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World Forum on Energy Regulation III

Dates:

- October 8-11, 2006

Venue:

- Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC, USA

Host Organization:

- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)



World Forum on Energy Regulation III

Current confirmed promoters:

- Africa Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)
- Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals (CAMPUT)
- Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)
- Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) for Eastern Europe & former Soviet Union
- Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR)
- Regional Electricity Regulators Association (RERA) for Southern Africa
- South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR)
- World Energy Council (WEC)
- US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- European Commission (EC)
- Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Association of Ibero-American Energy Regulators (ARIAE)



World Forum on Energy Regulation III

Goals:

- Facilitate the active involvement of all participants to promote the exchange of information and best practices.
- Examine recent developments in the energy industry, new trends in energy regulation, and selected sectoral and regional issues.
- Develop a truly global energy and regulatory network.
- Build upon the themes and key findings discussed during the 1st and 2nd Forums in 2000 in Montreal and 2003 in Rome.



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Format:

- Formal plenary and parallel sessions, panels, and roundtable discussions.
- Informal networking and discussions.
- Trade show.
- Unique social events (*sightseeing tour, ceremonial dinner, reception at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum*).



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International Survey on Key Topics (June 2005)

- Economic Regulation
- Market Design and Competition
- Regional Market Development
- Quality of Service
- Benchmarking and Monitoring
- Investment Challenges
- Cross-border Regulation
- Governance/Function of the Regulator
- Regulatory Independence
- Consumer Protection
- Environmental Issues



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Participants:

- Target: approximately 1000 participants from more than 100 countries.
- Types of Participants:
 - Energy Regulators and their associations
 - Government Officials and Ministries
 - Utilities, Industry, and Market Players & associations
 - Non-governmental Organizations
 - Consumers & their associations
 - Financial Investors & Security Market Analysts
 - Consultants, Academics, & Experts
 - Specialized Journalists
 - General Energy Sector Stakeholders



NARUC Commitment to USAID Programs

A very important feature of the USAID Cooperative Agreements is NARUC's in-kind skilled labor contribution of 20%. This effort constitutes the U.S. Commissioners' and State staffs' involvement in program activities. To date, NARUC has exceeded this 20% in-kind requirement thanks to the generous time and efforts of U.S. Commissioners and staff members.



Eurasia Program (I)

Regional Energy Regulatory Program for Eastern Europe & Eurasia

- USAID Cooperative Agreement (1998 – 2007)
- 22+ countries
- Dual-language program: English & Russian
 - ERRA
 - Partnerships
 - Sub-regional & bi-lateral activities (Azerbaijan, Southeast Europe, Baltics)



Eurasia Program (II)

- Key ERRA Activities: February – July 2005
 - Summer School (training) (July)
 - European Union Integration Working Group (July)
 - New Commissioner Training Program (June)
 - Meetings/Focus on long-term sustainability (June)
 - Presidium meeting (June)
 - 4th Energy Regulation & Investment Conference (April)
 - Tariff/Pricing & Licensing/Competition Committee Reports & Meetings (April)
 - Legal Regulatory Working Group (March)
 - Publication 1998-1999 historical data for electricity and gas database
 - Website www.erranet.org



Eurasia Program (III)

- Key Upcoming Bilateral Activities:
Development of an energy regulator in Azerbaijan
 - 1-week study tour to Turkey & Lithuania (Feb. 2005)
 - 3-day follow-on seminar on regulation with NARUC and ERRA commissioners/staff (May 2005)



GRN Program (I)

Global Regulatory Network

- USAID Cooperative Agreement (2002 – 2007)
- Africa, Caribbean/Latin America, Asia
- To encourage information exchange and local capacity building for regulatory authorities and associations of regulatory authorities.
 - Association Development
 - Partnerships



GRN Program (II)

- Key GRN Activities: Feb. – July 2005
 - Technical Assistance Project with new Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
 - Africa Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)
 - Annual conference, association development, creation of technical committees
 - Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR)
 - Mid-level training course
 - Website: www.globalregulatorynetwork.org



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program

Current Partnerships & Recent Activities

- Albania – Indiana (June 05 + internship, both IN)
- Bulgaria – New Jersey (Sept 04, Sofia + internship, NJ)
- Croatia – New York (Dec 04, Zagreb)
- Ghana – Ohio (lead state) (April 2005, Accra)
- Kyrgyz Republic – Washington (Sept 04, Olympia)
- Macedonia – Vermont (May 05 Vermont)
- Moldova – Iowa (Mar 04, Des Moines)
- Rwanda – Missouri (lead state) (Oct 04, Kigali)
- Zambia – Pennsylvania (lead state) (July 05, Harrisburg)



EAPIRF

- East Asia and Pacific Infrastructure Regulatory Forum
- Geographic Focus: East Asia and the Pacific
- Supported by the World Bank
- Affiliate Membership (no cost for 2005)
- Opportunity to Promote the International Programs and the World Forum



East Asia and Pacific Infrastructure Regulatory Forum

Infrastructure development is critical to the economic and social development of the East Asia and Pacific Region. As governments seek to improve the delivery of services through public and private service providers, effective regulation has become increasingly vital to balance the interests of consumers, investors and governments.

The East Asia and Pacific Infrastructure Regulatory Forum (EAPIRF) was launched in 2003. The objective of the Forum is to promote good regulatory practices in infrastructure in the region by enabling regulators to learn from each other's experiences and knowledge.

Information exchange

The Forum provides a vehicle for the exchange of information and experiences among Members as well as with experts in regulation. EAPIRF hosts a website and organizes on-line discussions and regular meetings.

Training opportunities

The Forum facilitates capacity building by identifying qualified training courses for Members and assisting in the development of regulatory training opportunities.

Collaboration and support

The Forum encourages collaboration and support by offering a venue for Members to share their experience and expertise and to request advice from others.

News:

The 2005 Membership Drive is On - Join Now!

[Register now to become a member](#) of EAPIRF and be a part of developing the Forum

Launch of the EAPIRF website

The EAPIRF website has been launched, and more information is being added regularly. If you have comments on the website or information to add, [email us](#).

Events:

Mark October 6-7, 2005 on Your Calendar!

The 2005 Forum Meeting is scheduled for October 6-7, 2005. Planning is underway. Check this site for more details as they become available.

Recently Updated:

New publications

Connecting East Asia: A New Framework for Infrastructure

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