

EWG ANNUAL REPORT TO APEC LEADERS

Background

“At their fourth meeting in San Diego on 12 May 2000, APEC Energy Ministers committed to an implementation strategy which features:

- A program of implementation facilitation under which invited teams will visit economies to share experiences on energy initiatives and agreed principles;
- A system of voluntary, annual self reports on implementation progress by member economies that will be forwarded to Economic Leaders through the Energy Working Group and the APEC system.
- An agreed and consistent reporting framework to be developed by the Energy Working Group that each economy may use.

The San Diego Declaration stated that “Implementation will be assisted by two major programs: (1) a program of implementation facilitation as requested on a voluntary basis by member economies; and (2) a system of self-reporting on a voluntary basis by member economies that measures progress in implementation”.

The process for reporting and measuring implementation outlined in the San Diego Declaration is as follows:

“The self-report is prepared within the context of the fourteen non-binding energy policy principles and other agreed energy initiatives.

The self-reports specifically includes progress on the implementation of and issues relating to initiatives on:

1. Independent power producers, natural gas and environmentally sound energy infrastructure; and,
2. Energy efficiency, including the voluntary pledge and review and the harmonisation of performance testing standards.

The reports may also include progress on and issues relating to the implementation of other principles to which Ministers have agreed, such as on energy security, and to programs on energy technology. The report will be expanded as Ministers endorse other initiatives.

The self-reports should stress short, medium and long term issues and goals relating to each initiative and should include, initially, self-identified indicators and benchmarks of progress.

The Chair of the Energy Working Group will give priority to developing an agreed and consistent reporting framework that each economy may use.

The annual self-reports are made to the Energy Working Group at its September/October meeting, as the basis of discussion of implementation progress and issues by the Working Group. The Chair of the EWG prepares a summary of implementation progress and issues and forward it along with the individual self-reports to APEC Economic Leaders through the APEC system”.

To facilitate the final paragraph in the process for reporting and measuring implementation the EWG Chair proposes that:

1. Members send their individual reports to the EWG Secretariat for circulation by the EWG Secretariat with other agenda papers in advance of the second EWG meeting for each year to enable discussion on the implementation process and issues.
2. Members use the agreed reporting format for their individual reports and indicate items in which substantial progress has occurred so these items can be included in the Chair's summary (it is not necessary for members to report progress on each of the eight primary principles).

Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting

- Members to agree to the process for reporting and measuring implementation.