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The Renewable Energy Outlook for Lebanon is a study developed by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in collaboration with the Lebanese Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) and the Lebanese Centre for Energy Conservation (LCEC). The report contains two main methodologies adopted by IRENA: The Renewables Readiness Assessment (RRA ...

United Nations Development Program's Small Decentralized Renewable Energy Power Generation Project (DREG), the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC), and the Energy Policy and Security Program at the American University of Beirut. Information on the costs and business models of the diesel generator market was obtained via more than 30

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the energy and power transformation is underpinned by (1) pressure to diversify energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuel; (2) increased urbanization and digitalization; and (3) governmental renewable energy targets coupled with increased global discussion, development, and implementation of new regulations to reduce carbon emissions.

Earlier in 2019 the Ministry of Energy and Water (the Ministry) finally published the electricity plan, setting out the measures they will take to correct the perennial deficit of state utility Electricité du Liban (EdL), including a large scale roll out of independent power projects for both renewable and conventional electricity generation.

On the infrastructure side, the new PPP law was introduced in September 2017 and is currently pursuing three new projects: the expansion of Rafic Hariri International Airport; the Khalde – Nahr Ibrahim Expressway and the Lebanon Cloud Data Centre.

The new impetus for the development of the energy and infrastructure sectors in Lebanon is the CEDRE Conference¹ (Paris IV) that resulted in the international community pledging US\$11bn of funding for the Lebanese Government’s Capital Investment Program, conditional on a corresponding reform program. International funding includes US\$9.9 billion of concessional funding, envisaged to be implemented alongside private investment.

The Vision for Stabilization, Growth and Employment, aimed at increasing public investment; economic and fiscal stability; structural and sectoral reforms; and a diversification strategy. Structural reforms cover fighting corruption, strengthening governance and accountability, including public finance management, modernising procurement rules, reforming customs and improving public investment management.

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The 2018 Paris IV conference is the fourth time that the Lebanese Government and the international community have sought to implement financial commitments tied to reforms. The Paris III conference was held in 2007.

Only 26 out of 117 reform measures of the 2007 Paris III reform program were implemented, resulting in only 50 per cent of donor funding being disbursed. Failures were due to high institutional requirements of the reform measures. Past performance demonstrates that Lebanese Government institutions are more effective at implementing measures through Decrees that require approval of the Council of Ministers and President, than those which require the creation of new law by way of Parliamentary approval.

The Lebanese Government has learned from the past and is using measures with lower institutional requirements to achieve progress on energy and infrastructure projects.

The Electricity Plan, approved by the Council of Ministers on 8 April 2019, sets out three main objectives: reduction of technical and commercial losses; increase in generation and reduction of fuel costs; and increasing consumer tariffs.

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