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New IEA study maps path to improved energy efficiency through better governance

The International Energy Agency (IEA) published the results of its global *Energy Efficiency Governance study* today in the form of a summary handbook and a detailed report. This study aims to provide government officials and stakeholders with guidance on how to establish effective structures to promote energy efficiency. In particular, it highlights the importance of developing legal, institutional, funding and coordination mechanisms to support national and sub-national energy efficiency policy implementation.

“This study is extremely valuable to supporting the implementation of good energy efficiency policies around the world,” said Nobuo Tanaka, IEA Executive Director.

While awareness about the benefits of energy efficiency is increasing, the IEA study notes that energy efficiency improvements can be difficult to achieve. “Successful energy efficiency policy outcomes are more likely if an effective system of energy efficiency governance is established,” the report says.

The *Energy Efficiency Governance study*, backed by a European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) grant from the Swiss government, is based on a global review of many elements of energy efficiency governance. These elements include legal frameworks, institutions, funding tools, coordination mechanisms and accountability arrangements, such as evaluation and oversight. Information for the study was gathered from 175 energy efficiency professionals in 70 countries.

“This study is a practical ‘instruction manual’ for policy makers and institutions to further accelerate energy efficiency actions in the EBRD countries of operation. It will provide a useful input to policy dialogue and project development,” said Josue Tanaka, Corporate Director of EBRD’s Energy Efficiency and Climate Change programme.

The summary handbook can be found at: http://www.iea.org/publications/free_new_Desc.asp?PUBS_ID=2307

The detailed report can be found at: <http://www.iea.org/papers/2010/eeg.pdf>

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