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NARUC INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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NARUC/USAID Programs

- I. Regional Energy Regulatory Program for Eastern Europe & Eurasia ("Eurasia")
 - ERRA
 - Partnerships
 - Sub-regional (Southeast Europe, Baltics)
- II. Global Regulatory Network ("GRN")
 - Africa, Caribbean/Latin America, Asia
 - Partnerships



Eurasia Program (I)

- Cooperative Agreement Signed Oct. 98
- 22+ countries in Central/Eastern Europe & Eurasia
- Dual-language program: English & Russian
- 2 Objectives
 - Assist in development of regional association
 - Coordinate information exchange program



Eurasia Program (II)

- Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) – CEE/CIS region
 - created Dec. 2000
 - 22 Full Members, 4 Associate Members
 - Target goal next 3 years - SUSTAINABILITY



Eurasia Program (III)

- Independent Program Evaluation Report
 - Key Findings – Involvement of U.S. & ERRA member Commissioners/Staff is critical
- Additional 3-year program extension (through Sept. 2007)
 - New Tasks – Training, Sustainability, Subregional Activities (SEE, Black Sea)



Eurasia Program (IV)

- Key ERRA Activities – 2004
 - Legal Regulatory Working Group
 - Tariff/Pricing & Licensing/Competition Committee Reports & Meetings
 - Website www.erranet.org
 - Training (summer school, program expansion)



Eurasia Program (V)

- Key Bilateral Activities
 - Azerbaijan – 4-day seminar on regulation with NARUC and ERRA commissioners/staff (Oct. 2004)
 - Baltics – 2-day workshop on benchmarking TSOs (Sept. 2004)



GRN Program (I)

- Cooperative Agreement signed Oct. 2002
- 5 year program (2-year extension received Sept. 2003)
- To encourage information exchange and local capacity building for regulatory authorities and associations of regulatory authorities.
- Areas: Southern Africa, Western Africa, Eastern Africa, Caribbean, Asia, Latin America.



GRN Program (II)

- Key GRN Activities – 2004
 - Technical Assistance Project with new Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission
 - Drafting:
 - License Fees
 - Public Meetings
 - Public Hearings
 - Recruiting
 - Staffing
 - Organization Structure
 - Code of Ethics
 - Accounting



GRN Program (III)

- Key GRN Activities – 2004 (cont.)
 - 2nd GRN Conference
(July, Mali)
Themes: West African Energy Sector, Regulator as Referee, Public/Private Participation in Regulation, Ensuring Customer Satisfaction/ Dispute Resolution, Encouraging Investment
 - PPA/Electricity Contracts Workshop for West African Region
(July, Mali)



GRN Program (IV)

- Key GRN Activities – 2004 (cont.)
 - Foundations Course on Utility Regulation in Africa
(August, South Africa)
Multi-sector program by NARUC, Univ. Capetown, Univ. Florida/PURC, PPIAF/World Bank, AFUR, RERA
 - Website:
www.globalregulatorynetwork.org



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program (I)

Characteristics

- Two Years or More in Length
- 2-3 Exchange Activities Per Year
- Funded by NARUC/USAID
- Staff Oriented
- Two-Way Learning Process
- Training Opportunities
- Interim Communication
- Access to Multiple Regulatory Agencies, Legislators, and Industry Officials



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program (II)

Benefits

- Transfer of Experience
- “Hands-on” Experience
- Avoid Repeating Mistakes
- In-Depth Exploration of the Issues Outlined in the Work Plan
- Country Specific
- Long Term Resource
- Enduring Linkages



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program (III)

Formats - Traditional

- Pairs 1 US PUC and 1 foreign regulator.
- 4-5 representatives from these 2 regulators participate on each exchange activity.
- Ideal for foreign regulators with sufficient staff and access to a regional association to allow information exchange with neighbors.
- Requires substantial commitment of time by US PUC.



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program (III)

Formats - Alternate

- Pairs 1 foreign regulator with 1 “lead” US PUC.
- 1-2 representatives from the lead PUC participate on each exchange activity, with 3-4 representatives from other US and international regulators.
- Allows foreign regulator access to a broader variety of experiences and information.
- Requires less commitment by US PUC.



NARUC Regulatory Partnership Program (V)

Current Partnerships & Recent Activities

- Albania – Indiana (Nov, Tirana)
- Bulgaria – New Jersey (Oct, Sofia + internship, NJ)
- Croatia – New York (Dec, Zagreb)
- Ghana – (expected March 2005)
- Kyrgyz Republic – Washington (Sept, Olympia)
- Macedonia – Vermont (Oct, Skopje)
- Moldova – Iowa (Mar, Des Moines)
- Rwanda – Missouri (lead state) (Oct, Kigali)
- Zambia – Pennsylvania (lead state) (exp'd spring 05)



NARUC Members

- Seeking Commissioners and Commission Staff members to become involved in International Programs.
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