

MANDATE OF THE IEA WORKING PARTY ON FOSSIL FUELS

1. Objective

The Working Party on Fossil Fuels (WPF) shall, within the framework of the IEA Shared Goals, provide advice to the IEA on:

- fossil fuel technology-related policies, trends, projects, programmes;
- strategies which address priority environmental protection and energy security interests, including adequate, flexible, and reliable supply of power and electrical service of Member countries; and
- carry out activities to meet those needs through international co-operation and collaboration facilitated by the IEA.

2. Functions

The functions of the WPF are:

- Identification of the fossil fuel technology-related priority interests, including electric power production technologies, common to IEA Member countries, including their integration with non-fossil fuel technologies;
- Promotion of collaborative RD&D and technology deployment as well as electric power production by arranging studies and technology information exchange on topics of common interest, conferences, workshops, and other activities;
- Technology co-operation with non-Member countries;
- Initiation, evaluation, and review on a periodic basis of Implementing Agreements and other international collaborative activities;
- Co-ordination with other sectoral bodies of the IEA which conduct fossil fuel-related studies, information exchanges and meetings relevant to the goals of the WPF;
- Review and evaluation of, and participation in, fossil fuel-related activities conducted by IEA bodies.

3. Activities and Procedures

The WPF shall submit to the CERT an annual work plan and an annual WPF report on on-going activities, planned actions and recommendations. The WPF shall carry out its functions without the disclosure of confidential or proprietary data of any entity.

4. Membership

All IEA Member governments, and the European Commission, shall be members of the WPF. Members shall be represented through delegates who have responsibilities related to oil, natural gas, coal, and other carbon-based fuel materials. Other national or international entities might be consulted as appropriate. The WPF shall select a Chair and one or more Vice-Chairs. The Chair and Vice-Chairs shall be elected for 3-year terms. The Chair can be re-elected only once in succession. The Chair or one of the Vice-Chairs shall report on the activities of the Working Party to the CERT.