



## “Minutes of Meeting”

### Renewable Energy Working Group Second Workshop

#### For Project Titled:

“Improving the capacities of local authorities to develop and implement sustainable energy efficiency practices and renewable demonstration actions”

## 1 Meeting Information:

<b>Date:</b>	Monday March 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	<b>Time:</b>	10:00 - 13.00hrs.
<b>Place:</b>	Caesar Hotel - Ramallah - State of Palestine		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>Project Beneficiaries:</b>  <i>Eng. Nader Hrimat, The Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)</i>  <i>Ms. Lina Nasser, The Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)</i>  <i>Mr. Saher Alkhouri, The Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)</i>  <i>Eng. Mohammad Qaraqeh, The Applied Research Institute - Jerusalem (ARIJ)</i>  <i>Tubas Municipality represented by Tubas District Electricity Company (TDECo)</i></p> <p><b>Governmental Bodies:</b>  <i>Eng. Walid S Abu Alhalaweh, Advisor on International Cooperation, Palestinian Ministry of Local Government (MoLG)</i>  <i>Eng. Basel Yassen, Director of Renewable Energy Management Unit, Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA)</i></p> <p><b>International NGOs:</b>  <i>Eng. Ali Abdou, Project Coordinator, Energy Sector, World Vision International (WVI)</i></p> <p><b>Private Sector:</b>  <i>Eng. Samah Adeeb and Eng. Rouzan Hassoun, Jerusalem Electricity Company Co. Ltd (JDECo)</i>  <i>Eng. Ziad Mansiyeh and Eng. Fadi Khidirat, Palestinian Southern Electricity Company (SELCO)</i>  <i>Eng. Basem Tamimi and Eng. Husam Skafi, Hebron Electric Power Co. (HEPCO)</i>  <i>Eng. Jamal Muslumani and Eng. Omar Mahmoud, Tubas District Electricity Company (TDECo)</i></p> <p><b>European Union Office and Consultants:</b>  <i>Ms. Laura Lindoro, Projects Manager Infrastructure, The Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA);</i>  <i>Mr. Nicolas Brizard, EU Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) for the “Sustainable Energy for All” Initiative</i>  <i>Mr. Kostas Anagnostopoulos, EU Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) for the “Sustainable Energy for All” Initiative</i>  <i>Mrs. Sarah Pilgrim, Project Officer, Energy and Private Sector, Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD)</i></p> <p><b>Donors:</b> <i>Ms. Mariam Fares, Czech Development Agency</i></p>		





**Universities:** *Dr. Imad Brik*, Director of Energy Research Center , An-Najah National University (**ANNU**)

## 2 Meeting Purpose

The purpose of this workshop was to held the second meeting for the Renewable Energy Working Group in Palestine with all related stakeholders and presenting the project progress as well as developing the renewable energy working group action plan and follow-up mechanisms.

## 3 Meeting Summary:

Eng. Nader Hrimat, Deputy Director General of ARIJ, started the workshop through welcoming the participants, and indicating the importance of this project in improving the renewable energy sector in Palestine, and the importance of the created network among different stakeholders that are working the field of renewable energy in Palestine. Furthermore, Eng. Walid Abu Alhalaweh, Advisor on International Cooperation, Palestinian Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) and Eng. Basel Yaseen from the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority/ Palestinian Energy and Environment Research Center (PEC) had welcomed Ms. Laura LINDORO from the Office of the European Union Representative and the Consultants from EU Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) for the “Sustainable Energy for All” Initiative and all stakeholders. Prior to starting the workshop, each of the network members has introduced his/herself.

During the workshop, a PowerPoint presentation was presented by Mr. Saher Alkhouri from ARIJ about the project progress including: objectives, activities, expected results and outputs. A lot of discussion had taken place and the following were the items that have been highlighted:

- a) **Innovative Energy Mash-Up WEB Platform:** One of the important issues that had been discussed during the workshop is the Innovative Energy Mash-Up WEB Platform and the sustainability of the established innovative energy web platform ([www.tubasenergy.com](http://www.tubasenergy.com)). It was agreed to classify the web platform users according to their field of specialty, organization type; amongst different categories. Also, the level of security and procedures on the website had been highlighted as an important issue to take into account. Furthermore, a special tab for this created REWG network under this innovative energy web platform will be created to share with all members the minutes of meetings. Another tab titled ‘Events’ will be also created; this tab should be classified as public or only members. The sustainability of the established innovative energy web platform will be discussed in depth on the next REWH meeting.





- b) Renewable Energy Working Group Third Meeting:** The third renewable energy working group will be held between 10-15 May 2017 at the Technical & Academic Training Center for Jerusalem Electricity Company Co. Ltd (JDECo) in Jericho. The agenda for the next meeting will include: **1)** project progress; **2)** summary of the second workshop for the renewable energy working group; **3)** a presentation about the net-metering by JDECo as well as their renewable energy projects; and **4)** undertake a field visit to JDECo renewable energy projects in Jericho. It was agreed that the agenda will be shared with all members for any additional items to be included. The following meeting for the renewable energy working group will be held at Hebron Electric Power Company (**HEPCO**).
- c) Renewable Energy Working Group membership expansion:** It was agreed to expand the network and propose new members in the REWG; it was suggested to include the Palestinian Federation of Renewable Energy Industries (FREI) and the Palestinian Engineering Association.
- d) Undertake Field Visits:** It was agreed to visit the Palestinian Electric Companies “The Jerusalem Electricity Company Co. Ltd (**JDECO**), Palestinian Southern Electricity Company (**SELCO**), Hebron Electric Power Company (**HEPCO**), Northern Electricity Distribution Company (**NEDCO**) and Tubas District Electricity Company (**TDECO**) and explain to them about the project objectives, activities, expected results and outputs.
- e) Funding opportunities:** A new European Union call for proposal titled “**Promoting Women Working with Sustainable Energy**” has been referred to as an opportunity to apply for in the field of renewable energy sector. The deadline is 25 April 2017 via E-calls. It was agreed to share this call with all attendees in order to benefit from this funding opportunity ([https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=25&orderBy=upd&orderByad=D](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=25&orderBy=upd&orderByad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=155118)  
[esc&searchtype=RS&aofr=155118](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&nbPubliList=25&orderBy=upd&orderByad=Desc&searchtype=RS&aofr=155118)).
- f) Trainings and Dissemination:** It was agreed to coordinate with Eng. Basel Yaseen from the Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority/ Palestinian Energy and Environment Research Center to give a presentation about the project in general for the engineers at PENRA/PEC. It was also agreed to expand the project idea and interventions to future related stakeholders mainly local governmental bodies. Furthermore, it was agreed to share with PENRA/PEC the educational training materials to be utilized for other related trainings.
- g) Networking and Synergies at all levels:** to *continue networking* with the Municipality of Abasan al-Kabira in Gaza Strip as being one of the municipalities being granted an award under SUDEP regional program with a project ‘*Energy efficiency through ECT-driven behavioural change in public buildings of Abasan Al-Kabira (ENERBE)*’ Contract Number: 354-411. Furthermore, to *inform them* about the projects activities and achievements as well as to *join the created* REWG.





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