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PRESENTATION TO THE NARUC WINTER MEETING

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Presentation Outline:

- Energy at USAID
- NARUC's work with USAID
- The way forward



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I. ENERGY AT USAID

Energy Team Motto

“We power development !”

Mission Statement

“Powering economic and social development through expanded access to modern energy services”



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New Energy Team structure regroups technical activities under three thematic areas:

- Energy Market Development
- Energy Enterprise Development
- Multilateral Coordination & Energy Partnerships



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Energy Market Development

Activities include programs that strengthen energy sector economic and democratic governance and energy markets (both national and regional) through policy, legal, regulatory, and commercial reform; increase energy security through reliable access to adequate and affordable domestic and imported energy supplies; improve the operational and commercial performance of public and private sector utilities and regulatory institutions; and enhance public understanding and participation in the provision of energy services.



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Energy Enterprise Development

Activities include programs to improve energy service delivery through piloting innovative business models, financing approaches, and public-private partnerships with businesses, entrepreneurs, cooperatives, NGOs, and other service providers in urban and rural areas; and improving the efficiency and reducing the environmental impact of energy production and use.



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Multilateral Coordination & Energy Partnerships

Involves the coordination and management of the Team's participation in energy programs and activities that engage the team with multilateral organizations, inter-Agency processes, intergovernmental activities, Presidential and Agency initiatives, and global partnerships.



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CHALLENGES

- Agency budget cut significantly
- Energy Team budget 25% less than last year
- Challenge: balance mission support with technical leadership on a reduced budget.
- Resolution: sharp focus on visible results



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II. NARUC's work with the Energy Team through the Global Regulatory Network:

1. Refocused on regulatory partnerships because of budgetary constraints
2. Continued, in-country advisory services, training and technical assistance to the Bangladesh Regulator (mission funded);
3. Cutting edge technical leadership



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Regulatory Partnerships

- In Rwanda, NARUC trained the Rwandan regulatory body in customer service practices
- In Ghana, NARUC is working along side the Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas to develop a market for natural gas. Partner organizations are the country's two regulatory bodies (PURC and EC) and the Ministry of Energy.
- In Zambia, NARUC is providing valuable assistance to the regulator in determining the cost of service for electric power.



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Targeted Advisory Services: **BANGLADESH**

- NARUC helped the BERC organize and carry out its first public meeting.
- Assisted with the development of rate procedures.
- Is building capacity among consumer groups so that they can have an effective voice in the energy sector.



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Cutting Edge Technical Leadership

- NARUC is undertaking a study for USAID to examine the capacity of consumers to participate in the regulatory process.
- The study will look at both government sponsored consumer advocates and civil society groups around the world that participate in the regulatory decision making process as well as where there may be gaps in public participation.
- The result will be a widely disseminated best practice guide.



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III. FUTURE TRENDS FOR ENERGY AT USAID

- Focus on partnerships through the Global Development Alliance (GDA)
 - GDA mobilizes the ideas, efforts and resources of governments, businesses and civil society by forging public-private alliances to stimulate economic growth, develop businesses and workforces, address health and environmental issues, and expand access to education and technology.
- Focus on consumer affairs, public participation and understanding, and civil society strengthening
- Focus on improved service delivery in fragile states
- Focus on preventing conflict in hydrocarbon-rich countries