Global Conference

Rural Energy Access: A Nexus Approach to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication

Economic Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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Draft Agenda

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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 4 December 2013

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00   Entrance of Conference Room

Session 1: 10:00 – 13:00   LEADERSHIP FOR RURAL ENERGY ACCESS
HIGH-LEVEL PANEL (Lead Organizer: ECA / SE4ALL / DESA)

- Ethiopia leader
- Other African government leaders
- ECA
- African Union
- SE4ALL
- World Bank
- African Development Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- EU
- UNDP
- DESA
Session 2: 15:00 – 18:00  A NEXUS APPROACH TO RURAL ENERGY ACCESS
Lead organizers: UNDP (tbc) & WHO

- Energy and other development factors – the Nexus approach
- Energy and health
- Energy and education
- Energy and gender
- Energy and water
- Energy and food security
- Energy and productive uses

18:00 – 20:00  Networking and Technology Exhibit

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 5 December 2013

Session 3: 9:00 – 13:00  NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL ENERGY ACCESS
Lead organizers: Ethiopia / ECA

- National programmes Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia & others)
- National programmes Asia (Bangladesh, India)
- National Programmes Latin America and the Caribbean (Bolivia, Haiti, Peru)
- Regional programmes (Energy for All, Power Africa)
- Global programmes (Lighting Global, EnDev, Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, Bottom-up Energy Solutions, Energy+)

Session 4: 14:30 – 18:30  ENABLING FACTORS FOR PROVIDING MODERN ENERGY SERVICES FOR RURAL AREAS
Lead Organizer: EUEIPDF

- Policy & institutional factors (realistic, reliable planning of rural energy programmes; role of utilities or REA; “social” infrastructure investments; reduction of import tariffs; tax exemptions)
- Capacity development (education/vocational training; awareness raising; business training)
- Technology transfer (technical training; technological norms and standards)
- Local structure and strengthening the local value chain (productive use)
- Business models (availability of market data; market creation; concessions; result-based Financing)
- Financing sources (guarantee funds, loans, subsidies/counter-subsidies; micro-credits; intelligent tariff setting; PPP)

18:00 – 20:00  Networking and Technology Exhibit

**DAY 3: FRIDAY, 6 December 2013**

**Session 5: 9:00 – 13:00  VIEW OF PRACTITIONERS OF RURAL ENERGY SUPPLY / Lead organizers: UN Foundation: Energy Access Practitioner Network & Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves**

- Practitioner priorities (off-grid electricity and heating)
- Practitioner priorities (advanced cookstoves)
- Needs for financing and investments
- Understanding the markets
- Standards
- Policies and tariff issues
- Challenges and successful stories

**Session 6: 14:00 – 16:00  MOVING FORWARD**
Lead organizers: SE4All/ECA/DESA & support from other leading organizations

- Outcomes and recommendations
- Announcements of new commitments, partnerships and programmes
- Conference summary