

Statement for the forth voluntary meetings on the coordination of support  
for the implementation of activities referred to in Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 70 (REDD+),  
a mandated event of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

The International Renewable Energy Agency; IRENA is a new organization having a mandate to promote renewable energy world widely. We thank 150 member countries for their generous support. Recently our bioenergy team developed a policy paper on “[Bioenergy and Sustainable Development](#)” together with FAO and IEA Bioenergy.

As we can find it readily in the field, one of the largest drivers of deforestation and challenge is wood energy in many countries. IRENA hopes to extend our supports for REDD+ countries with renewable energy solutions. We have several tools applicable for this purpose. One of the tools is [the Global Atlas](#). The Global Atlas is a web based simulator. Just by clicking on the map, you will know what kind of renewable energy has how much potential at each specific location.

Another tool is the [Project Navigator](#). The Project Navigator is an online platform providing comprehensive information and multiple tools to assist in the development of bankable renewable energy projects. The platform covers the development of all major types of renewable energy projects, including some types of bioenergy projects and provides systematic guidance that will help developers obtain financing for their projects.

These our tools are all free of charge. Please visit our website: [irena.org](http://irena.org). Or please contact me. I believe these tools will help REDD+ countries to explore the options with alternative, sustainable and renewable energies with a stronger ownership and leadership in the coordination of various works in accordance with your needs. From the point of view of renewable energy sector; not only large scale, but step-by-step from small projects such as mini solar, small grids, bio gasifier has also promising potential to benefit community based forest management for REDD+. REDD+ activities can be various scales and approaches, in accordance with the specific needs, policies and legislations and be led and controlled nationally by the REDD+ government who is responsible for well-being of the people of the country.

One more information. We are going to hold an international workshop on [Sustainable and Rural Biofuel Strategy in Africa](#) early next year as a side event of [FAO's African Forestry and Wildlife Commission](#). We are working with [the World Agroforestry Center \(ICRAF\)](#) and [Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences \(JIRCAS\)](#) and are now calling for your participation as I distributed [a flyer](#). Please send us your good practices on these 3 topics; (1) Agroforestry or agroecology good practice which increase energy availability of communities, (2) Biomass to energy innovation which enable effective use of biomass or (3) Assessment Tools for Enhanced Bioenergy Sustainability by [email](#). If selected, you will be invited to the Workshop as a speaker and included in our publication.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.