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Event name: Inclusive and innovative energy service design and delivery is needed to achieve SDG 7; civil society in the mix

Event date and time: 21st June 2021, 6am EST/10am GMT

Organizers: Alliance of Civil Society Organizations for Clean Energy Access (ACCESS Coalition)

Number of participants: 64



Figure 1. Screen grab of panelists

Main speakers and brief summary

1. Ben Garside, Head of Energy, International institute for environment and development (IIED): He recommended a holistic approach to energy planning informed by proper understanding of local contextual energy and non-energy factors which will create more responsive business models and lead to an approach where energy is seen as an enabler for development.

2. Dr. Daniel Schroth, Acting Director for Renewable Energy, African development Bank: AfDB has increased investments and deepened its strategy for energy access with a key focus on decentralized energy. This includes technical assistance for market & policy development and large-scale energy programmes. The bank has set up a specific facility for inclusive community-led energy projects and is working to strengthen instruments for results-based financing through the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa. He indicated that in order to achieve energy access for all, national ownership of planning, coherent and inclusive policies, capacity strengthening, transparency and accountability are critical.

3.Surabhi Rajagopal, Senior Programme Manager-Policy, SELCO foundation: She shared her experience of energy delivery highlighting the need for integrated inclusive energy planning that involves a multi-level and multi-stakeholder approach across sectors like health and agriculture.

4.Dan Marangu, Director, Renewable Energy Directorate at Kenya's Ministry of Energy: He shared an experience of Kenya's integrated national planning framework laid down by the country's Energy legislation. This is underway and encompasses multi-level planning by governments and sub national governments, taking into focus household and productive uses of energy in order to address grid and off grid energy needs. The framework embraces a multi stakeholder approach and will involve capacity strengthening of governments.

5.Devine Matare, Programmes Manager-Renew'N'Able, Malawi: Based on his experiences in Malawi & Zimbabwe, the speaker mentioned the role civil society has played in de-risking energy investments which has in turn attracted other stakeholders including the private sector. The civil society has a key role in community awareness creation and behavior change regarding energy use.

6.Dr Sarah Wykes, Senior Research Associate in Energy planning, University of Loughborough: She reiterated the need to understand energy and non-energy barriers and enablers including socio cultural factors in order to carry out targeted behavior change strategies to increase energy access. There is also need for a targeted range of financing approaches to enable access to energy for household and productive uses
Covid-19 provides an opportunity to increase awareness on the role of energy as an enabler while creating long term sustainable solutions to build resilience to future shocks.

Key Outcomes

- A recommended approach to energy service design and delivery that is holistic, inclusive, innovative and contextualized with civil society in the mix; where energy is seen as an enabler for development.
- Prioritization for targeted contextual social behavior change strategies to address socio cultural barriers to clean energy access.
- Concessional finance and grant contributions from donors and development partners should be made available to make clean energy affordable to the poor. This could include reviewing and scaling existing financing models.
- Civil society organizations commitment on supporting and holding accountable to ensure implementation existing energy policies and creating an enabling environment incorporating public participation in energy planning and delivery.

Links to livestream recording/website/social media

Recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8rLoUDP_Mht7B4CKh6Wcu_5GnxhvHX-oNbMuMd6GXg35j09uLwwP6MILdH3Xrd7.YOj7SveKQ6YCyEjE

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