

**IRENA events at the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW)  
including the World Future Energy Summit (WFES)  
Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)**

**11 Renewables Readiness Assessment: Analysing Impacts**

**Wednesday, 21 January 2015, 01.30 pm – 3.30 pm**  
**Capital Suite 7, upper level**

In 2011, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) developed the Renewables Readiness Assessment (RRA), a country-specific assessment tool that constitutes the backbone of IRENA's interventions at national level. The RRA offers a country-led multi-stakeholder process that provides a holistic assessment of the conditions for renewable energy deployment and short to medium term action recommendations to improve the readiness and overcome key barriers. Thus far, more than 20 countries have been engaged in RRAs.

The RRA has enhanced IRENA's ability to provide country-specific support, both in-house and from global experts and practitioners. It has also enabled IRENA to identify the next level of opportunities for supporting Member states. For countries, the RRA reports can help bring specificity to discussions with bilateral and multilateral entities, leading to funding support for identified actions. This has, in turn, had implications on the methodology, which has evolved to allow IRENA to enter into a discussion with potential partners, even before the formal process of an RRA is initiated, in order to ensure that the follow up is effective and coordinated.

While many of the actions identified during the RRA are related to policy and regulations, actions relating to capacity building of energy planners to integrate renewables into energy planning, or for creating the ecosystem to integrate renewables into rural electrification policies, have also been brought to the fore. After three years of facilitating RRAs in its Member states, IRENA has decided to make a preliminary assessment of the impacts of those RRAs where sufficient time has elapsed for impacts to be tangible in the respective countries (normally, around 18-24 months). IRENA will also start to learn lessons from the various assessments and improve the methodology and the follow up of the RRA itself.

IRENA, through the RRAs, is also initiating the provision of inputs for the renewable energy component of the country-specific Sustainable Energy for All initiative (SE4ALL) Action Agenda in some countries. This will be further enhanced over the following years. One aspect of the collaborative mechanism has been to partner with the World Bank Group, who since 2013 has been developing the Readiness for Investment in Sustainable Energy (RISE), to come up with global indicators across the three focus areas of the SE4ALL initiative: energy access, energy efficiency and renewable energy. The objective of RISE is to support policy makers in the design and maintenance of the necessary enabling environment for investment in sustainable energy, also a key component for the RRAs.

As the renewable energy hub of SE4ALL, IRENA has been supporting the development of RISE indicators along with other stakeholders, such as the United States Agency for International

Development (USAID), the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program (SREP), and the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP). The indicators were piloted in 17 developed and developing countries and a report has been presented detailing the methodology and results of the pilot phase. It is the aim of RISE to initiate a global rollout in 100 countries allowing for validation of the methodology and implementation of the suite of indicators across these countries. RISE can further complement or add to the RRA process, especially in the specificities of enablers for investments. All knowledge and information generated can be shared. The RISE programme also adds value to RRA follow ups, in particular Advisory Services for countries or clusters in a particular region. As both methodologies are dynamic, the initial results from RRAs can also be useful for RISE and vice-versa over time.

The Event, to be co-organized with the World Bank Group, will present the preliminary key impacts of the IRENA's RRA initiative as well as the first outcomes of the RISE global report.

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**Draft Agenda**

<b>01.30 pm – 03.30 pm</b>	<b>Renewables Readiness Assessment: Analysing Impacts *</b> Capital Suite 7, upper level
01.30 pm – 01.40 pm	<b>Welcome remarks</b> Representatives from IRENA and the World Bank Group
01.40 pm – 01.55 pm	<b>Presentation of the RRA: Analysing Impacts</b> Representative from IRENA
01.55 pm – 02.40 pm	<b>Panel Discussions on the Impacts of RRAs in Selected Countries</b> Moderator: Representative from IRENA  <b>Presentation of RRA impacts on the energy sector: challenges, outcomes, feedback on improvement of RRA process</b> Niger: Salouhou Hamidine, <i>General Director, Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria</i> Swaziland: Henry Shongwe, <i>Director of Energy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy</i> Nicaragua: TBC Fiji: Peceli Nakavulevu, <i>Director, Energy Department</i> Oman: Sulaiman S. Al-Harrasi, <i>Senior Manager- Public Authority for Electricity &amp; Water</i>  <b>Collaborative outreach towards a better coordination of efforts for the success of the RRA process</b> Bouba Oualy, <i>Manager, Regional Energy Project for Poverty Reduction Regional, United Nations Development Programme</i>

02.40 pm - 03.05 pm	<b>Presentation of the results of RISE report</b> <i>Gevorg Sargsyan, Program Manager, Energy Climate Finance, World Bank</i>
03.05 pm - 03.25 pm	<b>Panel Discussion on synergies between RRA and RISE</b> Moderator: Representative from the World Bank Group <i>Anthony Jude, Senior Advisor, Regional &amp; Sustainable Development Department; Chairman of Energy Committee Asian Development Bank</i> <i>Daniel Schroth, SE4ALL Africa Hub Coordinator, African Development Bank</i> Representative from the <i>United States Agency for International Development</i> Representative from the <i>Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program</i> or <i>GIZ</i>
03.25 pm - 03.30 pm	<b>Closing remarks by IRENA and World Bank</b>

\*Panelists in this event have been invited and are yet to be confirmed.