

World Future Council | Fact Sheet Renewable Energy: Accelerating the Switch

The Challenge

While awareness of climate change has increased, political action at the international and national levels is still inadequate. Many countries/regions now have climate change legislation in place that is starting to stimulate renewable energy but more needs to be done to support the countries/regions that are being left behind. The World Future Council has long been an advocate of renewable energy and has a track record of success in delivering support and advice to policymakers for effective legislation.

Building on our efforts that sparked new renewable energy laws in South Australia, the UK and an increasing number of US States, the challenge today is supporting policymakers in other regions to introduce similarly effective laws in grid connected countries, all of these laws include a Feed-In Tariff, a mechanism to encourage electricity companies to source renewable energy.

For the World Future Council, mandatory Feed-In Tariffs are essential to accelerate the switch from fossil fuels to



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renewable energy and avoid climate chaos. Feed-In Tariff laws guarantee the price and accelerate the production of renewable energy in grid connected countries thus reducing carbon emissions dramatically.

Our Goal

We continue to provide expert support to policymakers keen to introduce renewable energy legislation. We are intensifying efforts in India, the US (state and federal levels), Central and Eastern Europe and South Africa and launching new initiatives in Brazil, Chile and Mexico and in non-grid connected regions of Africa and India. Our goal is to accelerate the introduction and implementation of effective renewable energy legislation worldwide.

Our Strategy

We appeal directly to decision makers on global, regional and national levels and provide information, support and advice on renewable energy policy. The outreach programme is supported by an online wealth of expertise, facts and figures – www.onlinepact.org – everything a policymaker needs to know in order to develop and implement effective renewable



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energy policy. The case studies and examples presented are based on the worldwide reach and experience of the World Future Council.

Target Group

Our priority targets are decision makers and other climate policy stakeholders.

Activities

- Strategy workshops with stakeholders in Africa, Europe, India and the US combined with direct advocacy for renewable energy
- Report highlighting the potential climate and economic gains of an accelerated switch to renewable energy
- Parliamentary Hearings in Asia and Africa in cooperation with e-Parliament, a global network of Parliamentarians, to develop detailed policy proposals

Project Management and Evaluation

The World Future Council strives for excellence in the conduct of its projects and aims for optimum effectiveness, efficiency and improvement. The Renewable Energy Project Manager will evaluate the goals, activities and budget at regular intervals against specific indicators. An evaluation report will be compiled and reviewed by the Board of Directors of the World Future Council, whose recommendations are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

About us

The World Future Council brings the interests of future generations to the centre of policy making. Its 50 eminent members from around the globe have already successfully promoted change. The Council addresses challenges to our common future and provides decision-makers with effective policy solutions. In-depth research underpins advocacy work for international agreements, regional policy frameworks and national lawmaking and thus produces practical and tangible results.



Internet platform PACT

Policy Action on Climate Toolkit (www.onlinepact.org): PACT provides all relevant information to guide successful adoption and implementation of renewable energy law comprising Feed-In Tariff policy. PACT provides parliamentarians, civil servants and stakeholders around the world access to legal and technical expertise to develop, advocate and enact laws to accelerate the switch to renewable energy. PACT is constantly updated and will be expanded to include policy recommendations on energy efficiency. More than 10.000 people are visiting the website per month.



Solar energy fact finding mission with US utilities executives and managers in Germany (June 2008)

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