Foreword

No one disputes the importance of investment in energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C). However, in reality, expected EE&C investment is not executed for many reasons, in particular high upfront costs and financing difficulties. Reluctance may also arise from a lack of understanding of the benefits of and/or profit from EE&C investment and an insufficient knowledge of financing.

This study aims to address such hindrances to EE&C investment by presenting the available financing instruments and outlining the costs and benefits in a quantitative manner. I hope that this study can serve as a useful reference for those involved in EE&C investment and who hence facilitate it.

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