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VIET NAM ENERGY PARTNERSHIP GROUP

1. Introduction

In June 2017 the Government of Viet Nam and its Development Partners formally established the Viet Nam Energy Partnership Group (VEPG) with the aim to strengthen cooperation, dialogue and exchange of experiences and knowledge in the country's energy sector.

The **overall objective** of the VEPG is to work towards effective and efficient international support to sustainable energy development in Viet Nam, in line with national law and international agreements of which Viet Nam is a member.

The **specific objectives** of the VEPG are as follows:

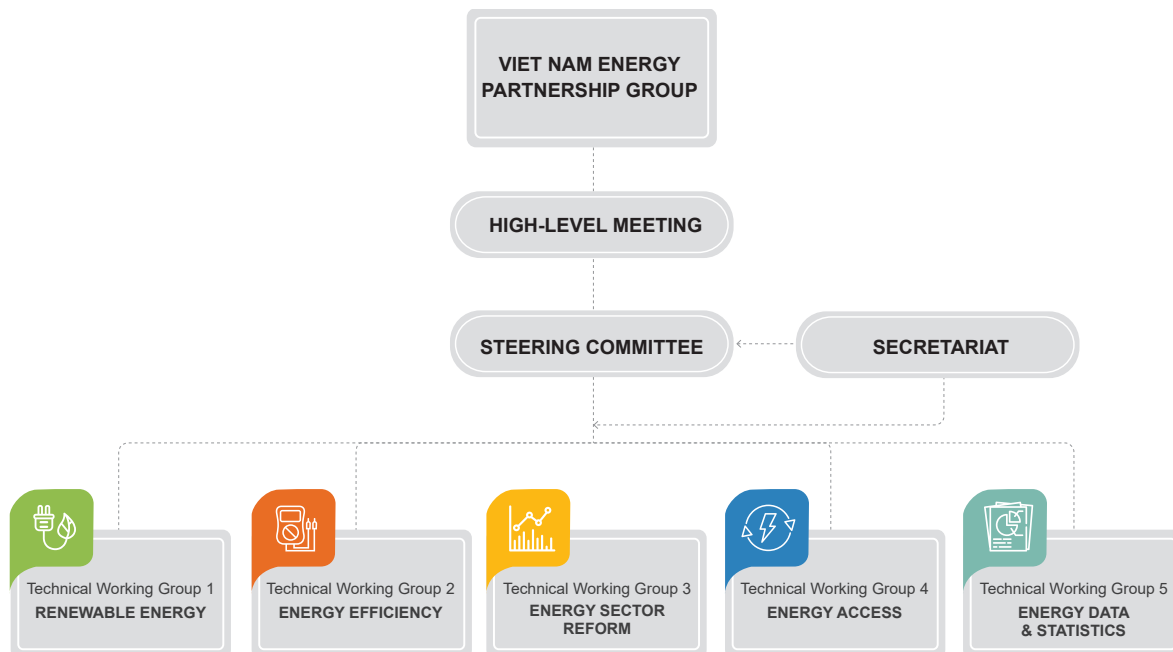
- To provide a forum for high-level policy dialogue and technical dialogue between the Government of Viet Nam and Development Partners, as well as representatives from the businesses, NGOs and research communities on energy development in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- To provide a platform to facilitate alignment of ODA with Viet Nam's energy and climate change strategies and action plans, as well as shared international commitments, and private investment in the energy sector;

- To provide a platform to facilitate implementation of development cooperation activities in the energy sector, and to reinforce coherence and effectiveness of international support, while avoiding duplication and fragmentation of aid delivery;
- To enhance learning through knowledge sharing and communication between national and international participants on sustainable energy supply, access to affordable and modern energy services, energy sector reform, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

2. VEPG Governance

2.1 High-Level Meetings

The VEPG holds an annual High-Level Meeting (HLM), which focuses on enabling and maintaining a continuous energy policy dialogue towards achieving the objectives set forth under the partnership. It is a keystone occasion to convene high-level stakeholders of Viet Nam's energy sector with the aim of tackling priority topics relevant to ongoing and future energy policy and energy sector planning processes. Furthermore, it serves as a platform to present the work of the VEPG's five (5) Technical Working Groups (TWG) and to showcase and report on the progress of activities



and commitments made in the framework of the partnership.

2.2 VEPG Steering Committee

The VEPG Steering Committee is chaired by a Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) and co-chaired by high-level representatives of the Development Partners. It includes further senior representatives of MoIT and is supported by the VEPG Secretariat.

The VEPG Steering Committee guides the management, work planning and operations of the VEPG, including its Technical Working Groups and the VEPG Secretariat.

2.3 VEPG Secretariat


The VEPG Secretariat was established to provide support to the VEPG and foster the mutual exchange and political dialogue between the Government of Viet Nam and Development Partners within the framework of the VEPG. The main function of the Secretariat is to provide logistic, monitoring, conceptual and technical support to the VEPG and its governance and working bodies.

Since July 2018, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH has been hosting the VEPG Secretariat as part of the

“Technical Assistance for the Implementation of the EU-Vietnam Energy Facility”, co-funded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development.

2.4 Thematic focus areas and Technical Working Groups of the VEPG

Thematic focus areas of the VEPG include, but are not limited to the following:

-  **Renewable Energy**
-  **Energy Efficiency**
-  **Energy Sector Reform**
-  **Energy Access**
-  **Energy Data & Statistics**

Technical Working Groups (TWGs) have been established for each of these thematic focus areas. These groups develop policy recommendations that feed into the high-level policy dialogue and address specific topics within the thematic focus areas.

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