

International Renewable Energy Agency













## **HISTORICAL TIMELINE**



- » 1980: Idea for international RE organization first proposed
- » 1981: Idea considered at UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy
- 3 1990: Hermann Scheer (German Parliamentarian) presents memorandum for establishment of international institution on renewable energy
- » 2004: 300 parliamentarians from 70 countries call for establishment of IRENA
- » 2008: 75 states sign IRENA statute in Bonn
- » 2009: UAE wins bid to host IRENA after international campaign
- » **2011:** IRENA formerly established at 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly

## **OVERVIEW**



#### **MANDATE**

To promote the widespread adoption and sustainable use of **all forms of renewable energy** worldwide

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To serve as a **network hub**, an **advisory resource** and an **authoritative**, **unified**, **global voice** for renewable energy

#### **SCOPE**

All renewable energy sources produced in a sustainable manner



BIOENERGY



GEOTHERMAL HYDROPOWER ENERGY



OCEAN ENERGY



SOLAR ENERGY



WIND ENERGY

## **KEY FACTS**



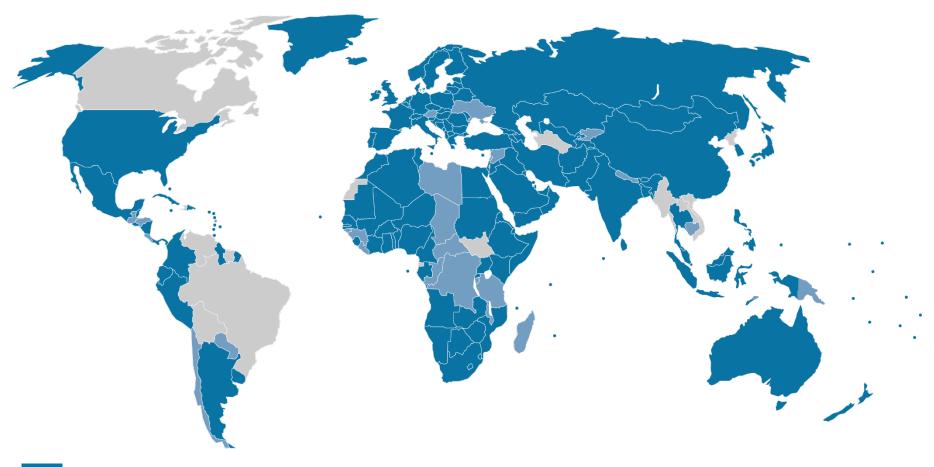
- » Established in 2011
- » First global intergovernmental organisation headquartered in Middle East
- » Headquarters in Masdar City, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- » IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre Bonn, Germany
- » Permanent Observer to the United Nations New York



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## **MEMBERSHIP**



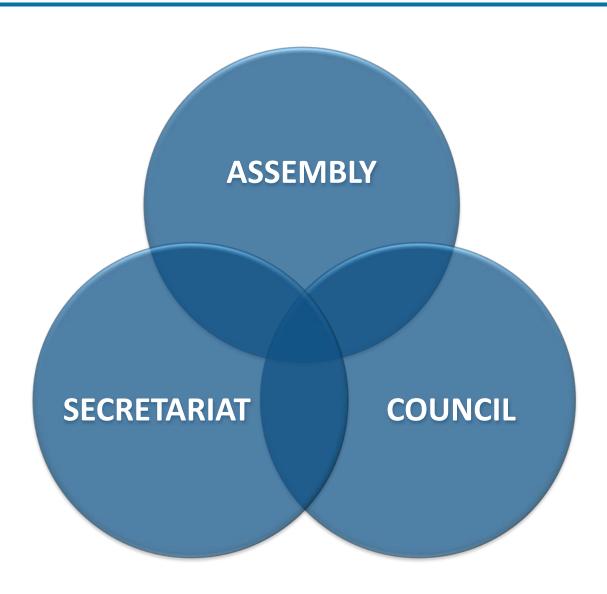


160 Members

28 States in Accession

## **PRINCIPAL ORGANS**





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## **ASSEMBLY**



- » Agency's supreme decision-making body that convenes once yearly
- » Includes a delegation from each IRENA Member
- » Discusses and approves Work Programme and Budget
- » Guides programmatic and strategic direction
- » Provides global convening platform on renewable energy topics



## **COUNCIL**



- » Consists of 21 IRENA Members elected by Assembly
- » Convenes twice yearly
- » Facilitates consultations and cooperation among Members
- » Considers programmatic, strategic and institutional matters, including draft Work Programme and Budget
- » Assists in decision-making with recommendations to Assembly



## **SECRETARIAT**



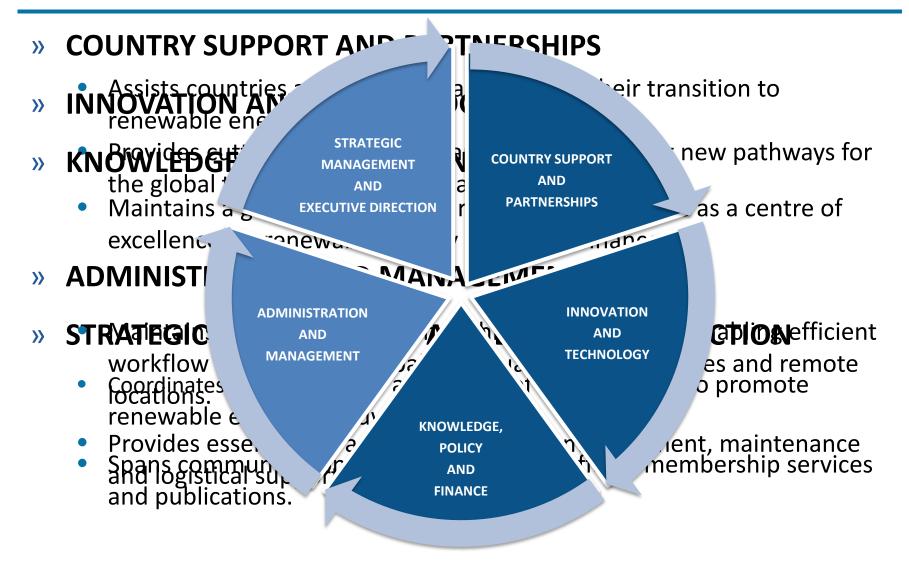
- » Consists of Director-General (Mr. Franceso La Camara since beginning of 2019) and staff
- » Prepares Work Programme within framework of IRENA's mandate
- » Implements programmes and provides **progress reports** to Membership
- » Communicates with Members and other stakeholders
- » Facilitates communication among Members
- » Establishes cooperation and creates synergies to deliver on IRENA's mandate



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## **DIVISIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT**

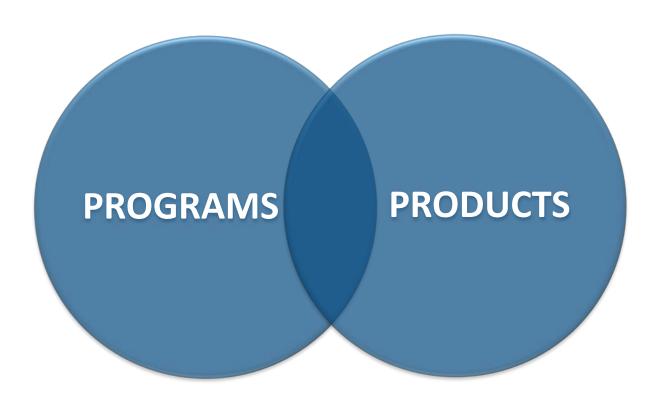




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## **KEY WORK AREAS**







High-Level Meeting on Renewable Energy in South East Europe Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 13 January 2017

## ABU DHABI COMMUNIQUÉ ON ACCELERATING THE UPTAKE OF RENEWABLES IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE

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The Heads of Delegation emphasised ongoing efforts across the region to tackle the major challenges hindering renewable energy uptake and to create more conducive enabling frameworks for renewable energy investments.

They noted that increasing deployment and continued technological innovation have led to sharp cost reductions and improved cost-effectiveness, particularly for solar photovoltaic and wind energy. They also recognised the broader macroeconomic impact of renewable energy deployment, along with notable socio-economic benefits, such as creating employment, developing local manufacturing capacity, avoiding health and environmental costs, and addressing climate change.

The Heads of Delegation took note of the results of IRENA's publication, Cost-Competitive Renewable Power Generation: Potential across South East Europe, which underscores the region's vast resource potential for hydropower, wind, solar PV and biomass that can be deployed in a cost effective manner already today.

The Heads of Delegation also commended IRENA for scaling up its engagement to support efforts at accelerating deployment of renewables in the region and, in this context, welcomed the regional consultative process undertaken by IRENA.



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### REmap - Roadmap for a Renewable Energy future

#### **IRENA's Renewable Energy Roadmap**

> Explores how to accelerate renewable energy deployment

ldentifies RE technology options for countries and sectors (i.e. power,

transport, industry, residential, services)

Assesses policy and investment implications

- Outlines benefits (economic, social, environmental)
- > REmap as input for countries' energy plans
- > The Global report as reference for national scenarios
- ➤ In cooperation with **70 countries**
- More than 40 publications to date and datasets



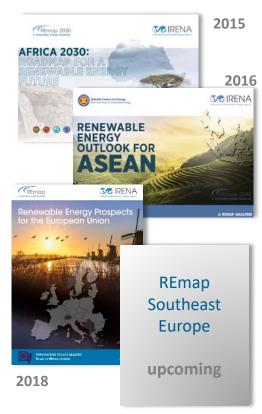
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## IRENA's Regional REmap studies

## A regional approach to renewable energy can be more efficient and maximise impact by:

- Providing a platform for exchanging views on policy making, planning, investment, stakeholder engagement, etc.
- Sharing best-practices and experiences
- Assessing aggregated impact of national plans
- Identifying areas to improve long-term planning
- Benchmarking of ambition, e.g. in RE, climate, etc.
- Identifying synergies in e.g. infrastructure development
- > Optimizing the best resources available within the region
- Creating economies of scale for market players



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#### **REMAP for the SEE REGION**

- IRENA's workplan for SEE is closely aligned with that of CESEC, as one of the elements of the CESEC action plan is to analyse RE potential with a 2030 perspective.
- Since the beginning of last year, we have been working on a REmap analysis (a renewable energy roadmap) to 2030, in close cooperation with the European Commission and also with support from the Energy Community



# REmap analysis for CESEC countries

- 1. Intro: objectives and approach
- 2. High level findings
- 3. Key renewable options
- 4. Sectoral results
- 5. Conclusions



## REmap for CESEC countries - objectives

- To assess the expected renewable energy deployment with policies in place until
   2030 (Reference case)
- To identify cost-effective technical options to accelerate renewables deployment by 2030.
- Assess the role that renewables can play in the long-term decarbonization of the region.
- To identify opportunities for further regional integration of energy systems.



#### REmap approach

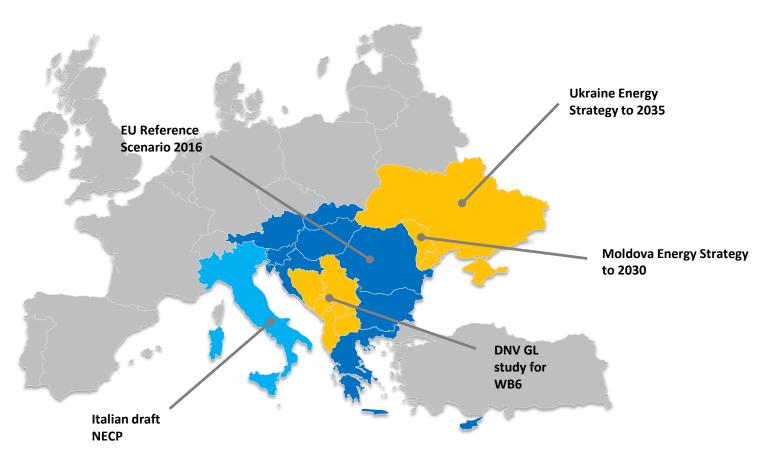
- 1. What is the outlook of renewables with current / planned policies by 2030?

  (Reference Case)
  - 2. What is the additional potential of renewables beyond the Reference Case? (REmap Options)
    - 3. Reference Case + REmap Options = REmap Case

4. What are the costs and benefits (i.e. investments, system costs, avoided externalities) and policy implications of the REmap Case?



## Reference cases to 2030. Key sources





 The ReMAP study is in its final stages and will be presented by the ReMAP Team shortly....

## **GLOBAL GEOTHERMAL ALLIANCE**



- » Launched at COP21
- » Brings together key geothermal stakeholders to increase the share of geothermal energy in the world's energy mix through both power generation and direct heat.
- » Joined by 38+ countries and 20+ partner institutions.
- » Areas of activity:
  - Platform for dialogue, cooperation and coordination
  - Customized technical assistance and advisory support
  - Capacity building
  - Outreach and awareness-raising



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## **RENEWABLES READINESS ASSESSMENTS**



- » Country-led, collaborative process to shape national action plans
- » Identifies effective policies for renewable energy deployment
- » Helps craft investor-friendly regulations
- » Framework for future IRENA engagement and advice
- » Undertaken by 22+ countries







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