

International Energy Prices and Trends

Freedom of Information – Publicise Fuel Price Information

In 2008 substantial price increases of transport fuels led to growing public interest in many countries regarding the **setting of domestic fuel prices, their composition and the global and national factors that determine local fuel prices.**

There is outrage when prices are arbitrarily increased in terms of frequency, scale and in comparison to other goods. This **public outrage** – sometimes expressed through strikes and blockades but more often through political haggling – can constitute a major element in the national political sphere and **consume vital political, social and economic resources.**

In numerous countries especially those with **ad hoc pricing mechanisms**, decisions on fuel prices are made behind closed doors; the wider public is subsequently informed of new price levels but is kept in the dark about the price composition, the rationale for the price increases and the purpose of imposed taxes and levies.

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BENZIN A-95	- 3100
BENZIN A-92	- 2900
BENZIN A-80	- 2700
DIZEL YANGYJY	- 2900

Fuel Price Information in Turkmenistan 2008, A.Hesse

Furthermore most countries **will eventually opt to detach themselves politically from the adjustment of fuel prices** especially given the high volatility of crude oil prices and the often limited ability of national decision-makers to influence import price levels. This depoliticisation of pricing is a welcome trend that allows price levels to be designed appropriately in order to increase energy efficiency. Highly politicised prices as observed for example in Indonesia, Iran or Venezuela, tend to be very low and do not respond to international price trends. Yet too often they fail to achieve their political goal namely, to protect the poor.

While it will not relieve politicians of their key obligations of accountability and good governance, **better communication of fuel price policies may help mitigate the socio-political impact of fuel price increases** and thereby help protect political leaders from the threat of turmoil and potential, unnecessary bloodshed.

Better communication of fuel price information is also an **indispensable precondition to respond to the calls of the G20 and other players to reduce subsidies for fossil fuels in order to combat climate change and to increase energy efficiency.**

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Seen from another angle, there is no justification to withhold price information of a basic commodity. **At least the information on taxes, levies and other charges imposed by governmental entities should be publicised.**

Therefore we strongly **urge decision-makers** to:

- Make information on fuel prices public and easily accessible
- Publish information on taxation levels and composition of fuel prices
- Provide information on determinants for pricing, on frequency of updates and the underlying formula if automatic mechanisms are applied

In this age of web 2.0, all information on national fuel prices and taxation policies should be made available on national webpages and open to wider public scrutiny. In our opinion **good sources provide information** on:

- Actual price data for all fuel products
- Timelines of prices
- Price components (production and/or import prices, taxation levels, and other charges)
- Explanation of structure and modus operandi of pricing mechanisms (if applied)
- Underlying legislation

This responsibility could lie with governmental entities, the private sector, consumer-protection groups or other stakeholders.

Please feel free to add information on the respective resource in your country by writing to Armin.Wagner@gtz.de

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	Country	Fuel price information*	Coverage	Update
G20 - Next11 – Diesel and Petrol Prices				
✓	Argentina	http://energia.mecon.gov.ar/downstream/DS_PJur.asp	Petrol 93 and 97 RON, Diesel, LPG, CNG	1994-2009(update monthly)
✓	Australia	http://www.fuelwatch.wa.gov.au/ http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/878867	Regular, Premium, 98 RON, Diesel, LPG	Daily
✓	Brazil	http://www.anp.gov.br/preco	Petrol, Diesel, LPG, Ethanol, LNG	2000-2009 (update monthly)
✓	Canada	http://nrcan.gc.ca/eneene/sources/pripri/gazess-eng.php On taxation: http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/eneene/sources/pripri/taxpet-eng.php	Regular, Premium, Diesel, Auto Propane	1987-2009 (update weekly)
✓	PR China	n.a.		
✓	European Union**	http://www.energy.eu/#prices On taxation: http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/excise_duties/energy_products/rates/index_en.htm	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update daily)
✓	France	http://www.energy.eu/#prices	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update daily)
✓	Germany	http://www.energy.eu/#prices	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update daily)
✓	India	http://www.bharatpetroleum.com/YourCorner/PetroPrice.aspx?id=5	Petrol , Diesel	Update weekly
✓	Italy	http://www.energy.eu/#prices	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update daily)
✓	Japan	http://oil-info.iecej.or.jp/price/price.html	Diesel, Gasoline	1990-2009
✓	Russian Federation	http://www.mfa.ru/mfa.asp	Petrol 92 and 95 RON, Diesel	Daily
✓	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	n.a.		
✓	South Africa	http://www.dme.gov.za/energy/liquid_prices.stm	Petrol, Diesel	1986-2009 (update monthly)
✓	United Kingdom	http://www.energy.eu/#prices	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update daily)
✓	USA	http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/gdu/gasdiesel.asp	Petrol, Diesel	1990-2009 (update weekly)
✓	Bangladesh	n.a.		

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✓	Egypt	n.a.			
✓	✓	Indonesia	http://www.shell.com/home/Framework?siteId=id-en&FC2=/id-en/html/iwgen/leftnavs/zzz_lhn3_3_0.html&FC3=/id-en/html/iwgen/shell_for_motorists/fuels/fuels_our_price_020909.html	Petrol, Premium, Diesel	Monthly
✓	Iran	n.a.			
✓	✓	Mexico	http://dgcnesyp.inegi.gob.mx/cgi-win/bdieintsi.exe/NIVD10000500030030#ARBOL	Petrol, Diesel, LPG	1997-2009 (update monthly)
✓	Nigeria	http://www.pppra-nigeria.org/	Premium, Diesel	Weekly	
✓	Pakistan	http://www.ogra.org.pk/cats_disp.php?cat=83	Premium, Diesel	2006-2009 (update monthly)	
✓	Philippines	http://www.doe.gov.ph/OPM/Pumpprices.htm	Petrol, Premium, Diesel, LPG	2005-2009 (update monthly)	
✓	✓	South Korea	http://www.keei.re.kr/main.nsf/index_en.html	Petrol, Diesel	1991-2009 (monthly update)
✓	✓	Turkey	http://www.shell.com/home/page/tu-tr/app_profile/pompa.html	Petrol, Premium, Diesel	Daily
✓	Vietnam	http://www.petrolimex.com.vn/	Petrol 92 and 95 RON, Diesel	Daily	
Other Countries					
	Chile	http://www.cne.cl/cnewww/opencms/06_Estadisticas/energia/Hidrocarburos.html	Petrol 93, 95 and 97 RON, Diesel	2008-2009 (update monthly)	
	Costa Rica	http://www.recope.go.cr/info_clientes/precios_productos/	Petrol, Premium, Diesel	2008-2009 (update weekly)	
	Ghana	http://www.npa.gov.gh/petroleum-prices/	Premium, Diesel, LPG	2007-2009 (update monthly)	
	Guatemala	http://www.mem.gob.gt/portal/Memdocuments/dgh/precios/diarios.xls	Petrol, Premium, Diesel	Daily	
	Honduras	http://www.cap.gob.hn/portal/historiales/	Petrol, Premium, Diesel, LPG	1997-2009 (update monthly)	
	Nicaragua	http://www.ine.gob.ni/hidrocarburos.html	Petrol, Premium, Diesel	1996-2009 (update weekly)	
	Norway	http://www.statoil.no/FrontServlet?s=sdh&state=sdh_dynamic&view=drivstoff_priser	Petrol 95 and 98 RON, Diesel, LPG, Ethanol	Daily	
	Singapore	http://www.spc.com.sg/home	Petrol 92, 95 and 98 RON	Monthly	
	Switzerland	http://www.erdoel-vereinigung.ch/de/erdoelvereinigung/Preise.aspx	Petrol 95 and 98 RON, Diesel	2008-2009 (update monthly)	

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Thailand	http://www.shell.com/home/content/thailand-en http://www.pttplc.com/en/nc_oi.aspx	Petrol 91 and 95 RON, Diesel	Daily
Other Fuels / Other Sources			
Worldwide (170 countries)	http://www.gtz.de/fuelprices/	Pump prices: Diesel, Gasoline	1998 – 2009 (bi-annual update)
Worldwide	http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/international/contents.html	Petroleum (Oil) / Natural Gas / Electricity / Coal Electricity Generation for Households, Industry	1998 – 2009 (annual update)
Worldwide	http://www.bp.com/statisticalreview	Crude Oil LNG Natural Gas	1861-2008 (annual update)
Worldwide	http://www.lpgaustralia.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=57&Itemid=63	Saudi Aramco Contract Price for LPG	2007 - 2009 (monthly update)
ASEAN countries	http://www.aseanenergy.org/publication/electricity_prices.htm	Electricity: Residential Commercial Industry	2005
Pacific Islands	http://forumsec.org/pages.cfm/economic-growth/energy/fuel-price-monitor-1/	Diesel, Gasoline, Kerosene Pump prices	2002-2006 (annual update)
Europe (EU 25)	http://ec.europa.eu/energy/oil/bulletin/2008_en.htm	Diesel, Gasoline, Heating Gas Oil Weekly Prices With Taxes Weekly Prices Without Taxes Duties and Taxes	2000-2008 (weekly update)

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Europe (EU 25)	http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home	Electricity, Gas Households Industry Large industrial standard consumers	1996 –2008 (annual update)
Middle East	http://www.med-enec.com/docs/reports/Baseline%20Studies/View%20Comparative%20key%20indicators%20MEDA%20countries.pdf	Electricity Residential	2006
Germany	http://www.mwv.de/cms/front_content.php?idcat=14&lang=1&client=1 (in German)	Diesel, Gasoline, and Crude Oil Pump prices	2004-2009 (monthly update)
South Africa	http://www.dme.gov.za/energy/liquid_prices.stm	Diesel, Gasoline, Illuminating Paraffin, LPG Pump prices	1986 – 2009 (monthly update)
Philippines	http://www.doe.gov.ph/OPM/Oilmonitor.htm	Diesel, Gasoline, Kerosene, LPG Pump prices	2005-2009 (update monthly)
China – Hong Kong	http://www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/eng/sqi/lpg_pub_price.shtml	LPG Pump prices	2006-2009 (monthly update)
Taiwan	http://www.taipower.com.tw/TaipowerWeb/upload/files/11/TariffBook.pdf	Electricity for Residential and Industrial End user prices	2008
Europe, North America, Japan	http://www.iea.org/Textbase/stats/index.asp	Diesel, Gasoline, Heating Oil, Industrial Fuel End User Prices	1988 – 2009 (monthly update)

* Where available, pages with additional and more detailed information on taxation policies are indicated.

** Covers EU-27: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

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Electricity tariff structures in selected Sub-Saharan African countries

Type of Energy	Data Coverage	Source	Link
Electricity	Uganda 2007	UMEME	http://www.umeme.co.ug/
Electricity	Morocco 2005	Office National de l'Electricité (ONE)	http://www.one.org.ma
Electricity	Ghana 2006	GHANAEF	http://www.ghanaef.org
Electricity	Lesotho 2006	Lesotho Electricity Company (LEC)	http://www.lec.co.ls/
Electricity	Tanzania 2007	Tanzania Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (TANESCO)	http://www.tanESCO.com/tarifs.html
Electricity	Mozambique 2005	Electricidade de Mocambique (EDM)	http://www.edm.co.mz/
Electricity	Burkina Faso 2003	SONABEL	http://www.sonabel.bf/
Electricity/Water	Rwanda 2007	ELECTROGAZ	http://www.electrogaz.co.rw
Electricity	South Africa 2009	ESKOM	www.eskom.co.za/tariffs
Electricity	Namibia 2009	NAMPOWER	www.nampower.com.na

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Electricity	Zimbabwe	2006	ZEDC (Zimbabwe Electricity Distribution Company)	http://www.zedc.co.zw/
Electricity	Kenya	2007	Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC)	http://www.erb.go.ke/
Electricity	Kenya	2008	Kenyan Power and Lighting Company (KPLC)	http://www.kplc.co.ke/
Electricity	Senegal	2007	Société National d'Electricité du Senegal (SENELEC)	http://www.senelec.sn

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In order to broaden the database and to provide data series throughout the year we decided to invite the public to participate in our study. Please assist us by completing the form on our special webpage: <http://www.sutp.org/fuelprices>

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