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Pumping up the volume on global energy efficiency action - The role of the Copenhagen Centre

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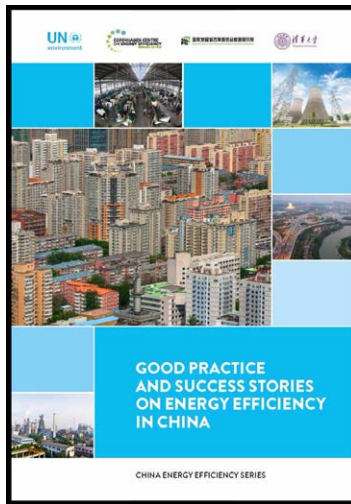
The multiple benefits of energy efficiency are becoming increasingly clear to governments and policy makers, and it is encouraging to see that countries are beginning to prioritise energy efficiency in the pursuit of climate change mitigation and sustainable development. The vast majority of the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions submitted for the Paris Agreement feature energy efficiency actions. Certain cities have taken the lead by setting ambitious targets, adopting innovative policies, and joining city networks.

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News from Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency

Energy efficiency in China and India—Reports on best practices and success stories

Fuel efficiency standards, solar rooftop systems, public



transport improvements—these are just a few of the success stories detailed in two new Copenhagen Centre reports on energy efficiency in China and India. Going back as far as 2000, the reports present the most successful and effective policies and measures of the world’s two largest developing countries as part of an ongoing study initiated by the Copenhagen Centre entitled “High Impact Opportunities for Energy Efficiency Improvement in China and India.”

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Copenhagen Centre partners with the Russian city of Astrakhan



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The Russian city of Astrakhan will soon be partnering with the Copenhagen Centre to improve its energy efficiency. Having expressed its desire to become a flagship sustainable city and a model for regional replication, last December Astrakhan signed a Statement of Intent that formally established the partnership. On 27 February 2017, this new alliance was officialised at a kick-off meeting and stakeholder consultation in Astrakhan, drawing representatives from the city administration, utilities, UNIDO, IBM, and Mastercard.

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Let's talk — Policy makers, engineers and the need to improve industrial energy efficiency



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Policy makers and engineers may work towards the same energy efficiency goals, but they don't always speak the same language. Last January, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency brought together both of these key stakeholders at a workshop designed to let policy makers hear from the people who are responsible for implementing energy efficiency projects within their companies. The workshop, entitled Policy Maker Meets the Engineer, took place 18 January in Geneva, Switzerland and drew 60 business leaders, government officials, academics, and representatives of civil society and international organisations.

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Copenhagen Centre's Knowledge Management System needs you!



Looking for a global audience for energy efficiency issues? The Copenhagen Centre's [Knowledge Management System](#) (KMS) is asking qualified users to [register](#) as content providers and gain access to publications, funding calls, e-learning and databases. Check the box at the bottom of the registration page 'You want to become an expert?' to sign up and increase your exposure to the energy efficiency community and benefit from collaborative opportunities.

The KMS was designed to engage energy efficiency stakeholders through knowledge sharing and outreach. Linked to many other energy efficiency initiatives, KMS users can access insights and ideas through the platform's advanced search capabilities. The latest feature is e-learning, which provides a comprehensive training tool for energy practitioners, keeping them up to date on energy efficiency developments across various sectors.

News from SEforAll Partners

SEforALL Forum in New York



A wide array of high-profile leaders from government, business, civil society and international organisations will be on hand at this year's Sustainable Energy For All (SEforALL) Forum. Held in

New York from 3-5 April 2017, the forum brings stakeholders together to accelerate progress on Sustainable Development Goal 7: ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. This year's theme: "Going Further, Faster – Together."

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World Bank assesses sustainable energy policies in 111 countries



According to a new World Bank Report, an increasing number of developing countries—including Mexico, China, Turkey, India, Vietnam, Brazil, and South Africa—are emerging as leaders in sustainable energy, with robust policies to support energy access, renewables and energy efficiency.

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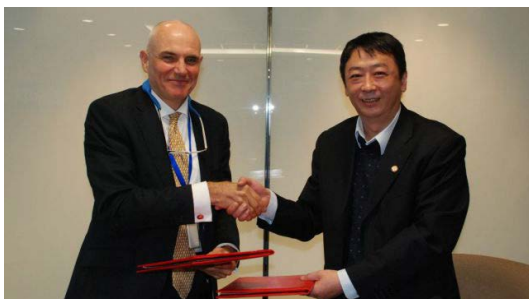
Japanese hub organises a workshop on building codes



Building standards were the subject of a workshop organized by the Energy Conservation Centre of Japan (ECCJ) from 14-16 February in Tokyo, Japan. In its role as an Energy Efficiency Facilitating Hub for SEforALL, the ECCJ gathered representatives from nine ASEAN countries: Japan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao DR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

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ADB supports leasing of 'Green' buses on urban roads in China



In January, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 75 million loan with Everbright Financial Leasing to add more low-emission buses on city roads in China. The funds are part of the USD 275 million Clean Bus Leasing program approved by ADB's board in 2013.

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The Copenhagen Centre welcomes two new experts

The Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency team of experts is growing. The two new colleagues, Dr Romanas Savickas and Dr Zhuolun Chen, will support the UN Environment District Energy in Cities Initiative, working on technical feasibility studies and other assessments.

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Meet Copenhagen Centre's experts at these upcoming events

1. **South-South Knowledge Transfer Seminar of the ENERGISE-EDULINK project**, 20th – 24th March, Arusha, Tanzania.
2. The **4th Annual SEforALL Africa Workshop**, 28-29 March 2017, Abidjan, Ethiopia.
3. The **Sustainable Energy for ALL Forum**, 3-5 April, New York City.
4. **District Cooling in Malaysia: Scaling-up Investment in Efficient and Low-carbon Cooling**, 11-13 April, Johor, Malaysia.
5. **Ministerial Conference "Meeting the Challenge of Sustainable Energy" and Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development**, 11-14 June 2017, Astana, Kazakhstan.
6. **EE Global**, 8-9 May, Washington DC, United States
7. **Asia Clean Energy Forum**, 6-8 June, Manila, Philippines



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