

CSD 14: Enhancing energy efficiency to address air pollution and atmospheric problems.....

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Australian Statement – Energy efficiency barriers and constraints (access to finance and governance)

The constraints posed by finance concerns, insufficient access to expertise, experience and technology to the uptake of energy efficiency measures have been widely articulated; as has the desire for more coordinated approaches by donors to developing countries to minimise duplication and get greater leverage from the aid donor dollar. Australia views public /private partnerships as a key mechanism in helping to address these constraints.

- Countries with small economies of scale, including Australia and our Pacific neighbours, need to take advantage of the opportunities that international engagement and collaboration provides.
- Such collaboration is an important means for smaller countries to learn and share ideas and experiences, access new technology, promote local innovation, and influence the development and acceptance of new technologies to meet national priorities.
- Australia is party to a number of regional and international partnerships that enhance our ability to share with, and learn from others, and to leverage our contributions against other contributions and better coordinate our actions with those of other donors. These include:
 - Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate;
 - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP);
 - Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum;
 - Methane to Markets Partnership;
 - Energy for Sustainable Development: The APEC Energy Working Group; and
 - a range of bilateral energy and climate change partnerships.Being part of such partnerships creates opportunities to leverage both innovation and resources to all countries.
- Similarly good governance and action at the national level is fundamental to encourage financial investments and ODA flows. Increasingly Australia's aid programme is focusing on working with developing countries to improve such governance.