

Outline of tasks involved in integrated energy planning

At the national level, an energy planning program might include:

- 1) Strengthening the machinery for energy planning and policy making
- 2) Assessment of overall energy needs
- 3) Identification of types of energy required to suit each need
- 4) Identification of alternative resources and technological possibilities
- 5) Ecological and environmental studies to identify benefits and penalties
- 6) Identification of competing demands for basic energy resources and environmental priority
- 7) Matching of needs and energy resource options
- 8) Completion of any outstanding surveys for indigenous energy resources
- 9) Formulation of a comprehensive national policy on the utilization of various new and renewable energy source including decentralized systems as part of a comprehensive national energy policy
- 10) Formulation of a system of fiscal and monetary incentives, subsidies and assistance to encourage the use of alternative energy technologies and the commercialization of processes and prototypes as well as a system of disincentives to the continued use of conventional hydrocarbon energy sources
- 11) Intensification of applied R and D efforts in terms of extensive trials of available technologies and equipment to test their suitability

And, with particular reference to the rural sector:

- 12) Promotion of technologies and related equipment appropriate to local environment, social, economic, and developmental conditions
- 13) Establishment of adequate extension agencies to propagate approved technologies and to train villagers in the operation, maintenance and repair of the equipment used
- 14) Training villagers, wherever feasible, in the local fabrication of equipment using local materials
- 15) Identification of rural based community institutions to support and maintain the alternative energy technologies as well as to manage the production and distribution of energy at the grass-roots level