

Thematic dialogue

Development and transfer of technology in distributed renewable energy generation and integration

Financial perspective and challenges

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- For developing countries, financing of distributed generation is a significant challenge. High transaction costs. Restricted Availability.
 - At the user level, high capital cost is a substantial barrier. Lack of financing instruments/knowledge from banks (most common source of funds) ⇒ Promotion of ESCO model; "green (subsidized) loans"; tax incentives; mezzanine financing from development agencies
 - At the level of utilities, since required upgrades generally not recognized in the tariffs ⇒Re-writing of regulations; incentives
- Pricing of energy exports. The greater the price, the faster investment is recovered, and the more likely the technology would be adopted.
 - Price should be set at the avoided cost to the utility (cross-subsidies?)
 - Complication when provider is an integrated utility. Cost separation.
 - Standardized contract, supervised by regulator.



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