Prepare, coordinate and align (for COP23 and beyond)

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Climate Change as an Energy issue

- Reduction of the GHG emissions (70% of emissions are from energy production)
- Monitoring, reporting and verification (national level, international level)
- Renewable energy sources, Carbon capture and storage, Article 6 (cooperative approaches, use of internationally transferred mitigation outcomes – ITMOs)
- Adaptation
- Technology transfer
Strengthening national position: coalition building

• Many key points of energy policy depend on sub-regional/regional realities (infrastructure between countries, price difference, etc);
• Common/coordinated energy policy means also coordinated climate change policy;
• National position can get lost in international negotiations without coalition/pre-negotiation discussions;
• National position may also be influenced by regional/sub-regional perspectives, joint objectives, common goals;
• International climate change negotiations outcome will influence national energy policy.
Importance of coalition building on regional level
Example of transition from coal to more clean energy

- Different national interest groups (coal industry, coal workers, renewable industry/energy efficiency industry, interest groups);
- National policy makers: under effect of lobby groups, but with long-term thinking;
- Alliance on regional/sub-regional energy priorities towards an integrated market: necessary for competitiveness;
- Alliance of climate change positions on regional/sub-regional level: necessary for successful UNFCCC negotiations and for strengthened political presence internationally.
- National perspectives to be effected as outcome of international negotiations.
Preparation at the national level

• National position – should incorporate interests at national level, not only one particular group (environment, NGOs, economy, finance, foreign affairs...)

• Focus on the agenda items most relevant to you (92 agenda items under 7 bodies: APA1-4, SBSTA47, SBI47, CMA1-2, CMP13, COP23)

• Check submissions on relevant agenda items

http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?showOnlyCurrentCalls=1&populateData=1&expectedsubmissionfrom=Parties&focalBodies=APA

• Paris agreement – „Rule book“ preparation (almost all Energy Community members are already Parties to the PA)
Preparation at the national level (cont.)

• UN FCCC National Focal Point – usually Ministry of the Environment

• Find alliances in-country (other ministries, other companies), at regional level (contact your partners in other regional bodies)

• Discussions informal, at expert level and then on more formal fora (inter-ministerial committees, coordination bodies,...)


• Talk to people who are going to attend the conference

• Attend the conference (if possible and if relevant)