

## IEA Member Countries' Statement on Climate Change

We, the energy ministers attending the International Energy Agency (IEA) 2013 Ministerial meeting, recognise that we must work to deliver secure, affordable and sustainable energy. We recognise that actions in the energy sector are crucial to limiting climate change: the energy sector currently accounts for around two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions. In this context, we recognise the important role that all safe and sustainable low-carbon technologies and energy efficiency play in mitigating climate change, and remain committed to the further deployment of these approaches.

We welcome and encourage the IEA work on developing cutting edge analyses on markets and technologies that offer cost-effective opportunities to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. One such recent major work is the *World Energy Outlook 2013 Special Report Redrawing the Energy-climate Map*. It analyses a set of four pragmatic energy policy measures that, if implemented widely, offer substantial opportunities to reduce energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 without harming economic growth. The measures, which rely on existing technologies and proven policies, are:

- adopting targeted measures to increase energy efficiency in buildings, industry and transport sectors;
- where coal-fired power is used, encouraging the construction and use of highly-efficient coal power plants;
- minimising methane releases into the atmosphere from oil and gas production;
- rationalising and phasing out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption while providing targeted support for the poorest.

We welcome the IEA analysis of the four policy measures in its report, and encourage countries to take it into account as they prepare their national commitments for the new agreement under negotiation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which will be concluded by COP 21, which France stands ready to host in 2015. We also take note of the important UNFCCC negotiations in Warsaw, Poland (COP 19). Such actions can play an important role in moving the world towards a more secure and sustainable energy system.