

Policy Prescription for a Quantum Leap in Wind in Asia

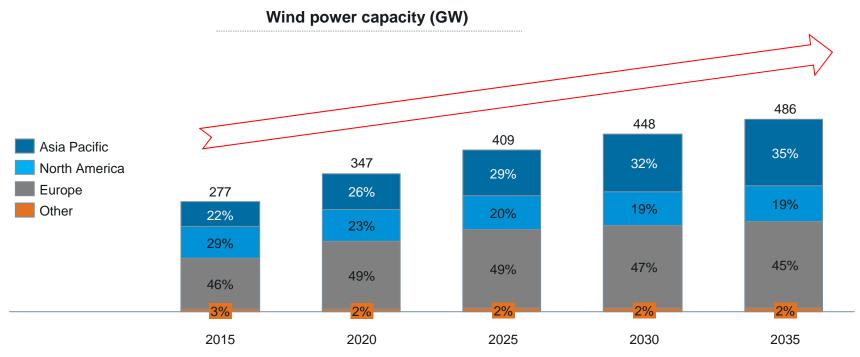
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Wind Capacity on the Rise in Asia Pacific



Source: International Energy Outlook 2010 - US Energy Information Administration

The Asia Pacific region will lead future growth & increase in wind share and capacity building ... provided that political and market framework conditions are set right!

Governments need to provide policies that are....



NOT...Tender Loving Care but...

General Policy Prescription

Strong commitment and clear support from Governments are needed – in the form of a **transparent, stable and investment-friendly regulatory environment**. Public policies need to be "TLC", i.e.:

Transparent

Long-term

Certain

Provide "TLC" in public policies

A Holistic and Coordinated Approach is Required



Wind power capacity and reliable/efficient technology



Effective balancing measures



Legislation and planning



Strong grid and transmission lines



Efficient markets and financing opportunities

Policies Must Provide Business Case Certainty

Energy investments

will chase



Business Case Certainty

Looking back – conclusions from ADB's workshop last year:

Policy Frameworks & Energy Tariffs

Policy framework are necessary, although not sufficient. Needs to be tailored to local needs while at the same time enabling foreign investments. Subsidies to fossil fuels creates an uneven playing field. Energy tariffs neglect externalities such as costs to society from use of fossil fuels.

Infrastructure

Grid, transmission, and other infrastructure need to be developed further. Governments need to conduct proper wind resource assessments and start collecting long-term quality data.

Industry Input & Feedback

Industry players must be consulted on regulatory/policy changes – it is a win-win situation. Promote Public-Private Partnerships.

Recent Policy Developments & Trends

Recent policy developments seem promising



- Increased Government interest in becoming part of the green energy race
- Strong drivers established and more mature wind markets
- Incentives schemes in the making in "emerging markets" in NSEA

Yet constraints and barriers still prevail



- Delays in implementing announced incentives schemes
- Public land use policies prevent utilization of optimal sites
- Permitting and licensing issues increase lead time and costs
- Opaque Government-driven processes and limited industry consultation
- Grid and transmission constraints a barrier in most APAC markets
- Financing issues constitute a problem as long as barriers are not overcome

Governments Have a Key Role in Providing TLC

1. Institution & Capacity Building

One-stop shops, enhanced coordination between government bodies, regulation by contract, grid studies and EIAs should be completed before bids are due, wind masts to be installed by international IEC standards, training of wind specific government staff required to issue RFPs and assess bids.

2. Economic Considerations

Utilities to include externalities in power planning, economic analysis should include fossil fuel savings, acknowledge the fossil fuel price risk and the virtues of a stable fixed (wind) price contract for electricity supplies.

3. Energy Tariff and Power Purchase Agreements

Fixed, long-term PPAs are a necessity; FITs need to be set at the right level to drive investments; include fossil fuel savings when setting tariffs; demonstration projects; reduce fossil fuel subsidies to ensure level playing field.

4. Permitting and Licensing

Permitting/licensing requirements should be build into RFPs (transparency of costs to developers) and Government "one-stop shop" to speed up and streamline permitting and licensing processes.

5. Public Land Use

Mapping of wind resources and identifying wind zones; review and unlock land restrictions to good wind sites, if possible; land rent can be based on actual energy production (amount per MWh) to reduce risk to developers.

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Virtues of Wind Energy – to Governments and Nations



Low Cost of Energy



Predictable



Independent & Fast to Install



Clean



Creates lots of green jobs



Wind. It means the world to us.™

Instead of just trying to

PREDICT the future, let's





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