Monday, March 6, 2017

8:30 – 9:00  Participant Registration/Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45  Introduction and Course Context
            Monica Bansal - USAID
            Aleisha Khan - ICF

9:45 – 10:45  SESSION ONE: Power Sector Planning in Relation to Policies and Investments
              Presenters: Juanita Haydel, Bill Prindle, Maria Scheller – ICF

              **Session:** IRRP is a screening strategy to identify cost effective investments in generation and transmission and distribution (T&D) system infrastructure. IRRP addresses the potential impacts of uncertainties and changing factors: climate (e.g. resilience), politics (e.g. import/export), technology development (e.g., distributed energy resources), and economic growth (e.g., unknown future demand). Using examples in the U.S. and developing countries, this session introduces IRRP and how it can shape, and be shaped by, policies and investments. Presenters also explore the policy implications of demand side management, and discuss who uses this type of planning process and why.  

              **Learning Objectives:** Participants will be able to describe IRRP and why it is effective for power sector growth in developing countries. Participants will understand how IRRP can inform decision making regarding providing needed power, including alternatives to building power plants or other system expansion investments. Participants will also learn about the types of decision makers and decisions that are linked to IRRP.

10:45 – 12:15  SESSION TWO: What Planning Looks Like - Part I, Components and Process
              Presenters: Maria Scheller, Molly Hellmuth, Sanjay Chandra, Ken Collison, Bill Prindle – ICF

              **Session:** This session will take a look at climate resiliency as an influencing factor in IRRP, and at each of the components for a fully-scoped IRRP: load forecasting, supply-side resources, distributed energy resources (DERs), T&D, and demand. Specific components, like transmission, can be optimized within an IRRP and framed to answer questions of need and trade-off. This session covers the critical needs of the IRRP process including data collection and stakeholder involvement.  

              **Learning Objectives:** Participants will understand what an IRRP process has the capacity to accomplish in terms of informing power sector planning and resiliency, and how to apply best practices for IRRP implementation regarding who needs to be involved (e.g. government ministries, regulators, utilities). Participants will learn about the opportunities and limitations of this type of planning, details of specific components, and how climate risks have a significant influence on the power sector and are included in IRRP.

12:15 – 12:45  Lunch

12:45 – 1:45  SESSION THREE: Scaling an IRRP
              **Discussion Lead:** Maria Scheller – ICF
Session: The IRRP process should be scaled to be consistent with the country circumstances and stage of power system planning and development. This session will lead participants in a discussion of different scopes of planning for an IRRP based on objectives (i.e., the kinds of questions an IRRP can answer) and critical requirements of an IRRP for effective implementation ("readiness"), such as policies, data availability, etc. Speakers will talk about additional value that can be incorporated (e.g., system feasibility studies on renewable energy potential pre-IRRP, and site-specific evaluations post-IRRP), and limitations.

Learning Objectives: Participants will learn how stakeholder objectives, immediate needs, and limitations in the country related to data, regulation, and local expertise can all be used to scope an IRRP process.

1:45 – 3:00 SESSION FOUR: What Planning Looks Like - Part 2, Modeling
Presenters: Maria Scheller, Molly Hellmuth – ICF

Session: Modeling different scenarios is an important part of the IRRP process. This session reviews analytical/modeling options and discusses their different approaches and trade-offs. The session also covers how climate risk and resiliency are integrated into the modeling process. The IPM tool, currently used in Tanzania and Ghana, will be demonstrated. Presenters will provide interactive activities for participants to learn more about the different data and modeling process. Participants will discuss the update process for IRRP outputs, and capacity and expertise needed among the implementing team.

Learning Objectives: Participants will understand the considerations involved in selecting a modeling tool, the trade-offs between many of the available modeling tool options, and understand the expertise needed to execute the modeling component of an IRRP in the field.

3:00 – 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:15 SESSION FIVE: Options for Results/Outputs
Presenters: Juanita Haydel, Maria Scheller, Sanjay Chandra – ICF

Session: This final session explores how investors and international donors can benefit from and use the different possible outputs from an IRRP, including a Power Sector Master Plan (including DER potential) and specific project plans. The presenters will discuss how IRRP can serve as a pathway to competitive procurement and related regulatory policies, how to think about PPPs and other types of investment, and the link between project approval and consistency with the power plan. Presenters will also discuss the political motivation behind IRRP – the political advantages of planning, as well as the roadblocks to using a resulting plan. (Presentation will be followed by Q&A)

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to evaluate how different IRRP outputs can be used to support various objectives in countries of interest.

4:15 – 4:45 Closing Remarks, Brief Evaluation, and Final Q&A
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