

EIRA QUESTIONNAIRE



Indicator 1: Foresight of policy and regulatory change

QUESTIONS	CLARIFICATIONS TO QUESTIONS	SCORING
Sub-indicator 1.1: Communication of vision and policies		
1.1.1 What are the key priorities or goals of the energy sector policy? a. Energy security [Y/N] b. Power reliability [Y/N] c. Affordability – energy poverty [Y/N] d. Access to energy [Y/N] e. Investment in the energy sector [Y/N] f. CO ₂ reduction [Y/N] g. Renewable energy [Y/N] h. Energy efficiency [Y/N] i. Innovation [Y/N] j. Others issues related to the energy sector (like air quality, water quality job creation etc). Please specify.	This is not an exhaustive list and countries are only expected to tick the boxes relevant to them. Countries may add priorities or goals not listed.	Not scored
1.1.2 Does the country have an energy strategy document for the key priority areas selected above (e.g. a Vision document/Roadmap)? [Y/N]	Kindly provide details of the energy strategy (such as date when the document was endorsed). Please also provide a link to the document or send the pdf version.	Based on the number of goals selected
1.1.3 Has the country set any short-, medium- term targets for the priority areas selected above? [Y/N]	This may include any specific short-, medium-term outcomes/targets for the energy sub-sectors.	Based on the number of goals selected
1.1.4 Has the country set any ultimate/final outcomes for the priority areas selected above? [Y/N]	This may include any specific final outcomes or end game for the energy sub-sectors.	Based on the number of goals selected
1.1.5 Is there a timeframe for achieving the ultimate/final outcomes for the priority areas selected above? [Y/N]		Based on the number of goals selected
1.1.6 Is there a binding national action plan in place for implementing the priorities selected above? [Y/N]		Based on the number of goals selected
1.1.7a Is the country a party to the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
1.1.7b If yes, does the country's NDC contain details on energy sector CO₂ contribution? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
Sub-indicator 1.2: Robustness of policy goals and commitments		
1.2.1 Is there a body responsible for monitoring the implementation of each energy priority? [Y/N]		Based on the number of goals selected
1.2.2 Is the monitoring body independent of the authority/ministry responsible for implementing the energy priorities selected above? [Y/N]	For instance a technical/statistics body.	Based on the number of monitoring bodies
1.2.3 Is the monitoring body required to provide feedback to the authority/ministry responsible for implementing the energy priorities selected above? [Y/N]		Based on the number of monitoring bodies
1.2.4 Is there a legal provision that allows the government to review the energy priorities selected above, and sets out the process in which the review should be performed? [Y/N]	Please provide relevant legal acts/provisions.	Yes-100 No-0
Additional remarks: Are there any regulatory measures/legal changes that you anticipate in the coming year? <i>Please describe.</i>		

Indicator 2: Management of decision-making processes

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Sub-indicator 2.1: Institutional governance		
<p>2.1.1 Indicate the levels of government involved in framing energy legislation:</p> <p>a. Central government [Y/N] b. Provincial [Y/N] c. Municipal [Y/N] d. More than 3 [Y/N] e. How many levels are involved in total?</p>		<p>For one level 100 For two levels 50 For three levels 25 For more than three levels 0</p>
<p>2.1.2 Is there a central authority responsible for the overall energy policy formulation process? [Y/N]</p>	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.1.3 Is there a central authority responsible for the overall investment policy formulation process? [Y/N]</p>	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes 100 No-0
<p>2.1.4 Do the energy and investment authorities consult each other while formulating policies related to their respective sectors? [Y/N]</p>	This includes consultation within working groups, etc.	Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.1.5 Is there an authority responsible for the overall implementation and monitoring of the country's NDC? [Y/N]</p>	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.1.6 Is there a process that requires the government to periodically review the implementation of its NDC? [Y/N]</p>		Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.1.7a Has the country established a one-stop shop investment approval authority? [Y/N]</p>	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes-50 No-0
<p>2.1.7b If yes, does it also give approval for the energy sector? [Y/N]</p>		Yes-50 No-0
<p>2.1.8a Is there a single window for all enquiries concerning investment policies and applications? [Y/N]</p>	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes-50 No-0
<p>2.1.8b If yes, does it also give information for the energy sector? [Y/N]</p>		Yes-50 No-0
Sub-indicator 2.2: Transparency		
<p>2.2.1 Does the country have a law on transparency? [Y/N]</p>		Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.2.2a Do exceptions to transparency rules exist? [Y/N]</p>	Such exceptions can include national security, public interest, law and order etc.	Yes-0 No-100
<p>2.2.2b If yes, are these exceptions clearly defined in law or regulation? [Y/N]</p>		Yes-100 No-0
<p>2.2.3 Does the country make available legal and regulatory information to the public?</p> <p>a. Yes, all the information is made available b. Only some of information is made available c. No information is made available</p>	Legal and regulatory information includes enacted laws, draft laws, regulations, draft regulations. If the information is limited, please state reasons for this answer.	100 50 0
<p>2.2.4 How is law and regulation made accessible to the public? [Y/N]</p> <p>a. Both electronically and in print b. Only Electronically c. Only in print d. Available only upon request or payment of fee</p>	On request means investors can approach public authorities for hard copies.	100 66.7 33.3 0
<p>2.2.5 Does the energy regulator make available its decisions (on tariffs, tariff methodology, market access etc.) to the public?</p> <p>a. Yes, all the decisions are made available b. Only some decisions are made available c. No decisions are made available</p>		100 50 0

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2.2.6 Are energy strategy documents and national plans available in any of the UN languages? [Y/N]	The UN languages are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. For the purpose of this question, unofficial translations are not relevant.	Yes-100 No-0
2.2.7 Are enacted laws available in any of the UN languages? [Y/N]	The UN languages are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. For the purpose of this question, unofficial translations are not relevant.	Yes-100 No-0
2.2.8 Do the bodies responsible for monitoring and implementing energy priorities/objectives publish their data? [Y/N]	This question refers to monitoring bodies mentioned in question 1.2.1.	Yes-100 No-0
2.2.9 Is legal information centralised? a. In an electronic centralised registry of laws and regulations b. Centralised registry/official gazette in print c. No centralisation of laws and regulations		100 50 0
2.2.10 Is consultation between the government and the stakeholders required under any law/regulation/rule? [Y/N]	Stakeholders may include affected public and private investors, energy agencies, local government administration, non-governmental organisations, and wider community.	Yes-100 No-0
2.2.11 Is consultation between the energy regulator and the stakeholders required under any law/regulation/rule? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
2.2.12 Are stakeholders notified and consulted in advance when new laws and regulations are enacted? [Y/N] a. Notified and consulted in advance b. Notified but not consulted c. Not notified or consulted		100 0 0
Additional remarks: Are there any concerns regarding the transparency in the country or its decision making that you wish to highlight? <i>Please describe.</i>		

Indicator 3: Regulatory environment and investment conditions

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Sub-indicator 3.1: Regulatory effectiveness		
3.1.1 Which institution is responsible for regulating the energy sector? a. A separate energy regulatory body b. An agency under the control of the Ministry c. A Ministry d. Multiple ministries/agencies regulating sub-sectors separately	Hereafter referred to as 'the energy regulator'.	Not scored
3.1.2* Does the energy regulator derive its authority from a law? [Y/N]	Please provide the name of the legal act which establishes the energy regulator.	Yes-100 No-0
3.1.3* Are the functions and obligations of the energy regulator stated in a law? [Y/N]	Please provide the name of the legal act which specifies the obligations of the energy regulator.	Yes 100 No-0
3.1.4* Is the energy regulator subject to the public control conducted by other institutions? a. Supreme Audit Office which is independent from the central government and/or Parliament b. Governmental institution c. None of the above		100 0 0
3.1.5* Does the energy regulator have a budget that is separate from the government's budget? [Y/N]	This means the budget is not determined by the government.	Yes-100 No-0
3.1.6* Does the energy regulator have a dedicated budget for itself? [Y/N]	Dedicated budget means that the energy regulator is not required to transfer or share its funds with any other governmental entities.	Yes-100 No-0
3.1.7* Does the energy regulator have the right to allocate its budget? a. Yes, it has full right to do so b. Yes, but it needs approval from the governmental/ministry c. No, it cannot allocate the budget on its own		100 50 0
3.1.8a* Is there a fixed term appointment for the board of the energy regulator? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
3.1.8b* If so, is the term renewable more than once? [Y/N]		Yes-0 No-50
3.1.9* Is the selection procedure of the board and its finalisation publicly announced? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
3.1.10a Does the energy regulator deal with competition issues? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
3.1.10b If no, is there a separate governmental body dealing with competition issues, including the energy sector? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
Sub-indicator 3.2: Restrictions on FDI		
3.2.1a Does the country give equal treatment to domestic and foreign investors? [Y/N]	Please provide legal acts which grant equal treatment to domestic and foreign investors.	Yes-50 No-0
3.2.1b If yes, is this equal treatment established in law? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
3.2.2a Are investors in the energy sector allowed to invest in all zones or regions within the country? [Y/N]	This can include restrictions on undertaking activities in the Exclusive Economic Zones, special economic zones, free trade zones.	Yes-100 No-0
3.2.2b If no, is this applicable to domestic and foreign investors alike? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0

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3.2.3a Is there a pre-screening or prior-authorization requirement for foreign investors in the energy sector? [Y/N]	Screening mechanisms include requiring the foreign investors to show that the project is in the national interest of the Host State. However, in some cases, they are automatic and amount to a simple pre-notification requirement for investors.	Yes-0 No-100
3.2.3b If yes, is it only a notification requirement? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
3.2.4 Are foreign companies legally allowed to hold a majority stake in energy projects? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
3.2.5 Are foreign investors required by law to partner with the State/State-owned enterprises or local enterprises before undertaking projects in the energy sector? [Y/N]		Yes-0 No-100
3.2.6 Are there limitations on the employment of foreign personnel? a. There are no limitations [Y/N] b. Limitation by percentage [Y/N] c. Limitation on the number of times work permit/visa can be renewed [Y/N]		100 0 0
3.2.7 Are foreign investors required to employ specific percentages of local work force? a. There are no such requirements [Y/N] b. Yes, for the managerial level (board of directors etc.) [Y/N] c. Yes, for the unskilled labour and non-technical/administrative staff [Y/N]		100 0 0
3.2.8 Are foreign investors required to purchase a certain percentage/value/quantity of products or services from local suppliers? [Y/N]	Local content provisions require foreign investors to purchase a minimum threshold of goods (e.g. raw materials) and services (e.g. human resources) locally.	Yes-0 No-100
3.2.9a Are there any currency restrictions and/or foreign exchange controls applied to foreign investors under a law or regulation? [Y/N]		Yes-0 No-100
3.2.9b If yes, do these exchange controls include: a. Banning use of foreign currency? [Y/N] b. Limiting currency exchange to government approved exchangers? [Y/N] c. Fixed exchange rates? [Y/N]		
3.2.10a Do restrictions on the transfer of investment related capital, payments and profits exist?	e.g. profits, dividends, interest and royalty receipts, original capital, capital appreciation, proceeds from liquidation, payments received as compensation for property expropriation, settlement of disputes etc., and earnings of personnel engaged from abroad in connection with an investment.	Yes-0 No-100
3.2.10b If yes, do they apply equally on domestic and foreign investor?		Yes-50 No-0
Additional remarks: Are there any measures by the regulator or restrictions on investment you wish to highlight? <i>Please describe.</i>		

Indicator 4: Rule of Law (compliance with national and international obligations)

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Sub-indicator 4.1: Management and settlement of investor-State disputes		
4.1.1 Is the jurisdiction for hearing contractual disputes with foreign investors defined in the domestic law? [Y/N]		Yes-100 No-0
4.1.2 Is there a separate mechanism for appealing against regulatory decisions? a. Yes, appeals can be heard by the regulator in the first instance b. Appeals can only be heard by general courts c. There is no appeal process		100 50 0
4.1.3 Are national courts and administrative tribunals required by law to deliver decisions within a defined time limit? [Y/N]		Yes 100 No-0
4.1.4 Is arbitration included in: a. An investment law b. A separate arbitration law c. As a chapter/section in the code of civil procedure d. There is no law that refers to arbitration		100 100 100 0
4.1.5 Is voluntary mediation, conciliation or both included in: a. An investment law b. Arbitration and mediation law c. As a chapter/section in the code of civil procedure d. There is no law that refers to mediation and/or conciliation		100 100 100 0
4.1.6 Is there an investment ombudsman to whom foreign investors can refer disputes with the government? [Y/N]	Please provide the name of the institution and its website.	Yes-100 No-0
4.1.7a Do national laws allow the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgements? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
4.1.7b If yes, then are these laws equally applicable to different jurisdictions? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
4.1.8 Do national laws and/or International Investment Agreements require exhaustion of local remedies (e.g. domestic courts) before recourse to international arbitration? [Y/N]	Foreign investors are required to go through the administrative and judicial system of the State before initiating international proceedings directly against the State.	Yes-0 No-100
4.1.9 Has the country made retroactive changes to its laws in the past 5 years? [Y/N]		Yes-0 No-100
4.1.10 Is the country a Contracting Party to: a. The Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes Between States and Nationals of Other States? [Y/N] b. The Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0 Yes-50 No-0
Sub-indicator 4.2: Respect for property rights		
4.2.1 Are the criteria for 'public interest' as grounds for expropriation clearly stated? [Y/N]	Please provide the legal act that specifies these criteria.	Yes-100 No-0
4.2.2 Does the State provide in its laws and/or its International Investment Agreements a process for determining compensation in the event of expropriation in the energy sector? [Y/N]	e.g., determination of compensation by independent auditors.	Yes-100 No-0
4.2.3 Does the State provide in its laws and/or its International Investment Agreements a time frame within which compensation needs to be paid? [Y/N]	Please provide the law which states this time frame.	Yes-100 No-0

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4.2.4a Does the State include in its laws and/or International Investment Agreements protection against the expropriation of intellectual property rights? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
4.2.4b Is the country a Member State of the World Intellectual Property Organization? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0
4.2.5 Does the State have in its laws and/or International Investment Agreements any provisions restricting the transfer of technology in the energy sector? [Y/N]	Please provide the law which states this restriction.	Yes-0 No-100
4.2.6 Is the country a Member State/Contracting Party to: a. The World Trade Organization? [Y/N] b. The Energy Charter Treaty? [Y/N]		Yes-50 No-0 Yes-50 No-0

Additional remarks:

Are there any risks related to investor state disputes in the energy sector which you anticipate? *Please describe.*