

Following the 12th International JODI Conference in April 2015 in New Delhi, India, a JODI 5-Year Action Plan was developed to identify ways to achieve greater energy data transparency under the JODI framework.

The plan, facilitating the solicitation of support of JODI from senior government officials, was endorsed by the Heads of the JODI Partners Organisations (APEC, Eurostat, GECF, IEA, IEF, OLADE, OPEC, and UNSD) during the meeting in Algiers in September 2016:

“...The heads of JODI Partners reviewed and endorsed the Five-Year JODI plan to 2020 and agreed to focus future actions by the JODI partners based on the plan...”

The plan identified **seven key objectives**, on which JODI Partners and other key stakeholders’ activities should focus over the next 5 years:

- Objective 1: Continue to enhance the quality of JODI data
- Objective 2: Improve the timeliness of data reporting mechanisms
- Objective 3: Continue to strengthen capacity building efforts
- Objective 4: Strengthen engagement with JODI user/energy data analytics community
- Objective 5: Raise JODI brand awareness
- Objective 6: Consider improvement of data transparency for other forms of energy
- Objective 7: Identify and engage with JODI Champions

To date JODI partners have undertaken numerous actions in line with the plan and made significant progress on these objectives. The “JODI 5-Year Action Plan toward 2020” document initially published prior to IEF15 in 2016 highlights the initial progress and accomplishments. JODI Partners continue to make tangible progress on each objective. Additional progress will be reflected in future updates of progress based on the plan.

Below are the Key Objectives of the Action Plan:

Objective 1: Continue to enhance the quality of JODI data

Data quality improvement remains the essential progress indicator of JODI. However, sustained commitment for reporting high quality data is an on-going challenge for many national administrations.

Recent JODI Participation Assessment covering the second semester of 2016 shows an improvement versus the prior period for “Completeness”, “Sustainability”, and “Timeliness” measures. The JODI Partners have been redoubling efforts to engage with key stakeholders through outreach and training workshops. Yet as has been the case with JODI since inception, there is no room for complacency and there is always room for improvements.

Among the challenges being faced is the level of completeness and missing data for certain countries and economies and a parallel challenge to improve the timeliness of the JODI submissions. This limits JODI ability to provide a fully and timely representative summary of the market. One option, which the JODI Partners may explore is to work with members to assess the feasibility of submitting partial data when it becomes available, and subsequently submit complete questionnaires. All of these would be noted in the metadata for JODI users.

Objective 2: Improve the timeliness of data reporting mechanisms

While JODI Partners continue to encourage JODI participating countries/economies to submit JODI questionnaires in a timely manner, the Partners are also equally engaged in improvement of their own data through enhanced training and capacity building, including online training, secondments, manuals, exploration of harmonised data transmission and dissemination mechanisms, regular meetings of members, and outreach to others.

Objective 3: Continue to strengthen capacity building efforts

JODI Partners continue to actively support JODI capacity building in key regions around the world. Recent workshops were held in Tunisia for African countries in April 2017, and in Moscow for the Central Asia and East European countries in November 2016.

JODI Partners take advantage of other training workshops for their member countries/economies to highlight the importance of JODI and improve JODI data reporting capacity. In addition, some of the partners have assessed effective ways to complement existing capacity building programmes with virtual training capabilities.

Objective 4: Strengthen engagement with the JODI user/energy data analytics community

JODI Partners have increased the engagement with users and energy data analytics communities through the JODI User Seminar series. Two JODI user events were held in Geneva (2015) and in London (2016). Additionally JODI was featured in different industrial conferences such as the fact that a JODI Workshop was part of the EPP Conference in Moscow (2016), as well as part of the EIA Annual Conference in Washington DC (2017).

Objective 5: Raise JODI brand-awareness

Following the diligent consultation to their respective governing bodies, the JODI Partners agreed to allow the Data Redistributions Agencies (DRAs) to feature publicly available JODI World Databases in their platforms. A set of pre-conditions were developed by the JODI Partners to protect the integrity of JODI. The new phase of cooperation with DRAs will increase the visibility and accessibility of the JODI data as called upon by leaders and industrial experts. Recently, permissions were given to Argus, Bloomberg, and Thomson Reuters to display JODI data at their platforms.

Objective 6: Consider improvement of data transparency for other forms of energy

JODI Partners have examined ways to improve data transparency beyond oil and natural gas. The partners have been exploring possibilities of importing other data sets of other forms of energy that is already available to the JODI website. Based on this, JODI partners are working to explore ways to increase the visibility and access to their other data sets via the JODI website.

Objective 7: Identify and engage with JODI Champions

JODI Partners have been engaging with government and industry leaders to seek their supports and commitments to JODI. JODI will continue to be featured regularly in the international fora and high-level bodies such as G20, and IEF Ministerials. A JODI Information Seminar was held in Bolivia (November 2017) as part of the GECF Summit where the President of Bolivia attended and presided over the Seminar.