

Towards Universal Energy Access in West Africa: The Role of Distributed Energy Solutions for the Post-Ebola Recovery in Sierra Leone

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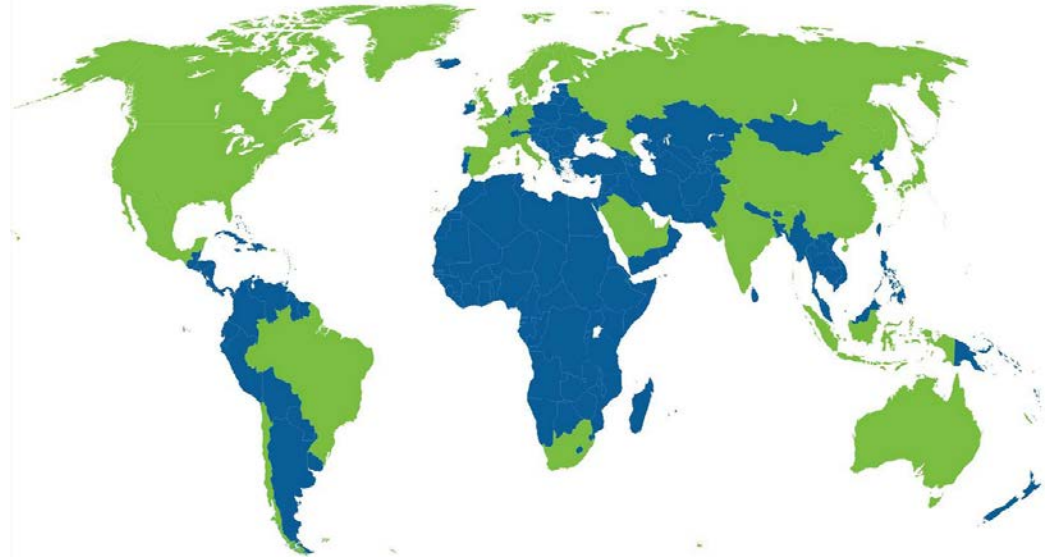
Clean Energy Ministerial

The Solutions Center:

- Launched under the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) in 2011

Clean Energy Ministerial:

- A high-level global forum to promote policies and programs that advance clean energy technology, to share lessons learned and best practices, and to encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy.



90%
of
Clean energy
investment

&

75%
of
Global CO₂
emissions

Solutions Center: Background & Vision

The **Solutions Center** helps governments design and adopt policies and programs that support the deployment of clean energy technologies.

Led by Australia, Sweden, and United States, with in-kind support from Canada and Mexico.



Solutions Center: Goals and Audience

Programs and Services

- **Team of 60+ experts from around the globe delivered technical support for 350+ policy requests from more than 80 countries**
 - Extensive support across Africa, Asia, and LAC
 - Launched support for finance measures and finance portal in 2015
- **Trained over 15,000 officials through more than 225 webinars and training events with others**
- **Strong & growing partnerships with development agencies and regional and global organizations in delivery of support**
- **Over 5500 resources in curated library for policy makers**

Target Audiences

- **Primary**
 - Government Policy Makers and Advisors
- **Secondary**
 - Private-Sector Companies
 - Energy Entrepreneurs and Investors
 - Non-Governmental Organizations
 - Civil Society
 - Others Engaged in Clean Energy

Solutions Center: Partnerships

More than 35 international partners

- IRENA
- IEA
- Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL)
- Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Power Africa

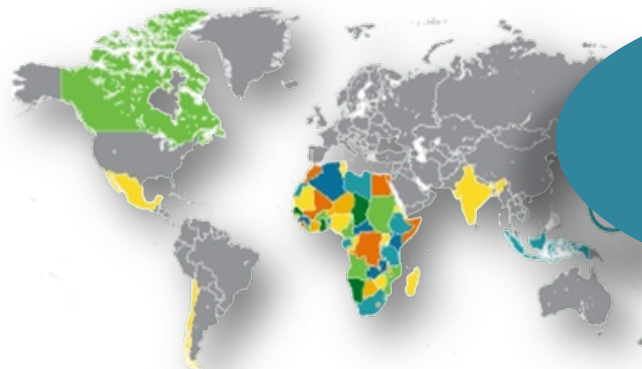


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- Energy Access
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Yasemin Erboy Ruff, Senior Officer, United Nations Foundation



Yasemin Erboy Ruff is an Officer with the UN Foundation's Energy and Climate team, primarily assisting in coordinating efforts to scale up energy access in developing countries. She manages the day-to-day operational coordination and strategic planning of the UN Foundation's Energy Access Practitioner Network, and she serves as the Energy and Climate team's focal point for research and writing support on materials related to the energy access issue area. Prior to joining the UN Foundation, Yasemin majored in environmental science at Columbia University and gained her master's degree in environmental management at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, with a focus on climate change and resource management.

Aminata Dumbuya, Campaign Leader, Power for All



Aminata Dumbuya leads the Power for All campaign in Sierra Leone. She secured the campaign as the sector leader and the “go to” on energy access and specifically decentralized renewable energy issues in the country. With the launch of The Energy Revolution in Sierra Leone, Power for All, through the steer and direction of Ms. Dumbuya, plays a key role in building the market in Sierra Leone with strategic engagement with Government through the Ministry of Energy by helping to formulate and implement on industry policies that will create a sustainable and enabling environment for private sector players. She has over 15 years of experience in business, consulting, advocacy and marketing, and qualifications from the London School of Business and Finance and San Diego State University.

Alexandre Toure, Co-Founder & CEO, Easy Solar



Alexandre Toure is the CEO and co-founder of Azimuth, a West African company distributing pico-solar products on a rent-to-own basis, and operating in Sierra Leone under the name "Easy Solar". Prior to that, he worked in the field of Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion in Kenya and Afghanistan, and has 5 years of experience as an M&A, Strategy and Financial consultant at PwC. He holds an MPA in Technology & Economic Development from Columbia University, an MSc in Advanced Computing from Imperial College and a Masters degree in Energy & Telco from Centrale Supélec.

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