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The International Energy and Climate Initiative - Energy+ - invites countries and donors to measure and report reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives and programs in developing countries. This will make visible the effects of efforts in this sector to close the emission gap required to reach the goal of limiting global warming to 2 degrees.

What is it about?

The 1 Giga Ton Coalition is a voluntary international framework to increase efforts to measure and report reduced GHG emissions resulting from renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives and programs in developing countries. According to UNEP, the gap between the GHG emission reductions required in 2020 and the present pledges made by countries, is about 8 - 12 GtCO₂e/year on a global scale to stay on track to comply with the 2 degrees goal. 3 – 4.5 GtCO₂e of emissions can be avoided by realizing the full potential for renewable energy and energy efficiency globally. Initially, the 1 Giga Ton Coalition aims to measure and report GHG emission reductions resulting from renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives and programs of 1 GtCO₂e by 2020.

How will it work?

The 1 Giga Ton Coalition intends to work with initiatives and agencies already involved in tracking and supporting renewable energy and energy efficiency activities in developing countries. It would help to reinforce and expand national, regional and global public and private efforts to measure and report GHG emissions resulting from actions to increase access to sustainable energy services by renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Partners are expected to measure and report on achieved reductions of GHG emissions resulting from supported renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives and programs. The 1 Giga Ton Coalition will help increase the visibility of ongoing national programs and initiatives from donors for deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency in developing countries. More and better information will also improve planning and financing opportunities.

The Coordination Team of the 1 Giga Ton Coalition, initially hosted by UNEP, will coordinate the collection of data and the production of annual reports by working with existing initiatives and agencies who already collect and analyse data to ensure effective collaboration and to avoid any unnecessary duplication. Reports will be gradually be developed according to agreed guidelines and methodologies relevant to those under the UNFCCC and the SE4ALL initiative.

Who should join?

Participation in the 1 Giga Ton Support Facility is open to both developed and developing countries, as well as to intergovernmental organizations, representatives of the private sector, and civil society. Participation is voluntary, and as such, membership does not create any binding obligations and each Partner individually determines the nature of its participation.

To join the 1 Giga Ton Energy and Climate Facility please send a letter of expression of interest to [tbc].

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