

6.2 SCRIPT FOR STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS

1. Knowledge of the Energiewende

1.1 Where did you first hear about Germany's Energiewende?

An additional question if the conversation falters or if respondents do not mention the following themselves: Did you actively find out about Germany's Energiewende? If so, which sources did you use?

1.2 What do you think Germany hopes to achieve with its switch to renewable energies? What are its aims?

2. Perception/ evaluation of the Energiewende

Information module 1

In late 2010, the German Federal Government drew up an energy concept that will see electricity production move largely to renewable sources by 2050. Apart from switching to renewables, the aims include significantly reducing harmful greenhouse gases, lowering energy and electricity consumption, boosting energy efficiency, and reducing energy consumption in buildings. Germany also decided to phase out nuclear power by 2022 following the disaster caused by the damaged nuclear power plant in Fukushima.

- 2.1
- In your opinion, what are the positive aspects of Germany's Energiewende?
 - In your opinion, what are the negative aspects of Germany's Energiewende? What criticisms do you have?
 - Do you see Germany's Energiewende as a normal development or rather as something extraordinary?
- 2.2 How would you evaluate the implementation of the Energiewende at a political level?
- 2.3 How would you evaluate Germany's Energiewende with regard to...
- securing the energy supply in Germany?
 - environmental concerns?
 - its economic feasibility, i. e. its costs and affordability?

3. Benefits of Germany's Energiewende for the surveyed country

- 3.1 Let's talk about your country now. What is the situation there? Which energy-policy aims do you think should be pursued in [COUNTRY] during the coming decades?
- 3.2
- How might [COUNTRY] benefit from the Energiewende in Germany?
 - How might the switch be disadvantageous for [COUNTRY]?
 - Would it be possible to carry out a similar Energiewende in [COUNTRY]? If so, what form could this take?

Information module 2

A variety of measures are being planned in order to implement the Energiewende in Germany. These include expanding renewable energy production, improving energy efficiency, and increasing transparency and public participation to achieve a high level of acceptance among the population.

3.3 Which of these measures could be implemented in your country? And why would they be suitable for [COUNTRY]?

4. Outlook

- 4.1 How would you evaluate the long-term benefits of the Energiewende for Germany? How do you think the Energiewende will affect Germany's competitiveness?

Additional question if the conversation falters or if respondents do not mention the following points themselves: Where do you see long-term opportunities for Germany? Where do you see risks?

- 4.2 In pursuing the Energiewende, Germany is thinking 40 years ahead. How would you evaluate this kind of long-term thinking in energy policy with regard to Germany's future as an industrial country?

5. Statistical information

To conclude, I would like to ask you a few questions for our statistics:

- 5.1 Sex of the respondent:
Male
Female
- 5.2 May I ask how old you are?*
- 5.3 What is your highest level of education?
- 5.4 *[ECONOMY target group]*: Please could you tell me how many people work in your company in [COUNTRY]?
- 5.5 *[POLITICS target group]*: Note to interviewer: Please enter the name of the party to which the respondent belongs. (Do not ask!)
- 5.6 *[POLITICS target group]*: What is your position?

Thank you for taking the time to talk to us!

* In China it is considered impolite to ask people their age directly. The Chinese respondents were therefore asked to state which of the following age groups they belong to: under 30 years old, 30 to 39 years old, 40 to 49 years old, or 50 years old or more. In both other countries, it was possible to ask respondents their exact age.

For technical reasons, the questions were numbered differently in the South African survey script. However, in the report the quotations from South African respondents have been allocated the numbers in this master script.