

BUREAU OF ENERGY RESOURCES

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE



The Department of State is the lead U.S. agency in formulating and implementing international energy policy. The Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR) leads the Department of State's efforts to forge our international energy policy to strengthen U.S. and global energy security. ENR serves as the principal advisor to Secretary of State on energy security, policy, operations, and programs.

ENR manages the critical nexus between energy and U.S. foreign policy and ensures U.S. leadership on global energy issues. We respond to energy challenges from around the world that affect American prosperity and U.S. national security.

U.S. national security is threatened when:

- Our allies lack reliable access to diversified, affordable, and reliable energy;
- Foreign energy markets shut out U.S. companies;
- Poor governance prevents market-based energy solutions;
- Competition for energy leads to conflict; or
- Terrorists and rogue regimes exploit energy resources to fund violence and destabilizing activities.

To address these challenges, ENR works with leaders at the highest levels of government, business, and civil society, to reduce the threats and advance U.S. foreign policy objectives. ENR's foreign assistance programs are integral to the Bureau's diplomatic engagement overseas and provide critical support for the Department's objectives and the Administration's energy priorities.

WHAT WE DO IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Ensure Energy Security for the United States, and for our Allies and Partners. ENR promotes the diversification of energy sources, supplies, and routes globally so that our allies and partners become more resilient against those that use energy to coerce. ENR designs, implements, and monitors U.S. energy sanctions; ensures that energy resources are not used by terrorists, rogue regimes, and others to fund violence or harm the United States and its allies; encourages countries to develop strategic petroleum stocks—consistent with their national energy security needs; and ensures energy resources are used to promote economic growth, improve cooperation, foster stability, and prevent conflict. ENR works with the global Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to promote transparency abroad, improve energy resource governance, and reduce corruption.

Promote Exports of U.S. Energy Resources, Technologies, and Services Globally to Sustain U.S. Economic Growth and Job Creation.

ENR works to promote U.S. energy exports and a broad range of market-based energy solutions, which help our allies and partners diversify their energy sources and bring economic gains back home. ENR advocates for U.S. companies that are entering new markets to help promote U.S. exports and protect U.S. investments abroad. We work with U.S. companies to identify infrastructure and energy sector opportunities overseas that will create more U.S. jobs. ENR strengthens domestic energy security through efficient permitting of safe and efficient cross-border infrastructure.

Open Markets, Reduce Barriers to Energy Trade and Development, and Ensure Universal Access to Affordable, Reliable Energy to help reduce poverty, foster economic growth, and promote prosperity. ENR promotes open, transparent, and market-based energy sectors in advance of U.S. economic interests. ENR works to ensure access to all sources of energy. We work with allies and partners to strengthen governance standards and expand participation in transparent, rules-based global energy markets. We also provide technical assistance, share U.S. best practices, and communicate opportunities and risks to governments and industry to strengthen global economic prosperity. ENR coordinates with governments and companies to pursue energy diversification, including highly efficient fossil fuels, nuclear, and renewables, and to develop efficient and sustainable energy policies by leveraging technical assistance and public-private partnerships.

WHERE WE ENGAGE

Working with **U.S.** companies to identify infrastructure and energy sector opportunities abroad that will yield more U.S. jobs

Streamlining the permitting process of cross-border infrastructure to strengthen **North American** energy security

Maximizing **North American** energy development by promoting access to transborder energy resources and energy integration

Counteracting **Russia's** dominance of **European** fuel supplies through diversification of energy type, source, and supply routes

Using energy developments in the **Eastern Mediterranean** to promote regional economic stability and cooperation instead of conflict

Promoting U.S. finance and business models in **India** and **China** to improve the investment climate

Formulating multilateral energy sanctions, including on **Iran, Russia, and North Korea**

Promoting **U.S.** energy exports, expertise and innovation, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), through diplomacy with potential buyers and facilitating LNG shipments

Promoting electricity integration in **Central America** and encouraging **Caribbean** and other **Latin American** countries to diversify their energy resources, including LNG

Pressing for the restoration of democracy in **Venezuela** and providing energy expertise in the formulation of sanctions against the Government of Venezuela

Promoting good governance and U.S. finance and business models globally in both hydrocarbons and alternative energy sectors

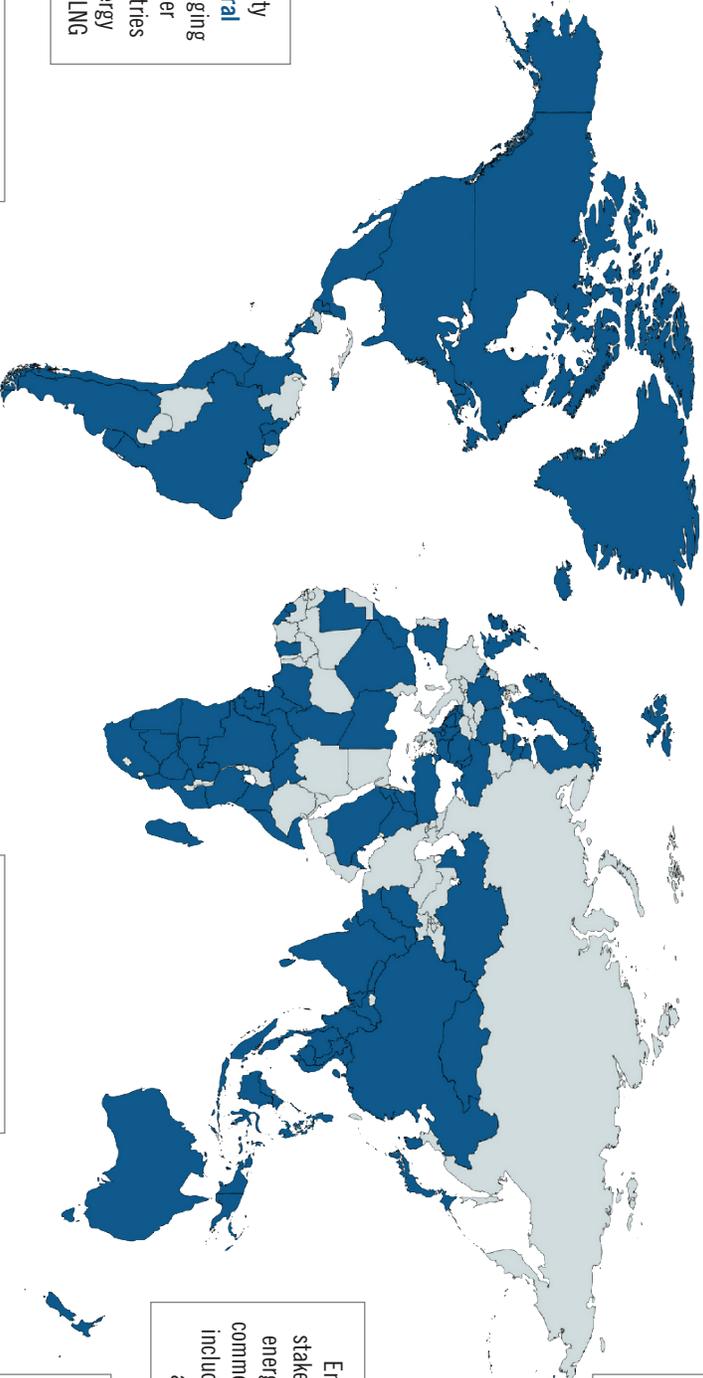
Ensuring resource-rich countries use hydrocarbon wealth to fuel economic growth rather than conflict

Expanding participation in transparent, rules-based global energy markets through strategic energy policy cooperation with emerging partners in the developing world

Defeating **ISIS** and other transnational terrorist organizations by preventing the groups from exploiting energy resources

Supporting energy diversification and electricity market transformation in **Israel**

Engaging governments and stakeholders in **Africa** to promote energy governance and access to commercially-viable energy sources, including LNG, to promote stability and economic prosperity



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