

# IMPLEMENTATION STATUS



## Afghanistan

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Set evidence-based measurable targets for the energy sector.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2018</b>	Adopt a national action plan to implement the energy targets.	<b>Pending</b>
	Publish the performance evaluation reports of the Ministry of Energy and Water and the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2020</b>	Update the renewable energy targets expiring in 2020.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Regularly update the energy and power system data on the Afghanistan Energy Information Center's website.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
	Set up a one-stop shop for all business-related services related to the energy sector.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Ministry of Mines and Petroleum is currently merging all the related parallel government structures to establish a one-stop shop for the hydrocarbon industry.
<b>2018</b>	Publish official translations of laws and regulations in foreign languages.	<b>Pending</b>
	Adopt legal provisions guaranteeing public consultation on draft legislation, policies, and regulations.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Law on Access to Information was enacted in 2018, and a new Oversight Commission on Access to Information was appointed under this law.
<b>2019</b>	Reinforce Afghanistan's international commitments under global transparency initiatives.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government has started taking corrective actions to revalidate Afghanistan's membership to the EITI.
<b>2020</b>	Update the e-governance strategy (2012) to encourage the digitalisation of business services.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Operationalise the Anti-Corruption Commission and equip it with an adequate budget and technical facilities.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Establish an independent electricity regulator that will facilitate transparency in licensing, return on investments, and tariffs.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Presidential Decree No. 36 of 9 February 2020 dissolves the Ministry of Energy and Water. The energy sector will now be regulated by the Afghan Energy Authority and the water sector will be regulated by the Water Affairs National Regulatory Authority. These two authorities will function as independent budgetary units.
	Develop a clear criteria for the Government's right to restrict investment in natural resources and energy infrastructure.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2020</b>	Make the Afghanistan Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority fully operational.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
	Establish a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts arising in the course of energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2018</b>	Set a legally binding process to determine the compensation for expropriation and a payment timeframe.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The updated Law on Expropriation 2017 (effective in late 2018) establishes a compensation valuation committee and clarifies the rules for determining the amount of compensation.
<b>2020</b>	Update the domestic laws to increase the scope of protection granted to intangible rights of foreign investors against expropriation.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Albania

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Set measurable targets and long-term energy goals, particularly to facilitate the clean energy transition.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In 2018, the Council of Ministers approved the National Energy Strategy for 2018-2030.
	Strengthen the policy monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Finalise the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), which is currently expected in 2021.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Since December 2018, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy is preparing the integrated National Plan on Energy and Climate Change (NECP) to be adopted by 2021.
2020	Adopt a new energy efficiency action plan because the Second and Third National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2017-2020 is about to expire.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Operationalise and fully staff the Energy Efficiency Agency which was set up in 2016.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Establish the Energy Efficiency Fund to finance projects per the Energy Efficiency Law.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Enhance the accessibility and interface of the online Official Gazette to facilitate the use of legal information.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In 2019, the website of the Official Gazette was fully updated to provide updates on amendments and repeals. It features an advanced search tool, and is accessible in English. Administrative decisions, including the announcement of public procurements, are also published on the website.
	Publish statutes in common foreign languages.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Develop and promote stronger coordination mechanisms among ministries, public bodies, and institutions to guarantee policy consistency.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Lower restrictions on the acquisition of property by foreigners, and on the employment of non-Albanian unskilled personnel.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Albania is working on the first registration of property titles across its territory.
2020	Unbundle the distribution and supply activities, which has been postponed until December 2020 by a decision of the Energy Regulatory Authority.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Remove legal and contractual obstacles that may impede regional market integration.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Adopt the law on arbitration which is pending since 2013.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Albania is working on a draft law governing arbitration.
	Establish a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts on licencing procedures arising in the course of energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Set a legally binding cap on the timeframe for paying compensation in the case of compulsory property acquisition or expropriation.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Armenia

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are independent of those assessing the implementation progress.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Data collection is partially undertaken by independent agencies.
2019	Review the energy policies and laws to evaluate their relevance and eliminate any potential duplication or contradictions.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Prepare and approve a new programme on energy savings and renewable energy that sets the priorities and targets for 2021–2030.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop a comprehensive investment facilitation plan to accompany the Strategy on Attraction of FDI, which will be drafted by December 2020.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Publish official translations of all relevant energy strategy documents, legislation, and regulations.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Translation Centre of the Ministry of Justice issues official translations of legal acts. The relevant State agencies can request these documents from the Centre based on necessity. The translations are available on the Centre's website although the number of translated documents is limited.
2020	Provide pre- and post-investment services through Business Armenia.	<b>Pending.</b> Business Armenia is not functional anymore.
	Expand the role of the Investment Support Center so it can serve as a one-stop shop for energy investors.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Strengthen the financial autonomy of the Public Services Regulatory Commission (PSRC).	<b>Pending</b>
	Create the necessary pre-conditions for implementing the ongoing energy sector reform.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Law on Additions and Amendments to the Energy Law of the Republic of Armenia N100-N dated 7 February 2018 (which came into force on 1 July 2018) sets the pathway towards making the electricity wholesale market competitive. The Concept of the Investment Policy, and the corresponding Action Plan, refers to investments in the energy and allied sectors.
2019	Reduce the time for liaising with State authorities on licencing procedures, identify and eliminate redundant licences and permissions, as well as clarify contradictory regulations, especially those related to investment in renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> The Law on Amendments to the Law on Energy Law no. HO-100-N, dated 7 February 2018, removes licences for some economic activities, including the import and export of electricity. The PSRC adopted Decision N 516-N dated 25 December 2019 that invalidates previous, temporary rules, and streamlines the electricity market rules.
2020	Identify and introduce specific measures in the Strategy on Promotion of Foreign Direct Investments to promote FDI in the energy sector, which is a priority economic area of the country.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Consider establishing a foreign investment ombudsman authority to resolve conflicts between investors and public authorities.	<b>Pending</b>
	Update the domestic law to define the term "public purpose or in the public interest" in the context of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Consider offering an arbitration pledge which will bind the State to participate in arbitration proceedings if the investor opts for international arbitration to resolve a dispute.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop and approve clear regulations on the process to determine compensation in the event of expropriation and define a specific timeframe for the payment of the compensation.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Bangladesh

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Make the policy impact assessment reports publically available.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Annual Performance Agreements (APAs) concluded between public entities and the Government are publically available. The public entities have published their quarterly performance reports for 2019. However, the half-yearly evaluation of APAs for 2019-2020 is not accessible to the public.
<b>2018</b>	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are different from those evaluating its progress.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Government of Bangladesh implements, monitors and evaluates the national energy policy goals through separate authorities. The Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources implements the national energy policy whereas the Planning Commission and the Cabinet Division of the Government monitors and evaluates the performance.
	Conduct technical studies to assess the accuracy of future demand forecasts and the methodology for estimating electricity demand.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Review the Integrated Power Development Plan and update it to incorporate renewable energy sources.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>2020</b>	Set future NDC targets that are ambitious enough to offset the planned increase in fossil-based power generation.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Create greater awareness among citizens on Demand Side Management measures to shift the peak load time from night to day.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Set clear policy options to address the low efficiency of existing thermal power plants.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
	Create a legislative framework for a one-stop investment centre and make it operational.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> Bangladesh adopted the One Stop Service Act in 2018. The Online One Stop Service under BIDA became operational in 2019.
<b>2018</b>	Introduce legal provisions for regular and mandatory public consultation on draft laws and regulations.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) and the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources consulted stakeholders on critical draft laws and regulations in 2019 (such as the consultation on the gas tariff hike). However, consultation is not a legal requirement.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Increase the share of operating revenue in the BERC fund and reduce reliance on government resources and loans.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> There has been a consistent fall in government funding to BERC. Between 2003-2004 to 2016-2017, government grants constituted 1.4% of BERC's total funds.
	Lower restrictions on the repatriation of dividends, interests, royalties and proceeds of capital.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2020</b>	Enact the draft Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (Amendment) Act 2019 in 2020.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Encourage regular filing of tariff submissions by power utilities. BERC should approve tariff determinations at consistent and predictable intervals.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
	Set legally binding timelines for domestic courts to deliver final judgements.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2018</b>	Set deadlines for various stages of a hearing, such as the first date of hearing and the completion of appeals.	<b>Pending</b>
	Consider establishing a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts arising during energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Define the term "public purpose or in the public interest" in the Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property Act 2017.	<b>Pending</b>

## Belarus

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Develop a long-term investment plan for the energy sector.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> In 2020, the Government published the Draft Strategy on Attraction of Direct Foreign Investments until 2025 for discussion on the National legal portal and the Ministry of Economy's website. The 2017-2030 National Infrastructure Strategy (NIS), approved in 2017, serves as a guidance document for the business community. At the end of 2019, the Inter-agency Infrastructure Coordination Council held a meeting to align the NIS with the country's other strategic documents.
	Define long-term targets to reduce carbon emissions in the energy sector.	<b>Pending</b>
	Implement institutional reforms to make the monitoring authorities independent of the policy-making bodies.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Adopt the new Law on Electricity.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Cooperate with prospective buyers, within the Eurasian Economic Union and beyond, to ensure the successful implementation of the country's energy export plans.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop a well-designed system to monitor the implementation of the national energy priorities.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Institutionalise and make it legally mandatory for State authorities to consult stakeholders on legal and regulatory decisions.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> According to Law no. 130-Z "On Normative Legal Acts" of 2018, draft legal acts can be submitted for consultation via the Legal Forum of Belarus website, as well as through Parliamentary hearings. Mandatory public discussion on draft legal acts are required during consultative (expert) meetings. In 2018, the Public Consultative (Expert) Council on Entrepreneurship Development (adjunct to the Ministry of Energy) was established. In 2020, the Council of Ministers submitted for public discussion a draft resolution on the establishment of a Council for Foreign Investment.
	Enhance the role of the National Agency of Investment and Privatization as a one-stop shop.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Establish an independent energy regulator responsible for setting tariffs, protecting consumers' rights, regulating natural monopolies, and creating competitive conditions in the energy market.	<b>Pending</b>
	Clarify the eligibility criteria for availing benefits under investment agreements which grant specific privileges to investors.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Develop step-by-step guidelines to support foreign companies investing in the energy sector.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Complement the Draft Strategy on Attraction of Direct Foreign Investments until 2025 with an action plan which contains specific measures and timelines to reach the goals outlined in the Strategy.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Consider establishing an investment ombudsman.	<b>Pending</b>
	Amend the domestic laws to include well-defined grounds to expropriate private property, clauses explaining the process to determine the compensation and a timeframe for its payment.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Domestic legislation still needs to be amended. However, in 2019, Belarus signed a BIT with Uzbekistan which defines the process for determining compensation in the event of expropriation or nationalisation.
2020	Make efforts to expedite the country's accession to the WTO.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Benin

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Introduce incentives to further promote renewable energy.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The new Electricity Code promotes private investment in renewable energy. Additional solar projects have been deployed in 2019-2020.
<b>2019</b>	Ensure clear delineation of responsibilities between the bodies performing monitoring tasks and implementing the energy policy.	<b>Pending</b>
	Introduce a policy review process and periodic assessment.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
<b>2019</b>	Adopt an overarching law prescribing public consultation.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Integrate local content requirements in the overall development strategy and set up an appropriate agency for their transparent and efficient administration.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The 2019 version of the Petroleum Code has formalised local content requirements.
	Reinforce the functional and institutional autonomy of the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ARE).	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The new Electricity Code will reinforce ARE's independence and liberalise the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity.
<b>2019</b>	Designate a competent authority to regulate competition in the energy sector.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> Under the new Electricity Code, the ARE must ensure healthy and legal competition in the sector and protect the interests of consumers and the State.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
<b>2019</b>	Introduce frameworks for the examination of cases and the delivery of judgements.	<b>Pending</b>

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Adopt the Framework Energy Strategy of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) until 2035 at State level.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Framework Energy Strategy of Bosnia and Herzegovina until 2035 was adopted in late 2018.
2018	Finalise and adopt the draft legislation for the electricity and gas sub-sectors at State level.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Draft Law on the Regulator of Electricity and Natural Gas, Transmission and Electricity Market in BiH is ready. The sections related to electricity are consistent with the third energy package, while those on gas are currently in the harmonisation process.
2019	Draft and adopt an updated action plan on energy efficiency as the previous one expired in 2018.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The process of preparing a new National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP), in line with requirements of the Energy Efficiency Directive, has commenced. The new NEEAP will report on the progress made towards achieving savings in final energy consumption between 2016-2018.
	Adopt entity-level legislation on renewable energy and energy efficiency, completely transposing the energy efficiency acquis and the renewable energy directive.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop a legislative framework for energy efficiency and renewable energy in the Brčko District.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
2020	Draft and adopt an updated action plan for renewable energy as the existing one covers the period 2016-2020.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop a system for data collection and processing, quality assurance, and control of input data for GHG emissions.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Harmonise policy monitoring and evaluation mechanisms at State and entity level.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Publish the enacted and draft laws, regulations, and policies in foreign languages and make the translations available free of cost.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set up one-stop investment shops in the entities and the Federation of BiH cantons.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Harmonise licensing procedures for energy projects across entities and in the Brčko District.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Consider establishing a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts arising in the course of energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Update the expropriation laws of the entities and the Brčko District to define "public purpose or in the public interest".	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Update the Alternative Dispute Resolution strategy that was framed in 2008.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Croatia

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Finalise and adopt a long-term energy strategy, which sets the overarching framework for future actions, and ensure a seamless transition to the new strategy.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In February 2020, the Croatian Parliament adopted the new Energy Sector Development Strategy until 2030 with a view to 2050. The newly adopted Energy Strategy sets in place a wide range of initiatives to enhance energy security, gradually reduce energy losses and increase energy efficiency, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. In addition, it aims to strengthen the energy market and to integrate it entirely in the EU and international energy markets.
	Develop action plans that set indicative targets, milestones, measurable progress indicators, and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the implementation of the energy priorities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In December 2019, Croatia submitted its final Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2021-2030, which describes actions for implementing a number of national energy priorities.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Identify and repeal overlapping or contradictory provisions in energy sector legislation, sub-laws, and rules.	<b>Pending</b>
	Publish all the strategic documents and laws in foreign languages.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Develop consolidated versions of legal acts, which integrate all the successive amendments.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Establish a one-stop shop or similar agency to assist investors with complex administrative procedures, like obtaining permits and licenses for energy projects.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Reduce the role of the Government in declaring a project strategic and include detailed information on the evaluation parameters.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Set systemised and effective dispute management measures. Timelines for domestic courts to render decisions should be stated in the law and followed through.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government successfully negotiated with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) a loan of EUR 100 million for the Justice for Business project aimed to strengthen the country's economic climate. The primary measures include strengthening electronic communication with the administration, expanding the use of electronic services in the judiciary, reducing the number of old court cases, and creating better infrastructure.
	Streamline and reduce fragmentation of the legal framework on expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Simplify property registration procedures and expedite the consolidation of the cadastre and land registry.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Eswatini

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Adopt action plans to implement the national energy priorities, such as improving energy efficiency, and policies such as the IPP Policy.	<b>Pending</b>
	Establish policy monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the progress made against planned actions and objectives.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Network Reinforcement and Access Project (NRAP) contains a monitoring and evaluation mechanism that should be replicated in other strategic documents.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Adopt a legislative framework on the freedom of information, create an online version of the Official Gazette, and solicit feedback from stakeholders on legal and regulatory decisions.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In 2019, the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) completed an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) that was published on the EEC's website. The ESIA was accompanied by a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), which defines technical and culturally appropriate means for consultation, disclosure, and grievance redressal.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Reinforce the functional and financial independence of the Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA).	<b>Work ongoing.</b> ESERA has made attempts to increase private entity participation in the generation of electricity, which is in line with its statutory mandate to prepare and run competitive generation-capacity tendering processes in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Energy.
	Relax restrictions on land tenure.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Modernise the legal framework for IP rights and investment arbitration.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government has enacted the Intellectual Property Tribunal Act of 2018 and the Patent Act of 2018.
	Update the national law to define the term "public purpose" in the context of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>

## Gambia (The)

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Prepare and adopt, at the earliest, a new energy strategy that sets the overarching framework for actions after 2020.	<b>Pending</b>
	Create ex-ante and ex-post policy evaluation and review mechanisms.	<b>Pending</b>
	Facilitate the integration of renewable energy solutions in local communities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> A significant step was the launch of solar and electricity transmission projects with the support of international donors. These projects will help to increase energy supply and promote renewable energy, as well as decrease the country's carbon footprint.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Draft and adopt a law facilitating public access to information held by State authorities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Access to Information Bill of 2019 is under discussion in the National Assembly. The Bill aims to enforce the right to access information and ensure greater accountability in government functions.
	Disseminate regulatory and legal documents through different channels, including government websites.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Some documents are available on the websites of the relevant authorities, such as the Gambia Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).
	Establish the Competitiveness Improvement Forum as required in the Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency Act of 2015.	<b>Pending</b>
	Introduce standardised procedures for consultation between public entities and stakeholders.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Give the public access to natural resource contracts and all the relevant information on periodic engagement with investors, milestone announcements, declaration of revenues, as well as their allocation. Consider joining the EITI, which supports open and accountable management of oil and gas resources.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Increase PURA's institutional capacity and streamline its operations so that it may effectively perform its functions.	<b>Pending</b>
	Ease access to land and provide certainty on land titles by creating registry mechanisms and comprehensive records.	<b>Pending</b>
	Limit government discretion in declaring certain areas closed to foreign investors or making investments conditional to a local partnership.	<b>Pending</b>
	Limit the Government's right to own some, or the majority, of shares in strategic industries, such as mining, and petroleum exploration and refining activities.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Liberalise the energy market at the earliest and limit the State's involvement in the National Water and Electricity Company.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Enact legal provisions to set definitive timelines that will ensure the pronouncement of court judgements without delay.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Constitutional, institutional, and legal reforms are underway in line with the National Development Plan 2018-2021.
	Establish an independent and impartial body, like an investment ombudsman, to assist foreign investors in addressing grievances against public authorities.	<b>Pending</b>
	Enact a law protecting investors against the expropriation of property. The law may define the conditions of "public interest" that can prompt an act of expropriation, the procedure to determine the compensation, and the timeframe for its payment.	<b>Pending</b>

## Georgia

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Finalise and adopt the Energy Strategy 2020.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Energy Strategy is being utilised by the Government of Georgia as a guiding document for future actions.
<b>2018</b>	Finalise and adopt the new draft Energy Law in line with the EU's third energy package.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> On 20 December 2019, the Law of Georgia on Energy and Water Supply (hereinafter the "Energy Law") was adopted.
	Adopt the country's National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (2019-2020) was adopted in 2020.
	Create a defined framework for policy monitoring and evaluation.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In 2019, the Government of Georgia adopted Resolution no. 629 "On the approval of the rules for the development, monitoring and evaluation of policy documents".
<b>2020</b>	Prepare on time the secondary legislation necessary to implement the Energy Efficiency Law.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Adopt a climate change action plan that sets long-term emissions reduction targets and strategies to achieve those targets.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Set up a dedicated one-stop investment approval authority for energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Make official translations of laws and regulations available in foreign languages.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Official Gazette website is now available in English but translations are not official. The Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development makes available on its website all the relevant documents in English.
<b>2019</b>	Create a legal requirement for public consultation on draft laws and policies.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> Legal provision included in the Law of Georgia on the Promotion of Energy Production and Use from Renewable Sources. It is also included in the Government of Georgia Resolution no. 629 (2019) and Resolution no. 35 (2020).
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Publically announce the nomination and selection of the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) board members, and those of the State Agency of Oil and Gas.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> Information on the board members of the GNERC is available on its public website.
	Limit the appointment renewal of GNERC's board member to one term.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The recently enacted Energy Law provides for this.
<b>2020</b>	Adopt a law clarifying the rules on foreign ownership of agricultural land.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Law on the Ownership of Agricultural Land was adopted on 25 June 2019.
	Consider reinstating the six-year tenure of GNERC's Chairman instead of the current three-year approach.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
<b>2020</b>	Update the domestic laws to increase the scope of protection granted to intangible property against expropriation.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

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<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Finalise and adopt a national action plan to facilitate the implementation of the country's energy objectives.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In January 2019, Greece finalised the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) 2030, which was revised and adopted in December of the same year.
<b>2018</b>	Set quantifiable short- and medium-term targets, as well as ultimate outcomes, for the country's energy priorities. There should be a timeframe and detailed actions to ensure the implementation of the targets.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The NECP contains well-articulated and clear targets, such as the country's pledge to shut down by 2023 all lignite-fired thermal power plants and put a complete end to the use of lignite for power generation by 2028. It also sets an ambitious target for 2030 of at least 42% GHG emission reduction compared to 1990.
	Develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to improve the implementation and enforcement of the country's energy policy.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The NECP envisages a single governance framework to monitor and assess the set policy measures. A fundamental component of the single governance framework is an integrated monitoring mechanism to monitor the NECP targets, and to assess the impact of each policy measure. The Inter-Ministerial Committee for Energy and Climate was established to develop and implement the governance framework of the monitoring mechanism.
<b>2020</b>	Expedite the development of action plans that will guide the implementation of the NECP goals.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Ensure that enacted and draft laws, as well as regulations in force, are made available in English or other foreign languages.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> All the new strategy documents and national plans of Greece are available in English, for instance, the NECP 2030.
<b>2019</b>	Integrate amendments and corrigenda to consolidated texts of legal acts.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2020</b>	Ensure that the Official Gazette provides information on the relationship between different pieces of legislation by establishing the link between basic acts and related amendments, corrigenda and repeals, or between a consolidated resource and the changes it incorporates.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Abolish measures that limit the transfer of capital abroad.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> Capital transfer restrictions that were imposed in 2015 were completely removed as of 1 September 2019 by Law no.4624/2019.
<b>2020</b>	Take measures to reduce the Regulatory Authority for Energy's (RAE) consistently increasing workload on project licensing, especially in relation to renewable energy projects.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
	Adopt effective case management measures to lower the domestic courts' caseload and accelerate judicial proceedings. Make alternative dispute resolution mechanisms widely available and applicable.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Law no. 4635/2019 introduced mandatory electronic filing and processing of legal documents in administrative courts. Parties to the judicial proceedings will now be allowed remote access to the case files. Law no. 4640/2019 on Mediation, published in the Official Gazette in November 2019, enhanced the requirement of mandatory initial mediation for a broad category of civil and commercial disputes of either national or cross-border nature, and harmonised the Greek legislation with the provisions of Directive 2008/52/EC.
<b>2018</b>	Incorporate a general definition of the term "public interest" in the Expropriation Code (Law no. 2882/2001) to clarify its scope and application. Widen the scope of the Expropriation Code, which only covers real property, to include other types of property.	<b>Pending</b>
	Avoid the retroactive application of laws to increase investment security.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In 2014, the total amount of State aid (feed-in-tariff) received by the renewable energy producers was retroactively amended by Law no. 4254/2014. However, since 2014 Greece has not made any retroactive changes to the law.

## Jordan

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Adopt the Energy Strategy for the years 2020-2030.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Energy Strategy for the years 2020-2030 was not published as of 1 April 2020. However, on 7 July 2020, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) adopted this strategy.
<b>2018</b>	Periodically evaluate the energy sector's incentive framework to ensure it evolves predictably and progressively.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The MEMR is conducting a technical study on the capacity of the national grid to absorb more variable renewable energy.
	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are different from those evaluating the progress made towards achieving the policy.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2019</b>	Adopt the Jordan National Renewable Energy Action Plan.	<b>Pending</b>
	Update the National Energy Efficiency Plan 2018-2020.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>2020</b>	Conclude technical studies on the grid capacity within a specific time-frame, and lift the suspension on the applications for new renewable projects with a capacity exceeding 1 MW.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Introduce institutionalised stakeholder engagement mechanisms to obtain the public's input on draft laws and regulations.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> The new Income Tax Law 2018, amendments to the Insolvency Law 2018, and the Cybercrime Law 2020 were widely discussed. However, consultations on changes to tariffs and tariff methodology need to be institutionalised.
	Establish a translation unit within the Legislative and Opinion Bureau that will prepare official versions of laws and policies translated in foreign languages.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> The Legislative and Opinion Bureau has launched an updated website that is user-friendly and available in a foreign language. However, the translations of draft and enacted laws are unofficial.
<b>2020</b>	Continue to support the decentralisation and electoral reform.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Adopt, after public consultation, amendments to the Law on Guarantee of Access to Information 2007.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Appoint an independent auditor to perform controls over the Energy and Mineral Regulatory Commission's (EMRC) annual accounts. Grant the EMRC an exclusive right to prepare its annual budget without the possibility of modifications by the Government.	<b>Pending</b>
	Relax/fast-track investment screening procedures of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>2020</b>	Implement a new tariff-adjustment mechanism that is symmetrical and meets the requirements of the new preliminary agreement under the Extended Fund Facility of the IMF.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Conduct technical studies on shielding low income and vulnerable households from the electricity cost hike that will result from NEPCO's ongoing reforms.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Following the suspension of new applications for renewable projects with a capacity exceeding 1 MW, the MEMR should give a public clarification on the status of projects with preliminary approvals or under development.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Establish a foreign-investment ombudsman to resolve licensing and other permits-related conflicts arising in the course of projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Amend the Investment Law 2014 and the Expropriation Law 1987 to include a timeline for paying compensation in the case of expropriation. Make explicit mention that any act of expropriation will be non-discriminatory.	<b>Pending</b>

## Kazakhstan

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Improve coherence and alignment in the objectives identified under the different strategy documents, and revise the national energy documents in a timely fashion.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government is currently revising the Concept for the Transition to a Green Economy.
	Enhance the independence of policy monitoring and evaluation bodies.	<b>Pending</b>
	Establish tracking mechanisms and incentive schemes, and conduct environmental impact assessments, to implement the country's NDC successfully.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> New wind and solar projects are planned for 2020, and external funding has been secured to support renewable energy.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Improve and streamline the division of responsibilities between different State entities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In 2019, the Government amended regulations and adopted decrees to define the responsibilities of the lead ministries, the Investment Committee, Kazakh Invest National Company JSC, and the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC).
	Promote public consultation in decision-making.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Most recent reforms include the launch of a pilot project called "budget with wide public participation" which aims to ensure greater involvement of citizens in drafting government agencies' budgets.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Phase out local content requirements in the energy sector.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In 2019, the new Subsoil and Subsoil Use Code was amended to state that the minimum level of local content cannot exceed 50%.
	Reduce State control in different energy activities.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Adopt alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation and a foreign investment ombudsman authority.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The AIFC became fully-functional in 2019 and the Law "On Arbitration" was amended to ease the requirements for arbitration agreements, limit the grounds for the annulment of awards, internationalise the grounds for refusing the recognition of awards, and restrict State parties from retracting their consent to arbitrate.
	Introduce criteria to determine which activities constitute "public purpose" in the context of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>

# Kenya

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Adopt the draft National Energy Policy pending since 2015.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The National Energy Policy 2019 is drafted but has not been tabled before the Parliament for approval.
2018	Incorporate policy review and reporting requirements in the national energy policy.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> A new review mechanism is stipulated in the Energy Act of 2019 and the Petroleum Act of 2019.
	Include affected communities in the policy monitoring and evaluation process.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> Participation of county governments is provided for in the Energy Act of 2019 and the Petroleum Act of 2019.
2020	Set a long-term climate policy plan that contains quantitative emissions reduction targets.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Make the national climate change registry accessible to the public.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Set a legal and institutional framework for public consultation on draft laws, regulations, and policies.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Public Participation Bill of 2019 was recently introduced in the Senate to address this issue.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
	Set in law the criteria for the selection of the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority's (EPRA) commissioners.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> The Energy Act 2019 stipulates the criteria for the selection of the EPRA commissioners.
2018	Give the EPRA a separate budget, and the right to adjust it without needing Government approval.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set a legal framework on the local content policy of the country.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Energy Act of 2019, the Petroleum Act of 2019, and the Model PSC 2019 introduce detailed provisions on local content obligations.
2019	Fast-track the adoption of subsidiary regulations under the Energy Act 2019 to operationalise its key provisions.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The National Energy Policy of 2018 has been adopted. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority was created in 2019 per the provisions of the Energy Act of 2019. The Energy (Solar Photovoltaic) Regulations 2019 have been drafted. The full range of subsidiary laws and regulations are yet to be effected.
	Re-evaluate the need for a dedicated law on local content to avoid duplication and contradictions with the Energy Act of 2019 and the Petroleum Act of 2019.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The provisions of the Local Content Bill are undergoing evaluation in the Parliament of Kenya.
2020	Conduct technical evaluation and feasibility studies before replacing the "take-or-pay" model with the "take-and-pay" tariff model in longer-term Power Purchase Agreements. Conduct detailed stakeholder consultations before adopting the new model. Apply changes only to new IPPs with minimal impact on existing investors.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Reconsider section 2 of the Tax Law (Amendment) Bill 2020 that proposes the removal of exemption on interest income accruing from green bonds with at least three years' maturity.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Update the domestic law on expropriation to include a definition of "public purpose or in the public interest".	<b>Pending</b>
	Set deadlines for the first date of a hearing, timelines for domestic courts to render final judgements, and deadlines for the completion of appeals.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The timeline for judgements under the Civil Procedure Rules is 60 days after the hearing.
2020	Regularly update statistics of adjudication of commercial cases and set timelines for dealing with interim/ injunctive application.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Kyrgyzstan

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Update the National Energy Programme which sets the main energy priorities for the period 2008-2010.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set short- and long-term targets for the development of the energy sector.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Government Plan for 2019-2023 contains targets for improving energy policies, developing renewable generation capacities, and enhancing energy efficiency. The draft Green Economy Development Programme for 2019-2023, currently under discussion, has a matrix of targets and an action plan for its implementation.
	Set policy monitoring mechanisms to track the progress made on the country's energy targets.	<b>Pending</b>
	Ratify the Paris Agreement to signal Kyrgyzstan's participation in the global effort to reduce GHG emissions.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Law N125 on ratification of the Paris Agreement UNFCCC Convention was adopted on 11 November 2019.
2020	Develop a comprehensive mid-term strategy on energy efficiency.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Develop a summary on the completion of activities listed in the annual action plan to implement the Government Plan for 2019-2023.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Prepare a climate change mitigation plan.	<b>Pending</b>
	Publish regular reports and statistics on the past and future actions of the State Committee for Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Resolution no. N141 stipulates that all the State agencies should submit monthly updates on their activities to the Ministry of Economy, which will then provide a summary of these activities to the Government.
	Develop minimum consultation standards for public discussions on draft legislation.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Regularly update the website of the State Committee on Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use and improve the performance of Taza Koom's digital platform.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Give the Investment Promotion and Protection Agency one-stop shop functions. The Agency should prepare step-by-step guidelines for investing in different sectors.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Establish an independent board for the State Regulatory Agency for Fuel and Energy Complex (the State Agency) with a fixed-term appointment and limited renewal possibility.	<b>Pending</b>
	Make the State Agency accountable only to the Parliament.	<b>Pending</b>
	Limit the Government's preferential right to obtain strategic objects and remove the requirement of Government consent for mergers or acquisitions in strategically important projects.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Administer the quota system for foreign workers in a consistent and transparent manner.	<b>Pending</b>
	Support the financial rehabilitation of the power transmission and distribution system.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Finalise the ratification process of the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States.	<b>Pending</b>
	Update the national laws to define "public interest" as a criteria for the expropriation of investment.	<b>Pending</b>
	Update the national laws to define a valuation method for calculating damages and interest in the case of expropriation, and introduce a reasonable timeframe for paying compensation.	<b>Pending</b>

## Montenegro

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Adopt national action plans that set long-term and outcome-oriented targets for the energy priorities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The 4th National Energy Efficiency Action Plan was adopted in 2019.
	Reinforce the independence of policy monitoring and evaluation bodies.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Reinforce stakeholder engagement.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Reforms are expected on the actual implementation of the legal initiatives taken in this regard. In 2020, the Government invited comments on proposed amendments to the Energy Law.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Relax annual quotas on the number of foreign workers that can be employed in the country.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Set concrete timelines for the delivery of judgements on all levels (first instance and appeal) and by all courts (civil, administrative, and penal).	<b>Pending</b>
	Adopt alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mediation and a foreign investment ombudsman authority.	<b>Pending</b>
	Establish criteria to determine which activities constitute "public purpose" in the context of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>

## Nigeria

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Carry out a rigorous impact assessment of the existing laws and policies.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set key performance indicators for the energy sector.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Regularly publish the policy monitoring and evaluation reports.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In 2018, the Government established an inter-ministerial Committee to harmonise data collection and evaluation of the country's objectives.
	Revise the policy targets that are expiring in 2020, such as for increasing oil production, expanding the power sector infrastructure, boosting local refining, and becoming a net exporter of petroleum products.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Conduct regular public consultations and introduce legal provisions which require public consultation by MDAs on draft laws and regulations.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Nigerian Energy Regulatory Commission (NERC) conducted public consultation and hearings on various topics such as the extraordinary tariff review of the Multi-Year Tariff Order of 2015, on the framework for the collection of Competition Transition Charge from the eligible consumers, on the capping of estimated billing, and on setting the electricity distribution franchising regulations.
	Promote better coordination among MDAs on the implementation of the national energy policies and plans.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The first Energy and Climate Change Summit was held in 2018 as a step towards bringing together the relevant stakeholders and fostering constructive discussions.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Define the roles and responsibilities of the different regulatory authorities.	<b>Pending</b>
	Create a comprehensive legal framework on local content across sectors. Ensure that content targets are based on a realistic estimation of available domestic human resources and technical expertise.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In 2019, the Nigerian Content Development and Enforcement Bill was introduced in the National Assembly for discussion. The Bill seeks to broaden the existing local content requirements for the oil and gas sector and it implements a similar regime for the ICT, power, solid minerals, and construction sectors.
2020	Apply cost-reflective electricity tariffs at the earliest. Take collaborative and proactive measures to ensure metering of all electricity customers.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Reconsider the newly introduced additional price-based royalty and increased water depth-based royalties.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Establish a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts arising in the course of energy projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Grant broader protection against expropriation to intangible property such as equity, shares, and IP rights.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Define clear rules to regulate the use and enforcement of Third Party Funding agreements.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Palestine

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
	Set evidence-based targets and performance indicators to benchmark the progress made towards achieving the energy objectives.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> PENRA is working on a comprehensive energy sector plan for 2019-2035. The first Work Plan for the 18th Government, approved in 2019, lists more than 100 interventions, 207 activities, and 277 measurement indices for the national targets.
2019	Define the roles and tasks of the policy implementation agencies and the monitoring authorities.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The first Work Plan for the 18th Government, approved in 2019, lists the ministries and public institutions that are responsible for its implementation. It establishes special committees that will follow up on the progress achieved, collect data on projects and activities, and submit monthly reports to the Council of Ministers.
	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are different from those evaluating the progress made towards achieving the policy.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Train the public sector administrative staff on data collection, maintenance of public records, and understanding statistical indicators.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
	Enact the draft law on access to information.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Conduct regular public consultations and introduce legal provisions making consultation on draft laws and regulations mandatory.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Per official records, in 2019, more than 150 meetings were held with the governorates and 150 with civil society institutions and universities. 40 press statements were released by public authorities to disseminate relevant information to the public. Legal provisions on mandatory public consultation are pending.
	Establish a translation unit within the Office of the Advisory and Legislation Bureau of Palestine, which will produce official translations of laws and policies in foreign languages.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Reinstate the original language of Article 3 in the Anti-Corruption Law of 2005, which requires approval by an absolute majority of the Palestinian Legislative Council to the appointment of the Anti-Corruption Commission's Head.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2019	Unify and update the legal framework on the establishment and registration of companies and IP rights.	<b>Pending</b>
	Unify and update the legal framework regulating issues of bankruptcy and competition.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
2020	Develop a legal framework to underpin the growth of the renewables sub-sector, the incentive schemes, and the tariff methodology.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	PENRA and distribution companies should give the necessary technical training to their staff and make electricity metering available to promote renewable energy consumption.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
	Establish specialised commercial courts.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Set up a foreign investment ombudsman authority to resolve conflicts arising in the course of projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Define "public purpose or in the public interest" in the 1953 Acquisition Law.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set a timeline in the 1953 Acquisition Act for paying compensation to the affected investor in the case of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Create a comprehensive land registry and simplify the process of issuing land registrations.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Panama

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2019	Set short-, medium- and long-term energy sector targets that are measurable, time-bound and realistic.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
	Set up a single window to give companies information on energy projects and investment facilitation.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The office of Panama's Vice-Minister of International Trade, within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is the principal entity responsible for promoting and facilitating foreign investment and exports.
2019	Establish a one-stop shop for documenting and approving all licences, registrations, permits, and procedures related to energy projects.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Information on the procedure for registering foreign and domestic businesses is available on the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's website. The online portal allows foreign investors to register their company, create a branch of a registered business, or register as an individual trader from any part of the world.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2019	Reduce restrictions on the employment of foreign skilled and technical personnel.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government has made some progress by adopting Resolution no. 4480/2019 which facilitates the hiring of foreign personnel in the energy sector in a percentage higher than 15% of the total number of workers, as well as through the local content exemptions under the Special System of the Multinational Corporation Headquarters.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2019	Establish an investment ombudsman or similar institution to resolve conflicts between investors and State authorities.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Enact a law that defines "public interest" in the context of expropriation, and address issues regarding the valuation of the compensation and the timeframe for its payment.	<b>Pending</b>

## Republic of Moldova

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Indicator 1		
	Adopt the revised version of the Energy Strategy 2030.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The updated version of the Strategy is undergoing consultation.
2018	Enact secondary legislation and adopt action plans to implement the primary laws, such as Law no. 10 of 2016 "On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewables Sources".	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Following the adoption of Law no. 10 of 2016 "On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewables Sources" in 2018, the regulation on renewable energy tendering was approved. It provides an initial framework for organising auctions that grant "eligible producer" status to large investors. The Moldovan authorities are in the process of launching renewable energy auctions for on-shore wind and solar photovoltaic projects.
	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are different from those evaluating the progress made towards achieving the policy.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Energy Efficiency Agency was re-structured in 2018 and made responsible, among others things, for providing financial support to relevant projects through the State budget, and from regional and international financial markets. Following a change of government in June 2019, the Moldovan authorities have engaged in significant structural reforms, as specified in the EU-Moldova Association Agreement.
Indicator 2		
2018	Establish a one-stop shop for documenting and approving all licences, registrations, permits, and procedures related to energy projects.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Some actions in this respect are included in the 2018-2020 Action Plan on the Implementation of the Reform Strategy for Entrepreneurship.
	Ensure that all the State authorities regularly publish their documents, public expenditure and other relevant reports, and properly maintain their respective websites.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The State authorities are taking measures to improve reporting of expenditures and access by citizens to budget information. The Court of Accounts is taking action to make its audits more effective and ensure better oversight of the budget implementation. In 2019, the Government made the State Registry of Legal Acts the only source of updated information on Moldovan legislation. This way, all legislation will be available in a unified and automated system.
Indicator 3		
2018	Reinforce the independence of the energy regulator, National Energy Regulatory Agency (ANRE).	<b>Pending</b>
	Promote market liberalisation in the gas sub-sector.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> In February 2020, ANRE approved and published the rules of the natural gas market, which will be implemented from December 2020. Moldovatrangaz is expected to comply with the unbundling requirements of the Third Gas Directive. Moreover, the draft natural gas network codes, which will come into force by the end of 2020, regulate the modalities of natural gas pipeline interconnections and ensures efficient activity in the relevant market.
Indicator 4		
2018	Introduce timeframes for national courts to examine cases and deliver judgements.	<b>Pending</b>

## Rwanda

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Allow all the interested individuals and organisations to review the Government's performance and provide feedback on how to improve policy implementation.	<b>Partially implemented.</b> Unlike its predecessor, the Energy Sector Strategic Plan for 2018/19-2023/24 does not state that its full assessment should be carried out by an independent evaluation consultancy. However, the Monitoring & Evaluation Unit in the Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA) receives external expertise and support in internal evaluation projects. Imihigo and Joint Sector Review Reports are publically available.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Establish the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Centre for Climate Knowledge for Development.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Produce and collect timely, reliable, and accurate data on green investment monitoring mechanisms, and on the implementation of Rwanda's Paris Agreement targets.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Define the roles of the Rwanda Energy Group (REG), the Rwanda Utilities and Regulatory Authority, the MININFRA, and the Rwanda Mining and Petroleum and Gas Board in the petroleum sub-sector.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> This is Institutional Priority 1 under the recently published MININFRA Capacity Development Strategy 2019-2024.
2020	Define the role of REG in a legal instrument.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Establish a foreign investment ombudsman authority or expand the mandate of the Ombudsman Office to include representation of foreign investors before the Government.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Consider imposing penalties in cases where timelines set for paying compensation in the case of expropriation are not respected.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.

## Senegal

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Adopt a revised version of the Petroleum Code 1998 and the Priority Action Plan (PAP) for the period beyond 2018.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> The Government adopted the revised Petroleum Code in 2019. It has also adopted the Priority Action Plan 2019-2023 and the Energy Sector Development Policy Letter 2019-2023.
	Establish a robust policy review process that can measure the progress made towards achieving the national targets.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government has completed the evaluation of the Priority Action Plan (PAP), which has now entered its second implementation phase (2019-2023).
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Institutionalise inter-ministerial policy coordination mechanisms.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Collaboration has increased in the context of important strategies, such as the Priority Action Plan (PAP) 2019-2023 and the Digital Senegal Strategy 2025.
	Improve transparency by adopting a law guaranteeing the right to access information.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government is yet to adopt a law on access to information. However, transparency requirements have been included in the 2019 Petroleum Code. Internal audits have taken place and fiscal information is available with regular publication of quarterly budget appropriations and information on their execution on the website of the Ministry of Finance and Budget.
	Promote stakeholder engagement in the decision-making process by disseminating draft laws and regulations for public consultation in advance, setting timeframes for soliciting public comments and opinions, and regularly updating electronic legal databases.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Discussions with private stakeholders and international organisations have taken place in the context of legislative reforms, such as the Priority Action Plan (PAP) 2019-2023, and the Digital Senegal Strategy 2025.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Reinforce the Electricity Sector Regulatory Commission's (CRSE) independence by selecting its commissioners based on merit, through a public procedure, and by making them accountable only to the National Assembly.	<b>Pending</b>
2019	Adopt secondary legislation to implement the 2019 Law "On Local Content in the Hydrocarbons Sector".	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Speed up civil and commercial adjudication and set deadlines for the completion of judicial proceedings.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The commercial court, established in 2017, has thus far ruled on more than 10,000 cases, thereby speeding up the resolution of disputes. Moreover, since February 2020, the commercial court has set up a system that allows proceedings to be initiated and followed online. However, there are no strict deadlines set in law to render final judgements in court proceedings.
2019	Limit the retroactive application of laws, particularly the 2019 Petroleum Code and the Law "On Local Content in the Hydrocarbons Sector".	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Government has thus far refrained from renegotiating existing contracts under the 2019 Petroleum Code and the Law "On Local Content in the Hydrocarbons Sector".

## Uganda

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Update the 2002 Energy Policy for Uganda.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The final draft of the new National Energy Policy has been prepared. It is expected that the new policy will be approved by December 2020.
	Update the Mineral Policy of 2001.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The draft Mining and Mineral Policy is ready. The Minerals and Mining Legislation 2018 is pending before the First Parliamentary Counsel.
	Update the Renewable Energy Policy of 2007.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The final draft of the new Renewable Energy Policy has been prepared. It is expected that the new policy will be approved by December 2020.
	Design energy delivery systems that are compatible with the local conditions.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Electricity Connections Policy 2018-2027 provides simple approaches that can enable faster connection to electricity.
<b>2019</b>	Implement the Electricity Connections Policy 2018-2027.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) launched the "PawaKapoo" Media Campaign in November 2019 to implement the Electricity Connections Policy 2018-2027.
<b>2020</b>	Increase investment in the transmission and distribution infrastructure to balance grid supply and demand at least cost.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Consider publishing Uganda's extractive industry contracts in line with international best practices.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Uganda joined the EITI in March 2020.
<b>2020</b>	Make it legally mandatory for public authorities to consult the public on draft laws and regulatory decisions.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Limit the Government's role in ERA's decision-making process.	<b>Pending</b>
	Remove the requirement of Government approval on the salaries of the Petroleum Authority of Uganda's board members.	<b>Pending</b>
	Adopt the Competition Bill pending since 2004.	<b>Pending</b>
	Set the same eligibility requirements for registering and issuing investment licenses to domestic and foreign companies. Streamline the land tenure system to ensure the realisation of planned projects.	<b>Work ongoing and partially implemented.</b> The Investment Code of 2019 imposes the minimum investment capital requirement on both foreign and domestic investors to qualify for the registration and issuance of an investment license.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
<b>2018</b>	Consider establishing a foreign investment ombudsman authority to settle conflicts arising in the course of projects.	<b>Pending</b>
	Identify (1) the procedure to ascertain whether an acquisition is for a "public purpose" and (2) the key decision-makers in this process.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Land Acquisition Bill of 2019 streamlines provisions on the compulsory acquisition of property by the Government.

## Ukraine

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2018	Develop the action plan to implement the Energy Strategy of Ukraine through 2035 beyond the first phase (2020).	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Draft Action Plan on the implementation of the second stage of the Energy Strategy "Optimization and Innovative Development of Energy Infrastructure (until 2025)" will be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine by 1 December 2020. The draft action plan for the third stage (until 2035) will be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (CMU) by 1 December 2025.
	Make the body responsible for monitoring the energy policies independent of the Government of Ukraine.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2018	Set up a one-stop shop for all business-related services relevant to the energy sector.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> The Law of Ukraine "On Preparation and Implementation of Investment Projects under "One-Stop Principle" is in effect since 2012 but the CMU still has to approve the subordinated legislation to make it operational.
	Appoint a unit/ministry to lead the implementation of the country's NDC.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In May 2020, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources was established. Its tasks include framing and implementing the State policy on climate change and adaptation, and ensuring compliance with the requirements of the UNFCCC as well as the Paris Agreement.
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2018	Comply with the EU's third energy package by making the National Energy and Utilities Regulatory Commission (NEURC) independent of the Government of Ukraine.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Following the Constitutional Court of Ukraine's decision of 13 June 2019, the NEURC Law was amended on 19 December 2019 to state that NEURC is a permanent central executive authority with special status, created by the CMU. It is expected that by the end of March 2021 there will be legislation to make NEURC compliant with the EU's third energy package.
	Increase the scope of land ownership for foreign companies.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> Starting from 1 July 2021, foreigners and legal entities, the founders or ultimate beneficiaries of which are foreigners (except entities controlled by citizens of an aggressor State or by persons or organisations registered in any of the FATF list States), will be able to buy agricultural land subject to approval by a national referendum. However, even after the referendum, it is prohibited to enter into transactions through which foreigners or foreign legal entities can obtain agricultural land in an area 50 km from the State border. On 18 June 2020, the Parliament of Ukraine passed the draft law No. 3612 "On Direct Democracy Through National Referendum" in the first reading.
	Lower the currency controls and restrictions on capital transfer.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> Starting from 20 June 2019 the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) withdrew the requirement obliging entrepreneurs to sell 30% of their foreign currency proceeds. From 10 July 2019, the NBU removed the EUR 12 million monthly cap on the repatriation of dividends from foreign investments. On 9 September 2019, the NBU also cancelled the monthly limit of EUR 5 million on payments to foreign investors for the sale of securities, corporate rights, and also on payments of funds received as a result of a decrease of the share capital of legal entities and withdrawal from a company.
	Remove local content requirements that may be applied under the Law of Ukraine "On Production Sharing Agreements" 1999 as amended in 2017.	<b>Pending</b>
2020	Avoid the application of the recently introduced reduction in FiT support for solar and wind power plants to existing investments.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2018	Include provisions on mediation and conciliation in a special law or as part of already existing procedural legislation.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> As of 1 April 2020 this was a pending activity, however, in May 2020, two alternative draft laws "On mediation" (No. 3504 and No. 3504-1) were registered with the Parliament of Ukraine.
	Amend the domestic laws to define the term "public purpose" in the case of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>

## Uzbekistan

PROPOSED IN	EIRA AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AS OF 1 APRIL 2020
<b>Indicator 1</b>		
2019	Adopt a national energy strategy that will provide the overarching framework for future actions.	<b>Fully implemented.</b> In 2020, the Concept Note for the Supply of Electric Power 2020-2030 was adopted. The Strategy for the transition of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a green economy in the period of 2019-2030 was adopted in April 2019.
	Ensure that the authorities implementing the national energy policy are different from those evaluating the progress made towards achieving the policy.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 2</b>		
2019	Develop insitutional mechanisms and a legal framework to integrate stakeholders in regulatory decision-making.	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Indicator 3</b>		
2019	Establish an independent energy regulator that has institutional, functional, and financial autonomy.	<b>Work ongoing.</b> During 2020-2021, the Government intends to introduce an energy market regulator that will undertake regulation, licensing and control of the electricity and natural gas market. The regulator will be a financially independent body accountable to the President and the Parliament of Uzbekistan.
2020	Enact new versions of the laws on electric energy and the establishment of an independent energy regulator.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
	Approve the subsidiary rules on market operations and licensing of its participants, models of the wholesale electricity market, and the electricity balancing model.	<b>Improvement suggested in 2020.</b> Status will be updated in 2021.
<b>Indicator 4</b>		
2019	Consider setting a legally binding timeframe to pay compensation in the case of expropriation.	<b>Pending</b>