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Views on “opportunities to further enhance the effective engagement of non-Party stakeholders with a view to strengthening the implementation of the provisions of decision 1/CP.21”

The International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC) welcomes the opportunity to submit its views on possibilities to enhance engagement of non-Party stakeholders in the UNFCCC process. Non-Party stakeholders can make essential contributions in terms of expertise, policy recommendations, member country action, and visibility to the UNFCCC’s goals and climate efforts more widely.

To illustrate, as an inter-governmental partnership dedicated solely to energy efficiency cooperation, mandated with implementing the G20’s two energy efficiency plans, IPEEC furthers energy efficiency actions and raises their visibility at the global level. This is crucial, as energy efficiency is one of the most important mechanisms through which countries can act to mitigate climate change and contribute to a sustainable future. By seizing upon the full potential presented by energy efficiency, countries can achieve a third of the energy-related GHG emissions reductions necessary by 2030 to keep global warming to below 2 degrees Celsius. This is the single largest contribution to global reductions, greater even than that from renewable energy. Energy efficiency furthermore offers a range of co-benefits in line with the objective and principles of the UNFCCC, including enhanced economic productivity and sustainability, job creation, decreased air pollution, and improved health conditions. In its function as a partnership of 16 member nations – soon to be 17 - that represent over 80 percent of global energy use and 85 percent of energy-related GHG emissions, IPEEC is uniquely placed to drive these efforts forward, acting cooperatively with other international organisations and private sector entities to advance technical and political collaboration on energy efficiency. Increasing IPEEC’s engagement with the UNFCCC would benefit all parties involved.

IPEEC has already brought value to the UNFCCC process, within the limits imposed by its non-accredited status. Since 2014, IPEEC has been invited regularly to take part in the UNFCCC’s technical expert meetings, including the March 2017 Technology Executive Committee meeting in Bonn, Germany, which it will participate in both as speaker and moderator. At the COP22 in Marrakech in November 2016, IPEEC organised two side-events on “How can international cooperation enhance energy efficiency investments?” and “What do NDCs need to succeed? Energy efficiency”, gathering a large audience and bringing together experts and government representatives to engage on these topics. At the COP21 in 2015, IPEEC also participated actively in a number of events as an authority on energy efficiency and international cooperative action in this field, as speaker and moderator. In addition, a number of IPEEC’s country delegates work closely with UNFCCC delegates, allowing for regular exchanges and coordination. In these ways, IPEEC’s voice is valuable to the international community and can be enhanced to positive effect by being more closely involved in the UNFCCC process.

In conclusion, IPEEC recognises the value in enabling participation of currently non-accredited, non-Party stakeholders, and would welcome the opportunity to discuss further how these parties can better contribute to the UNFCCC process.

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