



**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY**

**Introduction**

The Government of the United Arab Emirates and the 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 the United Arab Emirates and Germany. They are determined to enhance the bilateral dialogue and practical cooperation in the energy sector between the Sides which builds on and further enhances the ongoing successful dialogue between both Sides. Strengthening cooperation between the Sides in the fields of energy will benefit the advancement of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two Sides. The Sides also cooperate in IRENA to promote the rapid deployment of renewable energy globally in order to facilitate the necessary transition of energy systems. Against the background of the national targets of each Side for increasing the share of renewable energy and the efficient use of

energy at the COP21 in December 2015, the Sides emphasize the benefits of renewable energies for the Sides' economies, population and the environment.

Therefore, both Sides have come to the following understanding:

## **Section 1**

### **Purpose**

The Sides underline their shared objective to fundamentally transform their energy systems with the view to improve energy efficiency, increase the deployment of renewable energy technologies, to meet the ambitious efforts concluded by all states under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris in December 2015, while guaranteeing the affordable, secure and sustainable supply and utilisation of energy.

The Sides further recognise the importance of science and technology in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency and underline the importance of and aim to strengthen international cooperation on energy research and development.

The purpose of this Joint Declaration of Intent is to create a framework for good faith cooperation in the field of energy between the Sides, and to facilitate their sharing of technical knowledge, advice, skills and expertise. Therefore, the Sides intend to intensify their cooperation on the promotion of sustainable and efficient services, especially renewable energy technologies, their integration into the energy system and energy efficiency.

## **Section 2**

### **Planned Areas of Cooperation**

The planned cooperation between the Sides under this Joint Declaration of Intent includes collaboration and dialogue, inter alia on the following areas:

- (a) Energy Policy: Deployment and development of renewable energy technologies, such as support mechanisms, including necessary investment conditions; also in the context of desalination;
- (b) Energy Efficiency: Improvement and promotion of energy efficiency (instruments and financing of energy efficiency policies), also in the context of desalination;
- (c) Development of the electricity market (regulatory aspects, integration of renewable energy into the system, expansion of smart grids);
- (d) Renewable Energies: Continue the successful cooperation in creating international networks for a more sustainable energy supply, most notably in fostering and strengthening the work of IRENA;
- (e) Cooperation in knowledge, expertise and experiences towards Environmentally Sustainable Transport and sustainable mobility development;
- (f) Research and development in the above areas;
- (g) Other subject areas as the Sides may jointly decide.

## **Section 3**

### **Forms of Cooperation**

The Sides plan to encourage cooperation and collaboration between technical experts on mutually beneficial energy-related issues and knowledge-sharing in both countries. The forms of cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent should include the following:

- (a) Exchange of publicly available scientific and technical information;
- (b) Visits and staff exchanges by the Sides' respective staff to each other's facilities;
- (c) Conduct of workshops and other meetings; and
- (d) Other forms of cooperation as the Sides may jointly decide.

The Sides will encourage private sector companies to cooperate closely and to explore further business opportunities.

#### **Section 4**

##### **Funding**

Each Side intends to carry out the cooperative activities contemplated by this Joint Declaration of Intent subject to the availability of funds.

#### **Section 5**

##### **Annual Meeting**

- (a) The Sides intend to convene a Steering Group meeting once a year in turns in the United Arab Emirates and the Federal Republic of Germany. It is the understanding that each Side will bear its own internal and external costs incurred in connection with the working group meetings.
- (b) For The United Arab Emirates, the Ministry of Energy will be the responsible authority. For the Federal Republic of Germany, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy will be the responsible authority. It will cooperate closely with and could include the activities of other relevant ministries and authorities, in particular of the Federal Foreign Office,

the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. Each Side will designate a primary point of contact to coordinate the overall cooperation between the Sides for the areas described in Section 2 (“Coordinator”).

- (c) The Steering Group is to identify collaboration opportunities and activities to be conducted under this Joint Declaration of Intent.
- (d) The agenda, time and place of the meetings will be jointly decided upon by the Sides.
- (e) The host Side will chair the meeting.
- (f) The Sides accept the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights, in accordance with the World Trade Organisation regulations and national and international intellectual property right law, which stem from the activities carried out in implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent.

## **Section 6**

### **General Considerations**

- (a) This Joint Declaration of Intent may be modified at any time in writing with the Sides’ mutual consent.
- (b) The Sides intend to amicably resolve any question concerning the implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent through mutual consultation.
- (c) While this Joint Declaration of Intent constitutes an expression of the Sides’ good faith intent to engage in the collaboration described herein, it is not designed to create binding legal commitments on either Side.

- (d) This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect until either Side informs the other in writing, if possible six months in advance, of its intention to terminate the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent.
- (e) Cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent is expected to commence upon signature by the Sides.

This Joint Declaration of Intent was signed in duplicate in the English language.

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

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