
 - a) Training and capacity building in local energy efficient solutions: technologies and techniques in buildings, municipal services and transports;
 - b) Sustainable energy city planning;
 - c) Enhance energy efficiency policy and technology transfer cooperation between all signatories and Nigeria;
12. Any other areas of mutual benefit and relevant to the flagship project initiative.

All these areas of cooperation as well as their financial aspects will be further concretized and described through a joint Action plan by the parties. This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose on any Party the obligation of exclusive cooperation with the other Party. It also does not impose any financial obligation.

Article 3. Execution and follow-up mechanism

The execution of the Action Plan is subject to funding from the respective budgets of the Parties; except for those elements that will be funded in the form of voluntary contribution. References to the source of funding will be made in the Action Plan to be negotiated.

A joint consultation will develop the means of cooperation, help to secure the funding for its execution, and provide suitable suggestions and recommendations. For this purpose, the parties shall each appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing the MOU and its related activities.

An Annex will be developed and agreed among Parties until 2021, containing detailed budget for the implementation of all activities part requiring voluntary contribution

Article 4. Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding will have a duration of five (5) years from the date of signature and can be renewed for the same duration. It may be terminated by either Party after thirty days prior notice in writing to the other Party. Such termination does not affect the contract already concluded with consultants, interns and fellows by either Party under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 5. Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of the Parties. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and be effective as of the date designated by the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Brussels on 7 June 2017

For the Energy Commission of Nigeria

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