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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**This report provides an update on Sustainable Energy for All's (SEforALL) activities over the past 100 days, covering the period 27 October 2020 to 4 February 2021. It is the fourth 100 Days Report published by SEforALL, offering an overview of how the organization is progressing in the Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**


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Preparations for global fora in 2021 have been a major focus for SEforALL over the past 100 days. SEforALL is deeply involved in planning for the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy taking place in September 2021. With our CEO also serving as Special Representative to the Secretary-General (SRSG) and Co-Chair of UN-Energy, she has been given a leadership role in designing the Dialogue and helping drive the desired outcomes. SEforALL is also leading efforts on the Dialogue's Energy Compacts, which seek to secure commitments on SDG7 targets in support of all SDGs and in line with the net-zero emissions targets from governments, businesses

and other stakeholders. Similarly, SEforALL has been an active partner with the UK in the COP26 Energy Transition Campaign and through our CEO's role as Co-Chair of the Energy Transition Council. The campaign and council are working to accelerate clean energy transition efforts in advance of COP26 and supporting governments in making clean energy access an integral part of their climate strategies.

The first-ever SEforALL Youth Summit is another global forum spearheaded by the organization. The past three months have involved intensive planning for the Summit, which will be held 9-11 February 2021. The event was conceived to foster greater engagement from youth in the energy transition that will shape their future. It has been purposefully designed by youth, for youth.

Together, the Youth Summit, the UN High-Level Energy Dialogue and COP26 are platforms that can make 2021 a transformative year in the pursuit of SDG7 and the clean energy transition. Therefore, SEforALL will be launching a global campaign to inspire governments, businesses and development organizations to take bold action this year by joining Energy Compacts and/or investing in the clean energy transition. Planning for this strategic communications campaign is underway and it will launch in spring 2021.



One of the major bodies of evidence informing SEforALL's call for greater commitments to sustainable energy is the *Energizing Finance* research series. In November 2020, two new reports were published under the series, showing chronic underinvestment in energy coupled with alarming lags in disbursing energy finance—both of which undermine the possibility of achieving SDG7 by 2030. Key findings were released through a series of virtual events hosted by SEforALL and our Energy Finance team continues to present them through a variety of events.

Meanwhile, SEforALL maintains a staunch focus on supporting country-level implementation of energy projects. The Universal Energy Facility, a results-based financing facility managed by SEforALL, is now open in Benin and will support approximately 7,000 electricity connections through mini-grids. This work is being done in

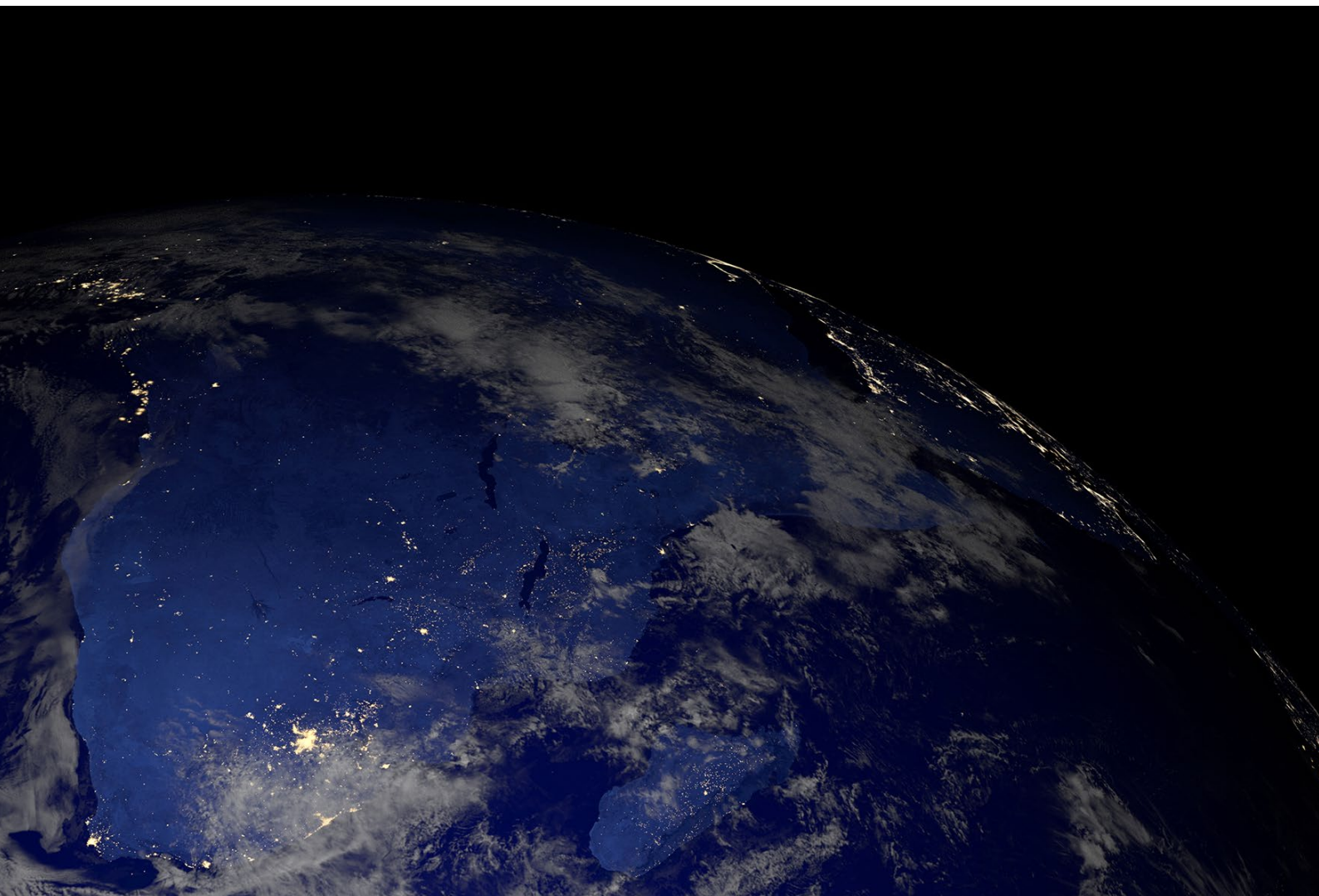
partnership with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

We also continue to work closely with the government of Nigeria by providing insights that will inform the rollout of its Economic Sustainability Plan. Our engagement with Nigeria includes developing an updated integrated energy plan to identify the least-cost approach to delivering universal energy access in the country; building an economic model for localizing the solar value chain; and developing a COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan for the country that is aligned to the country's needs for electricity to keep vaccines cool. Similar work is also being done in Sierra Leone.

The projects in Nigeria and Sierra Leone on COVID-19 vaccine distribution are part of SEforALL's ongoing work to support a global response to COVID-19. We continue to advocate for health facility electrification under our Powering Healthcare programme. Our Powering Healthcare Solutions Catalogue continues to be updated to feature power solutions and energy-dependent appliances that can be deployed rapidly in the health sector to support the COVID-19 response in energy-deficit countries.

We also published our final *Recover Better with Sustainable Energy Guide* in December with a regional focus on South Asia. The guide provides sustainable energy strategies that governments in the region can use to build resilient economies in the wake of COVID-19.

# Calling for Action in 2021



With urgent action needed on SDG7 and a clean energy transition, SEforALL will be pushing for greater ambition and commitments from global stakeholders in 2021 through our leadership roles in the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy and COP26 planning. We are also hosting a global summit for youth to foster their active engagement in the energy transition.



# HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 2021

## UN HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY

The UN will hold its first High-Level Dialogue on Energy in 40 years in September 2021. As the SRSG, SEforALL’s CEO has a leadership role as the Dialogue’s High-Level Champion, and in her role as UN-Energy Co-Chair, she is also the Dialogue Co-Chair. SEforALL is playing a leading role in the planning and preparations for the Dialogue, along with UN-DESA as the UN-Energy Secretariat.

SEforALL has begun developing potential outcomes for the Dialogue, notably breakout Energy Compacts for leading countries, companies and sub-national authorities. Our contributions also include designing an inclusive and ambitious preparatory process that will leverage the UN’s significant convening power and global voice with SEforALL’s specialized energy partnerships, analysis and on-the-ground experience, to ensure the Dialogue is a key force multiplier for SDG7 and the Paris Agreement.

On 21 January, seventeen Member States

were announced as Global Champions for the Dialogue. The Member States taking this important role are Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Mauritius, Nauru, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Additional champions are expected to be announced in the weeks ahead.

The Global Champions will spearhead advocacy, raise awareness and inspire commitments and action on the five themes decided for the Dialogue, helping inform a global action plan to achieve sustainable energy for all by 2030. Of the five themes, three focus on advancing substantive progress on (1) energy access, (2) energy transition, and (3) enabling the SDGs through inclusive, just energy transitions. The last two themes, which are cross-cutting, focus on means to achieve those crucial objectives through (4) innovation, technology and data, and (5) finance and investment.

## COP26

SEforALL has remained actively engaged as a lead partner to the UK COP Unit in the COP26 Energy Transition Campaign. This includes working with international partners to develop the business cases for faster energy transitions in target countries, supporting the campaign Secretariat function, and the SEforALL CEO and SRSG serving as the Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council, along with Co-chair and COP26 President the Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma and the new Deputy Chair the Rt. Hon. Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

On 4 December 2020, this group held its first meeting with ministers and officials from 21 countries and nine international organizations to discuss how to accelerate the transition to clean power. SEforALL's International Relations and Special Projects team supported the organization of the meeting, notably through outreach to principals to secure productive inputs from Ministers. During the meeting, our CEO addressed the group in a plenary, noting the role of achieving SDG7 for delivering global climate change goals. She also chaired the Africa breakout session and, together with sessions on Asia and emerging economies, identified key priorities and assistance needs for the Council to follow up on.

Following the meeting, SEforALL worked with the COP unit to support the mobilization of funds to meet these priorities and began direct engagement with development partners and government officials in target countries. Looking forward, the Campaign and Council will focus on dialogue and outreach in target countries to identify actionable priorities and next steps, in anticipation of a second meeting of the Energy Transition Council in late Spring.

## SEforALL YOUTH SUMMIT

SEforALL will host the first-ever **SEforALL Youth Summit** from 9-11 February 2021. A virtual gathering organized by youth and for youth, the three-day Summit aims to empower young global leaders to support a just and inclusive energy transition in line with the Paris Agreement on climate. The Summit includes various sessions on energy access, dialogues with key leaders, breakout sessions, interactive networking, and virtual fairs showcasing different career and academic options in the sustainable energy sector.

The Summit seeks to:

- Educate youth on the scope and importance of SDG7 for global development
- Connect youth across the globe to networks, academic and career opportunities in the energy sector
- Inspire youth to actively participate in achieving SDG7 during the Decade of Action

Youth representatives from SEforALL, EM-ONE Energy Solutions, Clean Cooking Alliance, Student Energy and the SDG7 Youth Constituency have curated the sessions and handpicked the speakers.

In addition to a series of lightning chats and breakout sessions, the Summit will feature the SDG7 Innovation Finale, where three youth finalists who submitted the most innovative ideas to the SEforALL Youth Summit Call for Proposals will present their SDG7 proposals live during one of the sessions in the Summit. Pre-judged by sustainable energy experts and members of the Summit taskforce, one winner will be announced after the presentations. A cash prize of USD 2,500 will be awarded to the



winning group or individual to help jumpstart their proposal.

Career and academic fairs will also be main features of the Summit. Sustainable energy-related organizations from the public and private sectors such as Camco Clean Energy, Enel Group and ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project will facilitate interactive discussions around the types of roles they have in their organizations, challenges they

tackle and how their work fits into the broader sustainable energy and SDG7 challenge.

Meanwhile, universities including Columbia University SIPA (Center on Global Energy Policy), National University of Lesotho, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies and Birmingham Energy Institute will talk about key elements of their current energy-related programmes to get youth motivated about working in the sector.



# COVID-19 Response



Supporting the global response to COVID-19 has been a key focus for SEforALL since the pandemic broke out in early 2020. In the past few months, we have continued to call for the integration of sustainable energy in recovery plans and we remain engaged in collaborations focused on ensuring health facilities are electrified to treat COVID-19 patients and others. With vaccines now developed, the organization's focus is expanding to include energy planning to support rapid and equitable distribution.



### RECOVER BETTER

In December, we published *Recover Better with Sustainable Energy Guide for South Asian Countries* as the final edition of the *Recover Better* series. The publication highlighted the challenges the pandemic is posing in terms of decelerating SDG7 progress and the effects this has on vulnerable populations that live in the region. South Asia has large electricity and clean cooking access deficits, but it has been making good progress in closing these gaps in recent years.

The pandemic presents a high risk of rollback of this achievement. The guide provides sustainable energy strategies that governments of the South Asia region can undertake to accelerate towards building back resilient economies. Along with the *Recover Better* guides for Africa, the Caribbean and Southeast Asia, the South Asia edition will be used as basis for national-level engagement around sustainable energy-based recovery strategies in the coming months.

## POWERING HEALTHCARE

From 4-5 November, SEforALL and USAID/Power Africa co-organized a Powering Healthcare Donor Roundtable with 20 key donors and development partners from the health and energy sectors. During the two-day-long meeting, participants discussed (1) where opportunities for country-level coordination and collaboration exist in Sub-Saharan Africa, (2) what kind of collective action could help accelerate progress, and (3) how such coordination and collaboration could be implemented in-country.

In the weeks leading up to the event, SEforALL surveyed and analysed 122 healthcare electrification interventions, including both technical assistance and supply of power solutions. As an initial mapping exercise, SEforALL used this dataset to create an intervention heatmap to show the geographic spread of country-level activities.

SEforALL also updated its Powering Healthcare Solutions Catalogue that was initially launched in July 2020 in collaboration with the World

Bank and ESMAP. It features power solutions and energy-dependent appliances that can be deployed rapidly in the health sector to support the COVID-19 response in energy-deficit countries. At the end of 2020, the Catalogue had been downloaded 1,400 times.

## INTEGRATED ENERGY AND COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLANS

Under SEforALL's Universal Integrated Energy Planning programme, we launched a procurement tender to help develop Integrated Energy and COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plans for the Governments of Nigeria and Sierra Leone. These plans will assist both governments in determining the least-cost implementation approach for achieving universal energy access (for electrification and cooking), and support the safe and equitable rollout of the COVID-19 vaccines. The plans will have open-access features that can be used by a range of public and private sector actors to inform their electrification projects and vaccine rollouts.



# Energy Diplomacy and Advocacy





## UN-ENERGY

As Co-Chair of UN-Energy, our CEO has pushed to revitalize the body and to ensure energy-related goals and targets take on a greater level of priority within the UN-system. Five working-level UN-Energy meetings were held in October, November and December 2020 to consult with members on the Energy Compacts and the role that UN-Energy members will play in providing coordination and technical support during the preparatory process for the High-Level Dialogue on Energy. On 9 December, for the first time in a decade, a full UN-Energy principals meeting was held, with the SRSR presenting a new vision for UN-Energy that outlined an ambitious plan to have the UN-system support Member States to significantly accelerate their progress towards SDG7 and the Paris Agreement.

On 17 December, the first online stakeholders briefing on the High-Level Dialogue on Energy was organized in collaboration with UN-Energy to share information about the Dialogue and its preparatory process with stakeholders, including opportunities for participation and contribution. More than 150 attendees joined the discussions.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

As part of our ongoing support to the G20, SEforALL began engagement with the G20 Presidency for 2021 (Italy) to outline options for addressing energy poverty through the G20 Energy Transitions Working Group. Italy has requested SEforALL to provide support with this dialogue that will take place throughout 2021.

Through the International Relations and Special Projects team, SEforALL has continued to support the Africa-Europe Strategic Task Force on Energy, which is part of an overall effort led by the Africa-Europe Foundation to build a new foundation for Africa-Europe relations.

The team has also developed a new partnership framework for the organization, which aims to streamline how SEforALL approaches strategic partnerships in support of our overall goals and objectives. Under SEforALL's new 3-Year Business Plan, our partnership efforts have been repurposed to better address SEforALL's in-country support and with an added emphasis on strengthening engagement with governments, key international and inter-governmental organizations.

## ENERGIZING FINANCE

Two reports were released in November 2020 under the flagship *Energizing Finance* research series, with SEforALL disseminating their findings widely through launch webinars, media interviews, social media and targeted outreach.

*Energizing Finance: Understanding the Landscape 2020*, developed in partnership with Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), provided a comprehensive analysis of finance commitments to the two key areas of energy access: electrification and clean cooking. *Energizing Finance: Missing the Mark 2020* was developed in partnership with South Pole, and the report identified the gaps between commitments and disbursements of development finance for energy, as tracked in the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) database.

Together, the two reports show chronic underinvestment in energy coupled with alarming lags in disbursing energy finance—both of which undermine the possibility of achieving SDG7 by 2030.

Key findings of *Energizing Finance 2020* include:

- An estimated annual investment of USD 41 billion is needed to achieve universal residential electrification, but only one-third of this – just USD 16 billion in commitments – was tracked by *Energizing Finance 2020*.
- Finance commitments for renewable energy based mini-grids and off-grid energy systems remain far short of necessary levels, attracting less than 1.5 percent of the total finance for electricity tracked.
- Finance for clean cooking to replace harmful energy sources tripled from USD 48 million in 2017 to USD 131 million in 2018. While this growth is an important step forward, it remains just a fraction of the estimated annual USD 4.5 billion required to achieve universal clean cooking access by 2030.



- There was a significant increase in fossil fuel finance commitments in 2018, accounting for the largest portion of electricity finance flows for the first time in at least six years.
- Despite a trend in growing energy finance disbursements, disbursements (USD 32 billion) still substantially lagged commitments (USD 52 billion) in the period 2013 to 2018.
- 58 percent of planned disbursements to the energy sector and 49 percent of projects in the high-impact countries were delayed in the period 2002-2018.

SEforALL marshalled these findings and a series of recommendations that will help finance start flowing to the energy projects needed for achieving SDG7. In addition to a global, digital launch event attended by 300 people, SEforALL held a dedicated webinar for civil-society organizations on the findings. Our CEO and members of the Energy Finance team have also been presenting the research at a variety of events, through media interviews and by publishing OpEds on dedicated energy finance topics.

# Energy Access and Closing the Gap



## RESULTS-BASED FINANCING

On 28 January, a new phase of the Universal Energy Facility—managed by SEforALL under the Results-Based Financing programme—began when the facility opened to applications from mini-grid developers in Benin. The Benin window will provide results-based subsidy grants to support approximately 7,000 electricity connections through mini-grids and is funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

SEforALL has been working closely with its partners for the past three months to operationalize the facility within Benin’s policy and regulatory framework, and to garner local support for the facility. Ahead of the Benin opening, SEforALL and its partners held a webinar for prospective applicants to the facility, walking mini-grid developers through how the facility works and encouraging them to apply.

Meanwhile, following the launch of the Universal Energy Facility in Sierra Leone and Madagascar in October 2020, nine mini-grid project developers have applied in the pre-qualification

phase. Their applications are currently under review, after which the shortlisted applicants will progress to the site-specific application stage of the facility, wherein SEforALL will assess the proposed projects and determine whether they are eligible for subsidy grant funding. Grant agreements for selected projects are expected to be signed in early spring 2021.

## CLEAN COOKING

In late 2020, SEforALL secured funding from the Swedish Postcode Foundation to support the Clean Cooking Data for All pilot project in Rwanda, which will be implemented in collaboration with Nexleaf Analytics, the Government of Rwanda and World Bank. Data generated by the pilot will form the foundation for a first-of-its-kind data analytics platform that will host reliable field data to inform policymaking and investment and help catalyse market action in the clean cooking sector.

Along with the International Relations and Special Projects team and in partnership with sector stakeholders, SEforALL provided technical support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in its capacity as G20 President, and G20 Energy Sustainability Working Group members, in developing the G20 Initiative on Clean Cooking and Energy Access. This endorsement represents the highest level of support to clean cooking to date within the G20 framework.

Additionally, the team continues to collaborate with major sector stakeholders including serving on the steering/advisory committees of organizations such as the Clean Cooking Alliance, WHO’s Health and Energy Platform of Action (HEPA) and the Modern Energy Cooking Services programme. In late 2020 SEforALL also jointly organized significant clean cooking workshops in the Asia Pacific region, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.





## UNIVERSAL INTEGRATED ENERGY PLANNING

As mentioned, SEforALL is developing Integrated Energy and COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plans for the Governments of Nigeria and Sierra Leone. In addition to informing what electrification projects are needed for national vaccine rollouts, the updated integrated energy plan will inform the Federal Government of Nigeria's execution of its Economic Sustainability Plan. Specifically, the integrated energy plan will provide recommendations on how to fulfill Nigeria's Solar Power Strategy, which calls for deploying 5 million solar home systems and mini-grid connections by 2023, and the National LPG Expansion Implementation Plan, which promotes LPG consumption in Nigeria. The integrated energy plan in Sierra Leone will also help identify optimal pathways for achieving universal electrification and clean cooking access. This work is expected to start in February 2021, with plans anticipated to be completed in summer 2021.



## POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS

In support of the Federal Government of Nigeria's Solar Power Naija Project with the goal to electrify over 25 million Nigerians with off-grid solar connections by 2023, SEforALL has been working closely with the Rural Electrification Agency in utilizing best-in-class geospatial data to identify target households for the initiative. By leveraging the power of the private sector in Nigeria, SEforALL and REA have been working closely with private sector companies to empower them with this data and accelerate deployment starting in January 2021. In addition to empowering the private sector, SEforALL has been using the geospatial data in its analysis of the opportunities to localize the solar value chain, unlocking locally denominated capital for the sector as well as engaging end-user payment platforms and mobile money operators.

As the Secretariat of the Mini-Grids Partnership (MGP), and in coordination with the new Chair (currently held by AMDA), SEforALL has re-launched a new series of MGP working groups, addressing key bottlenecks to the mini-grid sector. Moreover, the *State of the Market* report continues to be highlighted and referenced in relevant reports and editorials, proving the importance of this data to all stakeholders in the mini-grid sector.

Finally, SEforALL has been continually collecting key templates, tools and resources to host on an easily accessible virtual hub for government policymakers and to guide them through the various milestones, trade-offs and key decision points in developing a robust enabling environment to achieve SDG7.

# Energy Transitions and Climate Change



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## COOLING FOR ALL

The Cooling for All team has been increasingly supporting countries through National Cooling Action Plans (NCAP) strategy reviews and Cooling for All Needs Assessment analysis. NCAP review and strategy feedback has been provided to Sri Lanka, and additional analysis is being completed to support Nigeria, Pakistan, Indonesia and other high-impact countries in the coming months. The team has also developed deeper and broader analytics on tracking cooling for all that will form the basis for our next *Chilling Prospects* report, where our tracking will explore more sub-national analysis of cooling needs and risks.

Progress continues on three Knowledge Briefs (Sustainable Cooling Investment Tracking, Cooling and Gender, and Off-grid Cooling Appliances), which will be launched each month prior to the launch of *Chilling Prospects 2021* in May. For the #ThisIsCool sustainable cooling awareness campaign, we have expanded the campaign to target high-impact countries, including India. The campaign profiles a variety of practical, cost-effective and energy efficient sustainable cooling solutions.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Development team continues to support the Three Percent Club by leading working groups on solution offers and fundraising. Meanwhile, with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and World Bank, SEforALL has supported a working group on energy and mobility, which has developed a digital toolkit to promote sustainable transport solutions. This digital toolkit includes a variety of shareable digital assets highlighting successful examples of energy efficient and environmentally friendly mobility solutions. The toolkit will be released in spring 2021.

# Intersection with Other SDGs



CLEAN COOKING ALLIANCE

GWNET  
Global Women's Network  
for the Energy Transition

SEforALL  
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL

## Join the Women in Clean Cooking (WICC) Mentorship Program

- Empower women in the energy sector
- Facilitate novel ideas and networking
- Foster social change
- Develop concrete career goals
- Boost personal confidence

#SDG7Women #SDG7AllEqual

## WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT

SEforALL and partners Clean Cooking Alliance and the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition recently launched the Women in Clean Cooking Mentorship Program to advance the careers of women working in the clean cooking sector in Africa and Asia. Chosen from more than 150 applications from over 30 countries, the selected participants include 30 women working in a wide range of organizations across the clean cooking sector. Throughout 2021, each mentee-mentor pair will engage in a bilateral exchange each month. Mentees will have the opportunity to gather for knowledge transfer webinars on clean cooking and personal development as well as networking events to strengthen the community of women in the sector.

To further understanding around gender needs within energy access solutions, the Women at the Forefront team amplified key messages in *Energizing Finance: Understanding the Landscape 2020* calling for increased financial support to inclusive energy projects. The report includes a special chapter dedicated to finance for gender-focused energy access and finds that gender equality objectives remain a small share of total assistance to the sector. To amplify calls for improved outcomes, the team hosted a special presentation of the report findings for People-Centered Accelerator members alongside the Shine Campaign and moderated a discussion with Lean In Energy's Women in Clean Energy circle.

# Strategic Communications



Our communications over the past 100 days have focused on raising the visibility of the High-Level Dialogue on Energy and COP26 and on promoting SEforALL research, particularly the *Energizing Finance* reports. To support the launch, the SEforALL team worked with our research partners to host a media briefing call for journalists to hear the results under embargo and pose questions to the report authors. This activity led to strong, informed coverage that referenced SEforALL key messages and takeaways from the research. Top-tier publications to cover the launch included Reuters, the Economic Times and Bloomberg.

Interviews with the CEO and SRSG were also held with the Financial Times and BBC World Service to support the launch, as well as a live interview on CNBC Africa during their primetime business show to discuss key finance findings from the new data.

From this media engagement, just under 150 articles appeared referencing *Energizing Finance*, reaching an estimated audience of just over 100 million people globally.

Two opinion pieces were also published in this period, one in Thomson Reuters on disbursement challenges for energy access finance, and another in the Atlantic Council's annual energy publication, *The Global Energy Agenda*, that addressed environmental justice in the energy transition.



The final *Recover Better with Sustainable Energy Guide* was released, this time focusing on South Asia. Articles referencing the release appeared in trade publications across the region, including Indian energy outlet Saur Energy.

The announcement of the SEforALL Youth Summit also generated coverage across African outlets, including the Nigerian newspaper *ThisDay*, and SEforALL's cooling work was referenced in a future technology article for BBC News.

With 2021 having potential to be a transformative year for the energy transition due to the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy and COP26, SEforALL is developing a major multimedia campaign that will seek to raise ambition and secure commitments on SDG7 in the run up to these major global fora. This communications campaign will call for bold action from world leaders and is expected to start in March 2021.

# Key Leadership Engagements





In addition to engagements mentioned above, SEforALL leadership took part in the following events over the past 100 days.

#### **26 OCTOBER**

##### **LIGHTS ON HEALTH SESSION AT THE AFRICA ENERGY FORUM**

This panel session on health facility electrification was moderated by our Powering Healthcare team and explored the efforts of the public and private sectors to improve energy access for health facilities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

#### **27 OCTOBER**

##### **WORKSHOP ON CLEAN COOLING SOLUTIONS IN THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION AT SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY WEEK**

Our Cooling for All team moderated the workshop and presented the findings from *Chilling Prospects* and the Cooling for All Cooling Solutions approach, including the #ThisIsCool campaign.

#### **28 OCTOBER**

##### **#THISISCOOL WEBINAR: ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH NET-ZERO FOOD COLD CHAINS**

Our Cooling for All team promoted SEforALL's #ThisIsCool campaign as well as the need to develop solutions that reduce energy demand and the need for cooling in food cold chains.

#### **29 OCTOBER**

##### **WORKSHOP ON ACCESS TO CLEAN COOKING IN ASIA AND PACIFIC AT SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY WEEK - ASIA CLEAN ENERGY SUMMIT**

This workshop was co-hosted by SEforALL, Asian Development Bank and the Clean Cooking Alliance. It convened government, the private sector and civil-society organizations to present

and discuss the current status, issues, challenges and barriers in accelerating access to clean cooking in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### **NOVEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021**

##### **VIENNA ENERGY FORUM VIRTUAL SERIES**

SEforALL has been a key supporter and participant of this running series of virtual events. Our contributions included supporting the development of the agenda for the event series under the Products "track" and providing a range of speakers, moderators and chairs for the other tracks: Industry and Food Systems.

#### **10 NOVEMBER**

##### **REYKJAVIK GLOBAL FORUM OF WOMEN LEADERS CLIMATE JUSTICE**

Our CEO participated as a panellist in the Plenary Session of the Reykjavik Forum for Global Women Leaders. The panel discussion focused on "Climate Justice: What does it look like and how do we as achieve it?"

#### **10 NOVEMBER**

##### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WOMEN IN ENERGY VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE**

Our CEO engaged in a virtual roundtable discussion with students regarding her academic background, career path, and top priorities as SEforALL CEO and UN SRSG.

#### **10 NOVEMBER**

##### **IRENA POLICY TALK ON RENEWABLE ENERGY FINANCE: STATUS, TRENDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Following the presentation of the findings of IRENA's Global Landscape of Renewable Energy

Finance 2020 report, an expert panel including our Energy Finance team discussed the latest trends and actions needed to scale up renewable energy investment.

**11 NOVEMBER**  
**SDG7 YOUTH SUSTAINABLE ENERGY HUB LAUNCH**

The Youth Sustainable Energy Hub is a first-of-its-kind global platform showcasing the work of youth practitioners in the sustainable energy sector. In her keynote remarks, our CEO positioned SEforALL at the centre of supporting youth engagement ahead of the SEforALL Youth Summit.

**11 NOVEMBER**  
**UN HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY 2ND MEMBER STATES' BRIEFING**

This briefing gave Member States an update on the preparatory process for the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy in September 2021 and highlighted opportunities for engagement for Member States.

**12 NOVEMBER**  
**RACE TO ZERO DIALOGUES**

In a pre-recorded message for the Dialogues, our CEO highlighted SEforALL's engagement in the UNFCCC / COP process and how to ensure energy access is recognized as interlinked with and a critical component of a clean energy transition.

**17 NOVEMBER**  
**RACE TO ZERO: ENERGY EFFICIENCY - THE FIRST DEFENSE FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTION**

Our Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Development team moderated the session focused on energy efficiency that discussed how energy efficiency is key for the energy transition and economic recovery. Panelists included Steve

Kukoda, Executive Director, International Copper Alliance, and Jennifer Layke, Global Director, Energy, World Resources Institute.

**18 NOVEMBER**  
**LONDON CLIMATE ACTION WEEK - NET ZERO EMISSIONS PATHWAYS FOR AFRICA**

This event focused on Africa's transition pathways to net zero, with particular attention on decarbonization pathways within the context of the need for increasing energy supply. Our CEO's message focused on how we cannot achieve net zero by 2050 if we do not achieve sustainable energy for all by 2030.

**24 NOVEMBER**  
**MOP 32 SIDE EVENT: NATIONAL COOLING ACTION PLAN METHODOLOGY**

Our Cooling for All team presented the Cooling for All Needs Assessment to set the scene and provide context on the National Cooling Action Plan Methodology that has been developed in partnership with UNESCAP, K-CEP and the Cool Coalition.

**24 NOVEMBER**  
**HSBC FINANCING THE ENERGY TRANSITION: A CONVERSATION WITH DAMILOLA OGUNBIYI**

Our CEO discussed how financiers and philanthropy can engage with opportunities presented by this year's UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy and COP26 and support the work of SEforALL and the broader SDG7 agenda.

**24 NOVEMBER**  
**AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION - INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY SECOND MINISTERIAL FORUM**

Our CEO joined the forum themed "Securing

Africa's Energy Future in the Wake of COVID-19" and spoke during a session called "Filling the financing and investment gap."

**25 NOVEMBER**  
**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON -  
ACCELERATING RENEWABLE ENERGY  
DEVELOPMENT TO MEET UNIVERSAL  
ENERGY ACCESS AND SECURITY  
OBJECTIVES**

This event featured remarks from Dr. Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy in Ethiopia, on the acceleration of renewable energy development to meet universal energy access and security objectives in Ethiopia and East Africa. Our CEO responded to these remarks by sharing what SEforALL is doing to support countries in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

**2 DECEMBER**  
**FRIENDS OF EUROPE ACCELERATING  
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL:  
AFRICA-EUROPE RELATIONS POST-  
COVID AND IN THE FACE OF THE  
CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

This discussion centered on Africa-EU relations and global development through the prism of key fields including energy, agriculture, the digital economy, health, and transport and connectivity. Our Energy Finance team presented the latest *Energizing Finance* research findings.

**2 DECEMBER**  
**KIGALI COOLING EFFICIENCY  
PROGRAM: NDC SUPPORT FACILITY  
LAUNCH EVENT**

Our Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Development team joined the launch of the NDC Support Facility and presented SEforALL's capabilities to support the country projects that are funded through the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program (K-CEP).

**4 DECEMBER**  
**FRIENDS OF COP26 MEETING WITH  
ALOK SHARMA**

Our CEO highlighted the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy as an important milestone on the road to COP 26.

**9 DECEMBER**  
**K-CEP WEBINAR ON DELIVERING A  
COVID-19 VACCINE: SUSTAINABLE  
COLD CHAIN FOR EQUITABLE VACCINE  
DISTRIBUTION**

Our Cooling for All team provided opening remarks detailing the development impacts of the pandemic and the role of cold chains in ensuring equitable distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine that requires cooling.

**11 DECEMBER**  
**THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION:  
LIVESTREAM EVENT FOR THE GLOBAL  
COMMISSION TO END ENERGY POVERTY**

This livestream event focused on a new report published by the Global Commission to End Energy Poverty (GCEEP). Our CEO took part in a panel discussing key report findings and the work of the commission over the past year.

**12 DECEMBER**  
**CLIMATE AMBITION SUMMIT**

At this virtual summit hosted by the UN, United Kingdom and France, in partnership with Chile and Italy, our CEO provided pre-recorded video remarks focused on clean energy transition and access.

**14 DECEMBER**  
**ESMAP DEEP DIVE: THE STATE OF  
ACCESS TO MODERN ENERGY COOKING  
SERVICES REPORT**

This webinar was organized as a deep-dive discussion on the data used and generated from ESMAP's report. Our Energy Finance team participated on the panel, which discussed opportunities to use the data for policy dialogue, programme design, and future research.

#### 15 DECEMBER

### PEOPLE-CENTERED ACCELERATOR WEBINAR: STEPPING UP WOMEN'S STEM CAREERS

Our Women at the Forefront team hosted colleagues from the World Bank for a presentation of ESMAP's recent research series "Stepping Up Women's STEM Careers in Infrastructure: An Overview of Promising Approaches." Participants gained insights from this extensive study on how to support women's STEM careers in infrastructure – from initial recruitment to advancement in leadership roles.

#### 16 DECEMBER

### COP26 ENERGY TRANSITION & RAPID RESPONSE FACILITY

In her role as Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council, our CEO offered remarks to motivate and inspire philanthropies to support the COP26 Energy Transition Campaign.

#### 17 DECEMBER

### VIRTUAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON CLEAN COOKING, FUELS AND TECHNOLOGIES

This dialogue was co-hosted by UNESCAP, SEforALL and Clean Cooking Alliance and brought together sector stakeholders active in the Asia Pacific to share their experiences on clean cooking developments in four countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. Our Energy Finance team provided opening remarks, presented findings from *Energizing Finance* and moderated a country deep-dive session on Bangladesh.

#### 11 JANUARY

### COP26 ROUNDTABLE ON CLEAN POWER TRANSITION

Our CEO spoke about SEforALL's energy transition focus and how this related to the organization's work supporting both COP26 and the development of Energy Compacts for the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy.

#### 12 JANUARY

### VIENNA ENERGY FORUM VIRTUAL SERIES: YOUTH, GENDER AND EQUITY

Our Chief of Staff represented SEforALL during the Youth, Gender and Equity session, highlighting the importance of empowering women and youth to accelerate the clean energy transition.



#### 13 JANUARY

### EFFICIENCY FOR ACCESS: THEMATIC WEBINAR ON EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINE

Our Cooling for All team participated in a moderated panel discussion and discussed efforts SEforALL is undertaking to address COVID-19 and the role of cold chains in ensuring equitable distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine that requires cooling.

**14 JANUARY**

**REGULATORY INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY (RISE) 2020 LAUNCH EVENT**

At this ESMAP-hosted event, our CEO applauded RISE as the source of data and direction for governments for sustainable energy regulations. She also highlighted SEforALL's support raising awareness for the latest RISE findings.

**18 JANUARY**

**11TH SESSION OF THE IRENA ASSEMBLY**

During a panel on "Energy Transition for Sustainable Post-COVID Recovery" featuring heads of state, ministers and heads of international and regional organizations, our CEO made a pitch for active engagement from IRENA's Member States in the High-Level Dialogue on Energy through Energy Compacts.

**19 JANUARY**

**LEAN IN ENERGY: WOMEN IN CLEAN ENERGY WEBINAR**

Lean In Energy, in collaboration with our Women at the Forefront team, hosted a webinar on the *Energizing Finance* research series to discuss how the clean energy transition is being financed and what women can do to accelerate the transition. The research was presented by our Energy Finance team.

**19 JANUARY**

**GOAL HOUSE JANUARY DIALOGUES**

As part of this event series, our CEO joined Jules Kortenhorst, CEO, The Rocky Mountain Institute and Kandeh Yumkella, former UN Under-Secretary-General, for a discussion around "Picking Up the Pace: Accelerating the Adoption of Renewable Energy."



**20 JANUARY**

**JOINT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT & THE UN HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY**

This event was part of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week and the IRENA Assembly. Our CEO promoted the UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy and underscored the important role energy plays in the SDGs related to food and hunger.

**21 JANUARY**

**ATLANTIC COUNCIL GLOBAL ENERGY FORUM 2021 THE GEOPOLITICS OF THE ENERGY TRANSFORMATION**

This event was held as part of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week and was hosted in partnership with the UAE government. Our CEO took part in a session that looked at the ambition needed from countries to raise their climate commitments ahead of COP26.

**27 JANUARY**

**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM DAVOS 2021 - ACCELERATING CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITIONS**

Our CEO participated in this Davos 2021 event highlighting key challenges and priorities when mobilizing finance for energy transitions in emerging and developing economies.

# The Next 100 Days



Moving forward over the next 100 days, SEforALL will build on several activities mentioned above and launch new activities as key priorities. These include:

- **UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy** – continuing to develop plans for the September 2021 summit along with the Member States’ Global Champions, while securing commitments from Member States in the form of Energy Compacts.
- **COP26** – expanding our involvement in the Energy Transition Campaign and Energy Transition Council, which will engage with countries to make energy access an integral part of their climate strategies.
- **SEforALL Youth Summit** – the virtual global summit hosted by SEforALL will take place in early February, and approximately 1,000 global youth are registered to attend.
- **Integrated energy and vaccine rollout plans for Nigeria and Sierra Leone** – This rapidly moving body of work is being undertaken in direct response to the need for developing countries to not be left behind in the rollout of COVID-10 vaccines. The project will launch in February 2021 and plans should be ready in summer 2021.
- **Achieving Economies of Scale in the Nigerian Solar Value Chain** – Over the past few months we have built an economic model demonstrating the business case for localizing the solar industry in Nigeria. We will now focus on disseminating its findings and working with companies and government to realize opportunities identified in the model.



- **Global campaign pushing for SDG7 commitments** – this advocacy-style campaign will be a major focus of SEforALL communications from March 2021 to the SEforALL Forum in 2022.
- **Cooling for All research** - Three Knowledge Briefs on Sustainable Cooling Investment Tracking, Cooling and Gender, and Off-grid Cooling Appliances are under development and will be released one-by-one in the coming months, culminating with a release of our *Chilling Prospects 2021* report. Together, these works will reinforce the importance of sustainable cooling as a key consideration for the energy transition and COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

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