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PREPARING FOR A DECADE OF ACTION

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FOREWORD



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#SEforALLcharrettes

We have now entered the final decade to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As UN Secretary-General António Guterres has stressed, the coming ten years need to be a Decade of Action on the SDGs.

Thanks to exceptional efforts in 2019, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) is positioned to inspire and lead action on SDG7—universal access to sustainable energy by 2030. In fact, many of the activities undertaken by SEforALL in 2019 already reflected the organization’s enabling power towards governments, businesses and the development sector. As Chair of the Administrative Board at SEforALL, it was a pleasure to observe and take part in several of these activities, which focused on establishing the crucial role sustainable energy plays in social and economic development while equipping key stakeholders with the knowledge and resources they need to implement solutions for electricity, clean cooking and energy efficiency.

The SEforALL Charrettes offered clear proof of the organization’s value to the sustainable energy movement by offering a reality check on old approaches and fostering new ways of thinking. After such limited progress on SDG7 targets for several years, SEforALL saw the need to hold an event that was vastly different from your typical energy conference—one with a singular purpose to catalyze innovation. I must admit that the plans to invite a limited but diverse group of 200 participants to be divided into a series of design-thinking workshops sounded unusual at first. Yet the novelty of the event is precisely what the sustainable energy movement needed. After three rigorous days of work, ideas emerged from the Charrettes workshops that were the seeds of new initiatives already launched and others that continue to be worked on.

In addition to taking part in the Charrettes, I was able to represent SEforALL at several other key international events throughout the year, where the organization showed its ability to marshal crucial insights to decision-makers. SEforALL supported the governments of Denmark and Ethiopia in their leadership of the Energy Transition Track of the UN Climate Action Summit during General Assembly week. It is here where major initiatives like the Climate Investment Platform and the Three Percent Club on energy efficiency were launched. The Three Percent Club has gained much momentum since then, in part thanks to SEforALL’s efforts in co-organizing events showcasing the club at COP25 in Madrid.

SEforALL further reinforced its thought leadership position on several sustainable energy topics through its research. *Energizing Finance* continues to be the preeminent analysis of financial flows for sustainable energy, and its data and evidence is reaching governments, financiers and companies like my own. Meanwhile, SEforALL is a leading voice on the need to account for sustainable cooling needs as part of the global energy transition through its *Chilling Prospects* research.

These 2019 successes are even more impressive considering they happened during a transition in organizational leadership. In April 2019 we found out that Rachel Kyte would be stepping down as CEO, which meant the summer would be devoted to identifying her replacement while ensuring continuity for the organization’s ongoing work. After an extensive CEO search, we announced in October that Damilola Ogunbiyi would be the next leader of SEforALL, starting her role as CEO in January 2020. The Administrative Board is excited by the expertise and ambition Damilola brings to SEforALL, and we look forward to supporting her in achieving her vision.

On a personal note, the leadership transition gave me the opportunity to be more involved in key moments for SEforALL throughout the latter half of 2019, such as COP25 and several engagements with key partners. My participation in these events allowed me to witness firsthand the efforts of SEforALL staff for convening and mobilizing key SDG7 stakeholders. My discussions with these stakeholders revealed how trusted and respected the organization is within the international community, a reputation for which I owe a great deal of thanks to SEforALL's

staff and my colleagues on the Administrative Board.

This strong reputation coupled with Damilola's leadership make me very optimistic that SEforALL will drive greater progress on SDG7 in this coming Decade of Action.

António Luís Guerra Nunes Mexia

Chair of SEforALL's Administrative Board and Chief Executive Officer of EDP (Energias de Portugal)

INTRODUCTION



OUR MISSION

In 2019, our mission at SEforALL was to empower leaders to broker partnerships and unlock finance to achieve universal access to sustainable energy – as a contribution to a cleaner, more just and prosperous world for all. We worked with leaders in government, the private sector and civil society to drive further, faster action toward the achievement of SDG7, which calls for universal access to sustainable energy by 2030, and the Paris Agreement, which calls for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to limit climate warming to below 2 degrees Celsius. Achieving these goals requires a radical rethink of the way we produce, distribute and consume energy. SEforALL is at the heart of this foundational shift to ensure no one is left behind.

OUR APPROACH

Certain areas of the global energy transition demand more urgent, focused action. Our 2019 work addressed the need to have all energy stakeholders—business, government, consumers and NGOs—aligned on and committed to these areas so that real progress can be made on SDG7 and the Paris Agreement. We empowered energy decision-makers by marshalling evidence, benchmarking progress, amplifying the voices of the energy poor, telling stories of success, and connecting stakeholders to one another. The combination of these activities enabled greater attention and resources to reach the speed and scale necessary to achieve SDG7.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Our approach to accelerating progress towards SDG7 and the influence we are having on the sustainable energy transition are reflected in the following highlights of our 2019 activities:


- The 2019 SEforALL Charrettes was purposefully designed to generate much-needed innovation on approaches to SDG7 among key stakeholders in the sustainable energy for all movement. The event, held in Amsterdam, Netherlands in June 2019, was designed to be solutions-focused, meaning a select group of participants were invited to participate in two days of design-thinking workshops to generate new ideas on how to unlock finance for energy access and how to reach last-mile consumers, among other challenges.
- Through our *Energizing Finance* research series, we continued to provide decision-makers with robust, unbiased evidence on financial flows for electricity and clean cooking access—benchmarking progress and identifying shortfalls to help spark further financial commitments to SDG7. In 2019, the *Energizing Finance: Understanding the Landscape* report provided a systematic analysis of finance flows, and an accompanying report called *Taking the Pulse* provided country-based analysis of clean cooking and electrification markets in Madagascar, the Philippines and Uganda.
- To support governments and their partners in building comprehensive strategies for addressing sustainable cooling needs, we introduced a Cooling for All Needs Assessment tool as part of our *Chilling Prospects* research series. This tool is recommended for governments, local authorities, development institutions and NGOs to assess the full spectrum of cooling needs and the policy, technology and finance measures to address those needs.
- The African Union Commission (AUC) formally adopted our recommendation for national governments to develop integrated electrification strategies as part of the AUC's Cairo Declaration.
- A merger with the UN Foundation's dedicated energy access team in August 2019 brought additional expertise and capacity to

- SEforALL for addressing areas like the critical role of energy for healthcare services.
- We partnered in and supported the launch of the Three Percent Club and Climate Investment Platform, helping establish these initiatives as part of our facilitation of the Energy Transition Track of the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit and Energy Action Forum, held during the UN General Assembly in September 2019.
- Through prominent speaking opportunities and engagements at major international fora like COP25 and Davos 2019, we made sure that affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy *for all* by 2030 remains the core goal guiding approaches to the global energy transition.
- We forged several new strategic partnerships with businesses, international organizations, foundations, universities and UN agencies.



PREPARING FOR A DECADE OF ACTION



 ur work in 2019 focused on aligning stakeholders in the SDG7 movement on pivotal issues and areas required for delivering universal access to sustainable energy. We also underwent major changes to our leadership and started expanding our team in preparation for a Decade of Action.

NEW LEADERSHIP

After nearly four years at the helm of SEforALL, in April 2019 Rachel Kyte announced she would be stepping down from her role as CEO at the end of September.

In response to the news, the SEforALL Administrative Board conducted a global search for a new leader, and on 29 October it was announced that Damilola Ogunbiyi would succeed Kyte as CEO and as the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy.

Damilola was the Managing Director of the Nigerian Rural Electrification Agency (REA), where her work focused on mobilizing the stakeholders and finance needed for delivering energy access to people and communities that need it most.

Damilola immediately set about building a strategy for SEforALL that harnessed SEforALL's existing convening power, expertise and 2019 work. Furthermore, the new strategic approach would involve transitioning the organization away from a focus on problem dimensioning and awareness raising to an engagement model that prioritizes data-driven decision-making, partnerships with high-impact countries and implementation on the ground.

Although Damilola did not formally begin her term as CEO until 1 January 2020, she was engaged in several activities throughout Novem-

ber and December 2019, meeting with the UN Secretary-General, key SEforALL partners and stakeholders essential to accelerating progress on SDG7.

Among her early engagements, Damilola provided opening remarks for a high-level side event at COP25 called "Accelerating the Energy Transformation in Support of Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement."

EXPANDING OUR TEAM

After nearly eight years of close partnership and collaboration in the sustainable energy movement, SEforALL and the UN Foundation's energy access program merged in August 2019. The UN Foundation's initiatives dedicated to the intersection of energy and health, energy for displaced people, and the mini-grid sector were brought under the SEforALL banner, adding new depth and expertise to our energy access work.

The merger with UN Foundation resulted in SEforALL taking over the role as co-Secretariat—with the Alliance for Rural Electrification—of the Mini-Grids Partnership. It is a voluntary partnership of leading mini-grid stakeholders—from both the public and private sector—that seeks to accelerate the development and deployment of clean energy mini-grids by exchanging information and ideas and shaping policy and markets to unlock the potential of widespread mini-grid electrification.

One of the major initiatives pursued by the Mini-Grids Partnership is a "state-of-the-sector" report, with SEforALL overseeing its development. The report will be published in 2020 and will offer a detailed look at how current regulatory, policy and financial frameworks are impacting the mini-grid sector's development in different regions around the world.

The addition of personnel specializing in the nexus of energy access and healthcare systems has resulted in the expansion of SEforALL's dedicated work on Powering Healthcare. This work aims to provide the impetus and means for governments and their partners to increase access to reliable electricity in health facilities with the use of innovative and sustainable energy technology. This aim is concentrated on the leadership requirement that typically falls in between the energy and health sectors, including a need for better coordination, capacities and policies.

The merger and increasing demand for our work from the sustainable energy movement meant the SEforALL team grew from 35 to 40 occupied staff positions in 2019, with most of those based at SEforALL headquarters in Vienna, Austria and a few at the satellite office in Washington, DC.

SUPPORTING MAJOR NEW INITIATIVES

Climate Investment Platform

Since 2017, SEforALL's *Energizing Finance* research has evinced significant under-investment in sustainable energy access in developing countries. The need for new initiatives to increase flows of capital in developing countries to meet climate ambitions and achieve SDG7 targets was a focus for SEforALL as part of its work as co-lead of the Energy Transition Track for the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit.

As such, SEforALL, along with International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), developed and launched the Climate Investment Platform to dramatically increase the flow of capital to clean energy projects.

The Climate Investment Platform is designed to be an inclusive partnership that welcomes all stakeholders from governments, international organizations and the private sector to scale-up climate action and translate ambitious national climate targets into concrete investments on the ground.

With energy accounting for two thirds of total greenhouse gas emissions, the platform's first service line is dedicated to the global transition to clean energy. The platform will cover four key building blocks along the climate finance value-chain: supporting governments to specify ambitious energy targets, establish clean energy policies and regulations, financial de-risking of energy projects, and a marketplace to connect clean energy investors and project sponsors.

Launched at the Energy Action Forum, the announcement of the new initiative helped set a bold tone for clean investment ahead of the Climate Action Summit. The announcement was made by the heads of the GCF, IRENA, SEforALL and UNDP, with support from Rasmus Prehn, Minister for International Development, Denmark.

Three Percent Club

Demand-side energy efficiency improvements could provide half of the total emissions abatement required by the Paris Agreement goals. Yet the rate of improvement in energy intensity has declined for three years in a row. Addressing this gap is critical for meeting climate targets and SDG7, which is why SEforALL and key partners developed and launched the Three Percent Club on energy efficiency during the Climate Action Summit in September 2019.

The Three Percent Club is a collaboration of governments and supporting organizations that commit to working together to put the world on

a path to a 3 percent annual efficiency improvement, an essential step towards achieving the SDG7.3 target of doubling the global energy efficiency rate by 2030.

Other core partners include the International Energy Agency (IEA), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the EE Global Alliance, The Global Environment Facility and UNEP DTU Partnership Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency.

Building on the experience and networks of the SEforALL Energy Efficiency Accelerators, Three Percent Club partners engage with mem-

ber countries who have committed to the three percent efficiency improvement target, working with them to accelerate market transformation toward energy efficient end-use sectors. Member countries include Argentina, Colombia, Denmark, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Portugal, Senegal and the United Kingdom.

Following the launch of the club in September, SEforALL was active in formalizing the types of support on offer and promoting club membership to various countries. This included co-hosting several Three Percent Club events at COP25 in Madrid and targeted engagement that has continued into 2020.

SPARKING ACTION THROUGH INSIGHTS



SEforALL has marshalled timely and reliable data and evidence to support action on SDG7 and Paris Agreement targets since its inception. In 2019, we provided new and expanded insights to decision-makers around energy finance, sustainable cooling and integrated electrification planning, among other topics.

ENERGIZING FINANCE

Currently, only a quarter of the investment required for universal electricity access is committed to the projects and enterprises that will help us reach SDG7. And investment for clean cooking is lagging even further behind, with less than 1 percent of the estimated finance commitments required to reach universal access in 2030. SEforALL informs and drives dialogue about the changes needed to catalyze sustainable finance for electricity and clean cooking access through its *Energizing Finance* research series. The work focuses on the 20 countries worldwide with the largest energy access deficits: the high-impact countries (HICs).

2019 was the third consecutive year in which SEforALL published new *Energizing Finance* research offering a broad view of financial trends affecting energy access in the HICs while identifying the policy and regulatory changes that would incentivize the world's financial institutions to take more energy sector risk and accelerate energy access in these countries.

Two reports were published under the series in 2019. *Energizing Finance: Understanding the Landscape 2019*, developed in partnership with the Climate Policy Initiative, focused on the HICs in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia that together are home to nearly 80 percent of those living without access. The report presents a five-year trend of finance commitments to energy access to call attention to the urgent and

substantial action needed to meet SDG7 by 2030. For example, it finds that tracked finance for residential electricity access was just a quarter of the estimated USD 51 billion required to meet universal access. Meanwhile, an annual investment of USD 4.4 billion is required to close clean cooking access gaps, yet only USD 32 million in finance commitments for clean cooking solutions were tracked.

Energizing Finance: Taking the Pulse 2019, developed in partnership with Catalyst Off-Grid Advisors and E3 Analytics, details the energy access financing challenges faced in three countries: Madagascar, the Philippines and Uganda. The report provides crucial insights into how national contexts shape finance flows for electricity and clean cooking access through in-depth analysis of energy needs, existing infrastructure, policies and regulations.

The research was released in October 2019, with SEforALL presenting findings at several key events throughout the fall, including the World Bank meetings in Washington DC and COP25 in Madrid, where we used this evidence as an urgent call for action by financiers, governments and the private sector to invest in electricity and clean cooking.

This call to action was amplified through proactive communications work, including outreach to media outlets around the world. A total of 130 articles across 20 countries were published referencing the *Energizing Finance* findings.

As a core knowledge product, *Energizing Finance* findings are used to inform SEforALL's overall workplan and activities each year. In 2019, SEforALL brought *Energizing Finance* insights to the Shifting Financial Flows to Invest in Low Carbon Development in Southeast Asia (SHIFT SEA) project focused on Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. The series' data and

evidence were also instrumental in the planning of the 2019 SEforALL Charrettes and SEforALL's contributions to the UN Climate Action Summit.

COOLING FOR ALL

Sustainable cooling access has not historically received the same level of attention in energy transition discussions as access to electricity or clean cooking. Yet the often-overlooked issue of protecting billions of people from extreme heat and preserving cold chains that deliver vital medicine and food is getting greater recognition thanks to SEforALL's Cooling for All work.

SEforALL first brought sustainable cooling to the forefront of the energy transition debate with the launch of the first *Chilling Prospects* report in 2018. Building on the success of this report, in January 2019 SEforALL launched the Cooling for All Secretariat, which promotes awareness of the need for universal access to cooling, provides data and knowledge about the issue, and helps coordinate focused responses. The Secretariat is guided by the Global Panel on Access to Cooling—a group of global leaders from business, philanthropy, policy and academia.

In April 2019, SEforALL released and presented a Chinese version of the inaugural *Chilling Prospects* report at the China Association of Refrigeration Congress in Shanghai. With China being one of the world's largest manufacturers and exporters of cooling devices, SEforALL and partner Danfoss wanted to support the development of sustainable cooling markets in China by making the insights of *Chilling Prospects* easily accessible to policymakers and businesses.

Throughout the year, SEforALL participated in major international events to share insights from *Chilling Prospects*. For example, the Asia

Development Bank (ADB) asked us to design a full-day deep-dive workshop on cooling access during the Asia Clean Energy Summit in 2019. "The Future of Cooling – Promoting Sustainable Cooling through Technology and Policy Innovation" workshop informed stakeholders about how to integrate access to cooling into national planning and to provide viable technology options they can invest in.

SEforALL also produced a second report called *Chilling Prospects: Tracking Sustainable Cooling for All 2019* to serve as a status update to the inaugural edition. As part of the update, the 2019 report introduced a Cooling for All Needs Assessment tool.

To deliver sustainable cooling for all in alignment with the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, a full assessment of cooling needs across buildings, cities, agriculture and health services is a necessary first step. The implications that cooling demand has for energy systems, climate change, clean air, economics, well-being, and workforce development are currently not fully understood.



Therefore, SEforALL in its role as the Cooling for All Secretariat and Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland partnered to create the Cooling for All Needs Assessment, a tool recommended for governments, local authorities, development institutions and NGOs to assess the full spectrum of cooling needs and the policy, technology and finance measures to address those needs.

Chilling Prospects 2019 and the accompanying Cooling for All Needs Assessment were launched in November 2019 during the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP 31) in Rome, Italy at an official side. The event began with a keynote from SEforALL Administrative Board member Leonardo Beltrán, followed by a presentation of key findings from Brian Dean, SEforALL Lead for Energy Efficiency and Cooling. During MOP 31, Jim Walker, Director of Partnerships at SEforALL, moderated a discussion on the

contribution of the Montreal Protocol to food loss reduction through sustainable cold chain development.

A communications campaign around the new *Chilling Prospects* report included media outreach, resulting in 113 articles being published across 19 countries. Meanwhile, an infographic and animated video were developed to ensure the key messages of the report and the value of the needs-based assessment were simply conveyed to the broadest possible audience through social media.

The impact of our Cooling for All work can be seen in several new initiatives and commitments worldwide. The World Bank is developing its cooling roadmap with input from SEforALL, and the G20 has recognized access to cooling as a growing concern through the inclusion of cooling in the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group meeting conclusions.



INTEGRATED ELECTRIFICATION PATHWAYS

SEforALL advocates the importance of integrated approaches to electrification for delivering power to the nearly one billion people around the world currently living without electricity. In 2019, we advanced the concept of Integrated Electrification Pathways through targeted outreach to policymakers in high-impact countries, presentations at international fora and by publishing new research and video content on the concept.

Integrated Electrification Pathways refers to a set of inclusive planning approaches and policy measures that support using a range of options—grid, mini-grid and off-grid technologies—for providing electricity and the associated energy services necessary to meet human needs and contribute to sustainable development.

Following a presentation by SEforALL in Cairo in April 2019 to the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism, ministers from 39 African countries adopted SEforALL's recommendation on integrated approaches to national electrification under the African Union Commission's "Cairo Declaration," which references SEforALL's contribution. The Cairo Declaration will feed directly into the commission's plans for developing smart infrastructure to boost the continent's development in the coming decades.

SEforALL also developed *Integrated Electrification Pathways for Universal Access to Electricity: A Primer* to clearly emphasize the prin-

ciples that countries should strive for in their integrated approaches. These include:

1. Placing access to electricity in the context of sustainable development and human needs.
2. Considering all technological approaches and delivery models.
3. Relying on high-level commitment and support for an inclusive, coordinated planning process.
4. Including supportive policy measures that facilitate investment and are market enabling (not market inhibiting).

The concise, accessible report was released during the 2019 SEforALL Charrettes in Amsterdam in June and presented to members of SEforALL's Electrification Accelerator.

To illustrate how the principles of Integrated Electrification Pathways can be realized, SEforALL developed a series of four videos capturing lessons and best practices from countries around the world that have already begun implementing integrated approaches. Country-specific videos were produced for Nepal, Togo and Ethiopia, and a summary video compiled insights across these countries. The videos were broadly disseminated through SEforALL's online channels and shown during key sessions at the Charrettes.

SUPPORTING CRITICAL RESEARCH

Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report

Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report looks at global, regional and country progress on the three SDG7 targets of access to electricity and clean cooking, renewable energy and energy efficiency. Produced by a set of

custodians across the World Bank, IEA, IRENA, WHO and UN Statistics, the report provides a global dashboard of progress towards achieving SDG7 and helps inform SEforALL priorities and programs.

The 2019 report shows that the world remains off track to meet SDG7 on time. While some progress was made on electricity access, 840 million people in the world still lack access—with 573 million living in Sub-Saharan Africa—and just under a staggering 3 billion people live without access to clean cooking solutions.

To support the launch of the report, SEforALL produced a ‘five key takeaways’ article on the report, briefed key media contacts to provide perspective on the findings, and recorded a series of short videos for social media by former CEO and UN SRSG Rachel Kyte on each key SDG7 target to explain what the new data meant. Through our communications efforts, SEforALL helped raise awareness and emphasize the growing risk of Africa being left behind in the energy transition, and why the clean cooking sector needs a reset moment if we’re to meet global energy goals.

Lasting Impact: Sustainable Off-Grid Solar Delivery Models to Power Health and Education

The outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020 highlighted the importance of healthcare facilities having

access to ample, reliable power in order to protect local populations. SEforALL began advocating for and informing health center electrification strategies in 2019.

In April 2019, SEforALL co-hosted the Clean Energy for Health Care conference in Nairobi, Kenya, which focused on how improved energy access is required for advancing human well-being, especially in developing countries.

A report called *Lasting Impact: Sustainable Off-Grid Solar Delivery Models to Power Health and Education*, developed by SEforALL, the UN Foundation and Catalyst Off-Grid Advisors, was released during the conference. *Lasting Impact* shows that many unelectrified health institutions are in remote areas that are characterized by poor surrounding infrastructure and low energy demand, making them unattractive to traditional energy service providers. Thus, off-grid solar PV power systems present a key opportunity.

The report evaluates different delivery models for deploying solar PV systems in public health and education facilities in resource-constrained settings. In doing so, the report provides guidance to decision-makers on appropriate delivery models for their own country-specific contexts.

SEforALL is using insights from *Lasting Impact* to help support governments in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ENGAGING AT INTERNATIONAL FORA



Our priority is to make sure that SDG7 is central in any discussion related to the energy transition or climate progress. Through engagement at major global convenings, we ensure governments, businesses and civil society recognize that success on SDG7 can enable progress on all other SDGs.

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A central part of the 2019 UN General Assembly (UNGA74) week was the UN Climate Action Summit hosted by the Secretary-General António Guterres.

Guterres called on all leaders to come to the Summit with concrete, realistic plans to enhance their national climate action plans by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050.

The Climate Action Summit featured nine interdependent tracks that were led by 19 countries with the support of UN agencies and international organizations. The Energy Transition Track was led by the governments of Denmark and Ethiopia with support from SEforALL, focusing efforts on accelerating the energy transition. The CEO, as SRSG, was also appointed by the Secretary-General to the UN Steering Committee for the Summit.

By fostering collaboration and marshaling evidence, SEforALL—working with track co-leads and other stakeholders—helped guide the development of new coalitions focused on decarbonizing the shipping industry, energy efficiency, climate finance and sustainable cooling. This involved attending preparatory meetings hosted by the Government of Abu Dhabi, bi-lateral meetings at the World Bank and IMF Spring Meetings and regularly participating in the Steering Committee on the Summit, as well as

keeping the broader SDG7 movement and key partners engaged and updated.

From this work, and with such high demand and interest on the energy track, the co-leads hosted the Energy Action Forum the day before the UN Climate Action Summit—convening high-level stakeholders to demonstrate collective ambition to accelerate a clean, sustainable energy transition for all. At the Forum, new divestment and clean investment commitments were announced as heads of state, ministers and CEOs discussed the most ambitious way to accelerate a successful transition to sustainable energy.

During the Summit, highlight announcements from the Energy Transition Track included: the Three Percent Club on energy efficiency; the Climate Investment Platform; the Getting to Zero Coalition, made up of 70 public and private partners to help lead the push for shipping's decarbonization; and the Cool Coalition, which aims to accelerate the shift to sustainable energy sources for cooling to protect vulnerable populations. Media coverage of the Summit featuring SEforALL appeared in top-tier publications, including POLITICO, ABC Australia, New York Times, Climate Home, Reuters, The Guardian and Sky News Arabia.



Outside of Summit-related activities, the SEforALL delegation at UNGA74 took part in a series of events on energy access finance and the UN Youth Climate Summit, and organized a high-level event at the UN together with the Government of Rwanda as a preview for the SEforALL Forum in Kigali.

COP25

SEforALL used COP25 in Madrid as a strategic moment for introducing incoming CEO Damilola Ogunbiyi, driving progress on energy efficiency and drawing attention to the urgent need for clean cooking finance.

Damilola provided opening remarks at a high-level UN side event titled “Accelerating the energy transformation in support of sustainable development and the Paris Agreement”, where she stressed the need for a sharp focus on enabling implementation of energy access projects, providing a glimpse into SEforALL’s new strategic direction. She also used the opportunity to highlight the pivotal role that a re-invigorated UN-Energy can play in this regard.

Following the launch of the Three Percent Club at UNGA in September, SEforALL and partners in the club used COP25 as a key moment for building recognition and partnership in the Club. The Three Percent Club had its own series of events and activities at COP25, helping it earn expressions of interest from several new country members and from some of the world’s largest companies. Private sector members expressed commitment to improving the efficiency of their operations and supporting countries with their efficiency efforts.

SEforALL also organized a COP25 event called “The Heat is On: Ingredients to Close the SDG7 Clean Cooking Finance Gap by 2030.” Olivia Coldrey, Lead Finance Specialist

at SEforALL, led a practical discussion involving government, implementation partners and think tanks on best practices in closing clean cooking access gaps and the related issue of increasing access to finance for women to purchase energy services.

Finally, during the SDG7 Roundtable organized by the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, António Mexia, Chair of SEforALL’s Administrative Board and CEO of EDP (Energias de Portugal), also highlighted the urgency of addressing clean cooking access gaps and stressed that, based on current projections, 2.7 billion people will still be without clean cooking solutions in 2030.

He called for consistent political commitment for sustainable energy—including an end to fossil fuel subsidies—long-term energy planning based on improved data and increased private funding for energy access as a roadmap for closing both clean cooking and electricity access gaps.

ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Other key engagements in 2019 included the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland and the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth in Karuizawa, Japan.

In Davos, SEforALL participated in the WEF Energy Working Group, held ministerial bi-lateral meetings for the upcoming UN Climate Action Summit, and took part in live TV interviews with outlets including Al Jazeera. At the G20 Ministerial Meeting, SEforALL stressed that the G20 should target support on energy access towards high deficit countries for both electrification and clean cooking access. Following this, the G20 Ministerial Meeting Communiqué included reference to clean cooking and the G20’s recognition of its importance for social and economic development.

FORGING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS



We work with leaders from across sectors to enable faster progress towards universal access to sustainable energy. Our partners include national governments, multilateral development banks, UN agencies, civil society organizations, industry associations and major companies.

PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

In 2019 we focused on strengthening collaboration with our network of partners. Taking into consideration feedback from an independent evaluation and from consultation with our current partners, we revised and simplified the implementation of our Partnership Framework. The reworked framework focuses delivery on strategic insights, action-oriented partnerships and compelling communications.

Throughout the year, we worked to align our thematic networks ('accelerators') with our current workplan, including working with key partners to generate new design-thinking on energy access through the SEforALL Charrettes. We worked together with lead partners in the People-Centered Accelerator to establish gender equity as a critical goal for the energy transition through webinars and by developing the Mentorship Programme for Women in Energy Access with GWNED. We also collaborated with leading companies working on electrification in Sub-Saharan Africa to help bring greater clarity to a full systems approach to national energy planning.

At the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit, we convened a wide coalition of partners

to support the launch of a coordinated platform on energy efficiency, the Three Percent Club. At the Summit we were also able to establish a new partnership with UNDP, IRENA and Green Climate Fund on the Climate Investment Platform.

We joined the Smart Communities Coalition and Equal by 30 initiative, working jointly on advocacy around energy access for refugees and gender equality, respectively. We established new partnerships in 2019 with the International Solar Alliance, the Efficiency for Access coalition, Engie Power Corner and ACOB Lighting. A full list of our partners can be viewed on pages 32-33.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our work was made possible through the generous and continued support from foundations, governments and international development agencies, which share SEforALL's mission and objectives. In addition, we received in-kind and event sponsorship contributions from the philanthropic, government, civil society and private sectors, including support for the 2019 SEforALL Charrettes.

In 2019, we welcomed new multi-year funding partners, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and renewed support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Wallace Global Fund. A full list of our donors and supporters can be found on page 33.

INSPIRING THE SDG7 MOVEMENT



SEforALL is just one part of the broader SDG7 movement, but our network of partners and convening power put us in a unique, influential position. Through our own events and strategic communications, we make sure that the energy, finance and development communities get the insights and inspiration they need to act on SDG7.

were held in Amsterdam, Netherlands from 18-20 June 2019 and brought together nearly 200 participants.

During intensive two-day sessions, four groups of participants interrogated the reasons behind the slow progress on SDG7 using design-thinking methods. Each charrette focused on separate issues related to SDG7. The four issues interrogated were:



- **Data and Evidence** – How do we improve data on the 840 million people who still do not have access to electricity, on who and where they are, what they need, what is working and why, to inform decision-making?
- **Bridging the Gap** – What is required to bridge the gap between the supply of finance committed for electricity access in countries with large access deficits and the demand for such finance?
- **Last Mile** – What changes are needed within the finance sector, including development finance, to increase its risk appetite to fund market-based last-mile electricity access?
- **Clean Cooking** – What is required to create a sustainable, investable, private sector-led market for fuels for clean cooking?

2019 SEforALL CHARRETTE

In response to startling numbers presented in *Tracking SDG7: The Energy Progress Report*, notably that 840 million people around the world still do not have access to electricity and 2.9 billion lack clean cooking solutions, SEforALL organized a series of Charrettes to challenge status quo approaches to SDG7.

Each charrette generated not only innovative solutions but also action plans to generate speed and momentum towards achieving SDG7. The outcomes and actions were compiled in a report distributed to participants to inform their individual efforts and collaborations between participants.

Planning for the SEforALL Charrettes began in 2018 with the goal of developing a program that would foster innovation and instill accountability among participants to take ownership of their emergent ideas and drive them forward beyond the event.

SEforALL used the insights and ideas generated at the Charrettes to inform its work on the Energy Transition Track of the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit in September 2019, and we have several ongoing collaborations with Charrettes participants.

Following months of partner consultations and event design, the 2019 SEforALL Charrettes



SEVEN FOR 7

For the second year in a row, SEforALL, in partnership with Ashden, celebrated seven global leaders in the sustainable energy movement as part of the Seven for 7 event.

At the 2019 event, individuals and organizations were recognized for leading and driving action at the intersection of energy and health. Seven for 7 shone the spotlight on personalities and initiatives that made significant progress in the areas of cooling for all, powering healthcare, clean fuels for all and outdoor air quality.

The celebration was hosted at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice in New York and took place in the week of the critically important 2019 UN Climate Action Summit and one day after a high-level meeting on universal health coverage at UN General Assembly.

The seven honorees were:

- H.E. Hajia Samira Bawumia, Second Lady of the Republic of Ghana, and Ambassador for the Clean Cooking Alliance

- Sistema.bio
- Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency
- Philips Community Life Centers
- Medellín Green Corridors Project
- Ahmedabad Heat Action Plan
- NYC Cool Roofs Initiative

Video profiles were developed by SEforALL and Ashden for each of the honorees and premiered during the event in New York City in front of diplomats, government officials and SEforALL partners.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

The underlying goal of SEforALL's communication work is to mobilize action on SDG7 and Paris Agreement targets. This means ensuring decision-makers have access to the information and inspiration they need. In 2019, we undertook several activities to improve our ability to reach stakeholders through the right channels with the right messages.

In May 2019, we launched a new version of our website at www.SEforALL.org, designed in consultation with key stakeholders to help understand their content needs. The result is a site that has dramatically improved our ability to showcase our research and success stories from across the sustainable energy movement. The new site is also more conducive to multimedia content, notably video and infographics.

As part of a bigger shift towards multimedia content in 2019, we published 14 videos, covering topics such as country case studies of integrated electrification efforts and profiles of successful initiatives such as those celebrated by Seven for 7.

In response to growing demand from our partners, we expanded our webinar series, which led to us hosting 10 webinars over the course of

the year. Several of these aimed at sharing key research findings from our reports with mass audiences, but others involved smaller groups of select participants concerned with specialized topics such as financing for mini-grids or the intersection of gender and energy access.

During 2019, our media relations work continued to focus on reaching the most influential leaders, generating coverage in key SDG7 regions and sharing SEforALL knowledge products with target audiences. We briefed and engaged media on several SEforALL report launches, helping us earn coverage for them around the world.

Eight opinion pieces from SEforALL experts were published across outlets including Project

Syndicate, The Financial Times, EurActiv, Reuters and Devex. Live TV and radio interviews took place with the BBC, ITV News, Al Jazeera and Canadian Broadcasting Company. A stand-out piece of coverage was the TIME Magazine front cover article, Our Sinking Planet, that featured the iconic image of UN Secretary-General António Guterres in the Tuluva sea and a quote from former CEO and UN SRSG Rachel Kyte in the article on the opportunity of climate and clean energy action.

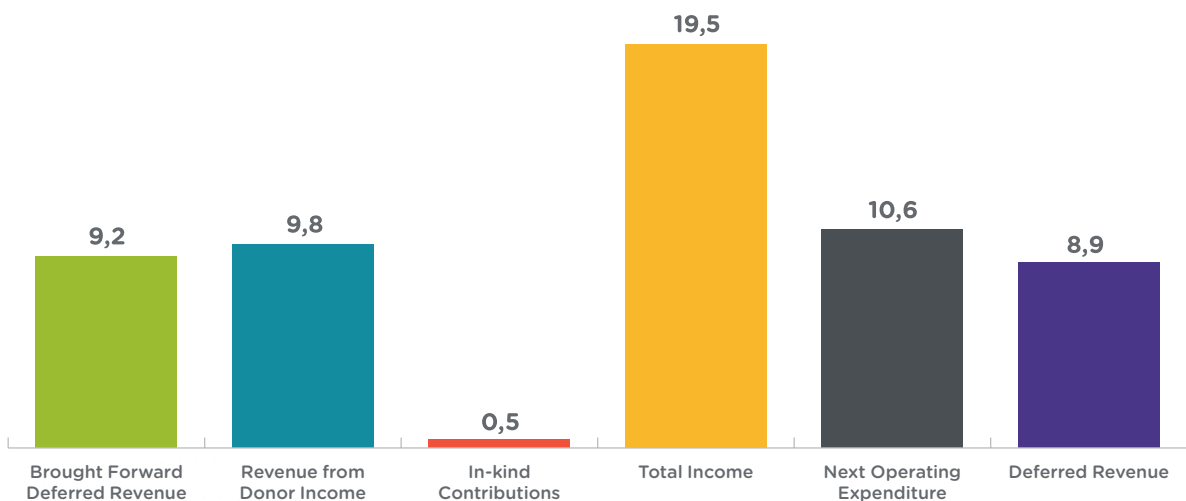
Our regional coverage and engagement also significantly grew, with particularly strong coverage across India and Africa in regional publications like AllAfrica.com, The Guardian (Nigeria), Economic Times and Agence Ecofin.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEforALL's 2019 Financial Statements were subject to a full financial audit, conducted by KPMG. This is the fourth year that SEforALL, as an independent Quasi-International Organization (QIO) established under Austrian law, has undergone an audit. The 2019 Financial Statements and audit report reflect our third full year of operation as an independent QIO and are available on the SEforALL website. In this report, we provide an overview of the 2019 Financial Statements.

In the financial year to 31 December 2019, SEforALL new revenue from donors amounted to USD 9.8 million with an additional USD 0.5 million of in-kind contributions. In addition there was income of USD 9.2 million deferred from previous years, giving a total of USD 19.5 million. Of this, USD 10.6 million was utilized for net operating expenditures, with the balance of USD 8.9 million deferred until future periods.

2019 Income and Utilization



New income from donors in 2019 represents new contracts that were signed during 2019. Out of 2019's new income of USD 10.2 million, 89 percent

was from government, or public, sources, and 11 percent from private sources including international organizations and foundations.

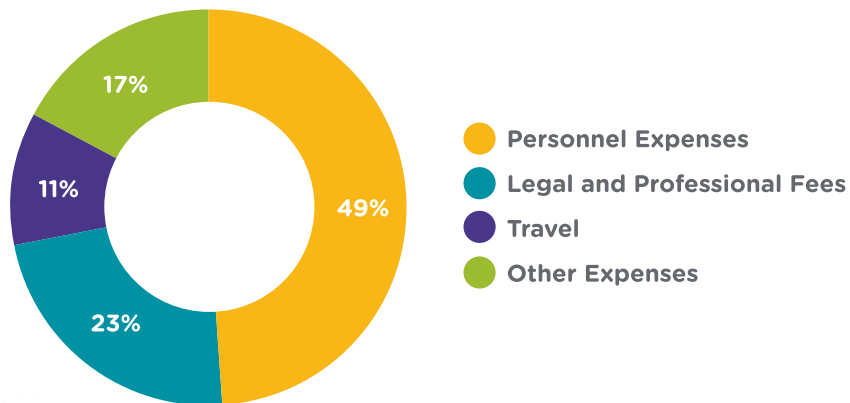
2019 Sources of Income



The total net operating expenses of USD 10.6 million included USD 5.2 million for personnel expenses, USD 2.5 million for legal and professional fees that included consultancy contracts, USD 1.2

million for travel, and USD 1.8 million for other expenses such as rent, communication costs, foreign exchange adjustments and support costs charged by the organizations that manage SEforALL funds.

2019 Expenditure Categories



ANNUAL MONITORING REVIEW

In 2019, SEforALL organized its work in three workstreams. Each workstream comprised a set of interventions. Below is an overview of the

2019 interventions that are individually reviewed in the 2019 Annual Monitoring Review, which is available on SEforALL's website.

2019 Workstreams

2019 Interventions

Energy Efficiency First

Cooling for All
Energy and Transport

Leave No One Behind

Electricity for All in Africa
Big Markets for Clean Fuels
Gender and the People-Centered Accelerator
Energy and Health
Energy for Displaced People
Shifting Financial Flows to Invest in Low-Carbon Development

Sustainable Energy Diplomacy

Support to SRSG and the UN

Foundational Work

Data and Evidence

Energizing Finance

Convening the Movement

SEforALL Charrettes/Forum

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