

CALL TO ACTION

Principles for Priority Action on Clean Cooking for All¹

Providing clean energy to households is critical to achieving global climate and sustainable development goals. Yet we're not on track to reach our 2030 goal of universal access to clean cooking. Approximately 2.6 billion people currently lack access to clean cooking solutions. Changing the way people cook their food, by using clean fuels and stoves, will help slow climate change, drive gender equality, reduce poverty, improve livelihoods and provide major health benefits. We need to enable people around the globe to cook meals without smoking themselves or the planet.

Delivering universal access to clean cooking solutions is an integral part of the roadmap to a net zero world. It will cost around USD25 billion a year, equal to around 1 percent of average annual global energy sector investment. It will bring major health benefits through reductions in indoor air pollution, cutting the number of premature deaths by 2.5 million a year.

Now is the time to be crystal clear: we will prioritize clean cooking and call on member states, multilateral institutions, private sector, finance and civil society to join us in making clean cooking a priority, because:

- Clean cooking is beneficial for ***climate change and clean air***.
- Clean cooking ***saves lives***.
- Clean cooking is good for ***gender and development***.

That is why we will act in 2020-2030 based on the **following principles:**

1. Provide people, through clean cooking solutions, with **economic and social opportunities**, strengthening the position of women, youth and marginalized groups.
2. Prioritize access to clean cooking in **national planning and policies**, including energy planning, COVID economic recovery planning, and Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement.
3. Provide **international support** to clean cooking transitions that reflect diverse users' needs and market conditions, including through making clean cooking a priority in climate finance.
4. Raise **awareness and consumer demand** for clean cooking solutions, addressing underlying inequality, gender and poverty challenges.
5. Develop **sustainable markets** and incentivize innovation to deliver clean cooking solutions at scale.
6. Drastically scale-up **public and private funding** for clean cooking.
7. Take action to address clean cooking challenges among **fragile and displaced** populations.
8. Enhance **cooperation on clean cooking** between energy and other sectors, including public health, food and nutrition, and gender.
9. **Monitor** progress towards universal access to clean cooking and maintain awareness at all levels, including through an annual global clean cooking day.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

All governments and other stakeholders are invited to sign up to the PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITY ACTION ON CLEAN COOKING FOR ALL and join a high-level side event on clean cooking to be held in the margins of the High-level Dialogue on Energy to be held in September, 2021. For further information, please visit <https://www.un.org/en/conferences/energy2021>



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