

Empowering People

The Electricity Governance Initiative

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Keeping the lights on

- Rising energy prices, energy shortages, social concerns, and environmental problems
- Decisions often driven by short term and financial concerns
- Energy institutions grappling with new (and entrenched) challenges



Citizen participation can drive new approaches



Aligning Investment with Public Interests



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Towards improved governance

- Focus on the process of decision-making and implementation
 - How decisions are made shape what decisions are made
 - Attention to transparency, scope for public participation, mechanisms of accountability
- Good governance is necessary though not sufficient for good outcomes



The Electricity Governance Initiative

- A framework to assess governance
- Build capacity of government and civil society to improve practice
- Support better communication among stakeholders



Project Background

- Joint effort of Prayas Energy Group (India) and World Resources Institute (USA)
- Registered partnership with the UN Commission for Sustainable Development
- EGI indicator toolkit developed over 2 years through robust process of research and analysis
 - Input from more than 100 international experts
 - Revised in 2007 to incorporate insights from pilot assessments in Asia



**BASELINE INDICATORS:
MAPPING THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR**

POLICY PROCESSES

Institutional

- Legislative Committee
- Executive
- Planning Agencies

Policy Formulation

- Reform and policy change processes
- Quality of participation and debate
- Media coverage

Implementation

- Asset Evaluation
- Privatization
- Subsidies

REGULATORY PROCESS

Structure

- Authority and Autonomy
- Financial + Human Resources
- Functions and Jurisdiction

Decision-making processes

- Pro-activeness
- Public participation
- Civil society capacity

Operations

- Performance Reporting
- Tariff Philosophy
- Consumer Service and Quality of Supply

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL

- Jurisdiction
- Minimum standards
- Planning and reform
- Environmental impact assessments
- Project-affected people
- Labor impacts
- Clean technologies and approaches

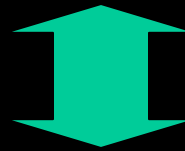
- Mandate and capacity
- Responsiveness
- Engagement with the public
- Affordability
- Representation of weak stakeholders



Generating a new dialogue

Advisory Panel

*Government, Regulators,
Utilities, Private Sector*



Research Team

*NGO coalition
active in the power sector*



THE EGI GLOBAL PROGRAM



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Seeking accountability, establishing new institutions



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Electricity Regulation and Sustainability



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Clean Energy Regulation in India



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DoE and ERC in the Philippines adapt EGI tools



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Energy Sustainability and Security in Indonesia's elections



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Upholding public interests as South Africa confronts an electricity crisis



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Linking consumer and environmental interests in Brazil



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Scoping EGI in the United States



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Finding our Niche

- The right partners
- The right moment
- Perseverance
- Flexibility
- Fundraising and Capacity
- Breadth vs. Depth



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