

JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

ON

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY DIALOGUE

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides” and in the singular as “a Side”) wish to further promote friendship and cooperation between Jordan and Germany. They are determined to enhance the bilateral dialogue and practical cooperation between the Sides in the energy sector by establishing an energy dialogue platform, which builds on and further enhances the ongoing successful cooperation programs and dialogues between both Sides in the Water, Energy and Environment sector.

Furthermore, the Sides are recognizing the urgency in the energy sector in Jordan, as 97% of the energy is imported and mainly based on fossil fuels with respective climatic consequences. Henceforth, the high cost of Jordanian energy generation is constituting a big burden on the Gross Domestic Product “GDP” and subsequently on the Kingdom's economy. Against this background both Sides emphasize the urgent demand for Jordan to harness the significant potential of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and benefit from the German experience, Know-How and to limited extend, technical support in aforementioned areas (see details below in work program).

This Joint Declaration of Intent (DoI) is supposed to complement the existing Declarations of Intent on Jordan – German Cooperation in the Area of Water, Environment and Emergency Assistance of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AA); the Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The energy dialogue platform will provide a general framework for political dialogue and cooperation in the energy sector of both Sides using synergies between existing bilateral dialogues on energy and climate issues.

Hence, the main objective of the joint energy dialogue is improving and developing a sustainable energy infrastructure, in particular through the increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Both Sides acknowledge activities under various existing bilateral and multilateral dialogue and take note of the recent advancement in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, the available renewable energy resources in Jordan and the consequent opportunities for their widespread application. They recognize that the creation of appropriate market environment for the increasing role of private sector activities along with an enabling framework for strong public-private partnerships is vital for successful commercial application and for the availability of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Therefore both Sides have come to the following understanding:

1. OBJECTIVE

The Sides underline their shared objective to guarantee the secure and sustainable supply and utilization of energy also in the light of international climate protection efforts. The Sides further recognize the importance of Private Sector participation in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency. Therefore the Sides intend to intensify their cooperation in these areas.

2. SCOPE

The Sides intend to cooperate in the field of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency targeting the following areas:

- Exchange on Governmental Policies & on sustainable energy infrastructure.
- Support on fostering investment and business development.
- The Sides will encourage their respective private sector companies to cooperate closely and to explore further business opportunities.
- Know-How exchange on energy technologies.
- Advice on green financing and green growth strategies: The Sides will strengthen their cooperation on capacity building, institutional arrangements, including public awareness-raising, personnel exchange and training.

- The Sides accept the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights, in accordance with World Trade Organization regulations and national and international laws, which stem from the activities carried out in implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent.

3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for coordinating the dialogue and joint activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be:

- (a) in the case of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources; and
- (b) in the case of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy,

The following Ministries will also participate in the dialogue:

On the German Side:

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The German Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy will coordinate and chair the working group from the German Side. Thus, the aforementioned ministry will be the primary focal point for this DoI and the activities carried out there under. Furthermore, the ministry is supposed to call in coordination meetings as appropriate.

4. WORK PROGRAM OF THE SIDES

The Sides intend to cooperate especially in the following ways:

4.1 Governmental Policies & Infrastructure:

Visits of governmental officials for sharing experience and policies, strategies, incentives on financing and infrastructure in the area of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

4.2 Support on Investment & Business Development:

Organizing visits and study tours to Jordanian institutions and German enterprises to build know how and exchange experience, organize joint activities and encourage investment and business partnership between their members.

4.3 Encouraging German companies to establish joint ventures and business partnerships with Jordanian companies in the area of Renewable Energy by Organizing visits of Jordanian business delegations to Germany in order to meet with counterparts of German companies.

4.4 Occasionally or upon special request conducting seminars by German experts in Jordan possibly in the following areas:

- Solar energy.
- Wind energy.
- Bioenergy.
- Technical and vocational training in Renewable Energy.
- Technical standards & quality control for Renewable Energy schemes.
- Management of energy audit projects.
- Energy management systems.
- Green financing.
- Commercialization of applied energy research projects.
- Management of energy clusters.
- Electricity pricing and feed in tariff for Renewable Energy projects.
- Upgrading electricity transmission lines capacity to comply with electricity generated from new Renewable Energy projects.
- Reducing technical losses of the electrical grid system.
- Renewable Energy development technologies.
- Renewable energy and refugee crisis.

5. JOINT WORKING GROUP

5.1 The two Sides intend to establish a joint working group with the objective of:

- Joint planning, coordination and follow up.
- Monitoring and evaluating of cooperation activities.
- Identification of further areas of cooperation within the scope of this DoI.

5.2 Each Side will nominate representatives to constitute the joint working group including representatives of both governmental and private sector.

5.3 The Working Groups mandate is to develop cooperation in specific areas, inter alia those listed in section 4.

5.4 Meeting intervals will be scheduled jointly for purposes of discussing, investigating and evaluating opportunities presented by either Side or follow up of actions decided upon at previous meetings. The meetings should be held alternately in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Federal Republic of Germany.

5.5. The host Side will chair the meeting. A chairperson will be appointed for each meeting and the minutes of the meeting will be approved and signed off by the appointed representative of each Side.

5.6 Each Side will act in good faith and actively seek opportunities in terms of which the Sides can work together for their mutual benefit. Such opportunities as identified by a Side will be proposed to the Working Group.

5.7. The agenda, time and place of the meetings of the Working Group will be decided upon by the Sides.

6. EXPENSES

Both Sides understand that the subsistence and travel expenses of participants attending the Working Group meetings and meetings of joint activities, programs or projects under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be borne by the Sides or their designated authorities. This also includes costs for meeting venues, activities of the aforementioned work program under section 4, or any other activity that one of the Sides proposes.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both Sides share the opinion that the proceedings of Working Group meetings under this Joint Declaration of Intent will only be published if both Sides consent to this in writing.

8. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute between the Sides arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Sides.

9. EFFECTIVITY

This Joint Declaration of Intent will be effective from the date of signature thereof.

10. AMENDMENT

This Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.

11. NOTIFICATIONS

Any notifications concerning this Joint Declaration of Intent will be effected in writing.

12. DURATION AND TERMINATION

This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect until either Side informs the other in writing, possibly six months in advance, of its intention to terminate the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent.

Signed in Berlin on 07 October, 2016 in duplicate in the English language.

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of Jordan

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