

Comments on ADB's Energy Strategy (version May 2007)

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1. Climate Change: Policy should come out with supports and clarity to various adaptation techniques like

- Afforestation
- Irrigation
- Coastal management
- Effective disaster management.
- Breeding new plant species & crops which are more tolerant to changed climate.
- Changes to building & infrastructure design standards to protect against more extreme weather events.
- Improving water use efficiency, planning for alternative water sources.

This will give a different dimension to this policy.

2. Discrete Distributed Power Generation: Depending on the availability of the Natural gas and its price, Micro turbines will be one of the possible ways out to complement the huge unmet demand of Grid Electricity in developing countries. Policy should essentially enlighten this part.

3. Nuclear Energy Options: Considering the potential progress in Indo-US nuclear deal and subsequently keeping in mind that a long queue of big private players are just waiting for the green signal to come. Then there will be a booming of opportunities. Therefore, this policy cannot afford to remain silent on this part.

4. Financing/Investments: A huge opportunity of financing exists in the area of "small & medium scale project: Power & manufacturing", where concept of Micro-Financing will really work out, policy in way should come out on some of these.

5. Energy Efficiency- CDM:

- a. Policy should also talk about some mechanism to scale up the concept of NegaWatt and perhaps its further augmentation with the CERs and then its tradeability. Then it will be very good to tap the potential of the SME sectors also.

- b. Policy should also talk about some assistance to build up a "Voluntary Carbon Fund" to extend help to the industries, who are partially reluctant and don't want to get into the hassles of the PDD developers.
- 6. Biofuels: Ethanol & Bio Diesel:
 - a. Policy should talk about some ways & means to harness (Technological and Financial Interventions are required) this sector as lot of MDCs can be the processing hubs or with huge surplus of the Bio fuel.

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