

# Least Developed Countries Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Initiative for Sustainable Development

## LDC REEEI

### OBJECTIVES

LDC REEEI has three overarching goals:

- » **100% access to sufficient, affordable, modern and renewable energy** by all citizens in LDCs by 2030;
- » **100% electricity from renewable energy sources** in all LDCs by 2050 that caters to all needs of their citizens, social services and industries; and,
- » **100% utilization of energy efficiency potentials** along the value chain through full implementation of best practice measures and planning by 2040.

### MANDATE: DRIVEN BY LDCs FOR LDCs

LDC REEEI is uniquely able to address both the needs and development goals of Least Developed Countries. LDC REEEI was initiated, developed and mandated by LDCs as an overarching framework. The Initiative has been endorsed by Ministers of the 47 LDCs and is hence fully owned and driven by LDCs. By enabling leapfrogging to clean energy sources, LDC REEEI will directly contribute to the fulfilment as well as increased ambition of NDCs and enable ambitious climate action across LDC economies.

### DELIVERING LDC REEEI

With international backing LDC REEEI will enter into its establishment phase by working with a series of 'pioneer' countries, who are ready to begin developing and implementing programs to increase access to clean energy and improve energy efficiency measures. LDC REEEI is

premised on cooperation and collaboration, and the lessons from the efforts of pioneering countries will be shared and adapted to other LDCs. Implementation of the Initiative will be a decisive mechanism for significantly increasing ambition and concreteness of NDCs among all LDCs.

The Initiative is a strategic framework for driving **transformative change** across sectors and a platform for sharing experiences, best practice, and disseminating knowledge to reach universal energy access and accelerate the transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in all LDCs. The Initiative will consult multiple stakeholders in each country to help them develop their own solutions and action plans to leapfrog to modern renewable energy systems

Primarily, the Initiative will focus on developing and accelerating the implementation of **national renewable energy and energy efficiency policies**. The Initiative will also collaborate with regional, national, and local stakeholders to jointly identify opportunities to make energy services more accessible and affordable for productive uses, social services such as education and health, and to promote gender equality and women's empowerment.

The Initiative is **predicated on solidarity and cooperation** rather than competition: countries running ahead will share and support other LDCs to initiate actions aligned with LDC REEEI. The Initiative will also support country-led efforts to access climate dedicated funding such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Global Environment Facility, LDC Fund, Adaptation Fund, Special Climate Change Fund and other relevant funding sources.



## THE LDC REEEI VISION

The LDC REEEI envisions a **rapid paradigm shift** in the global energy sector towards **100% renewable energy and participatory and equitable energy systems**. Renewable energy will become a source of income for the many, a way to empower communities, a tool for increasing resilience and breaking dependencies on other countries and big firms, an enabler of a flourishing of economic activity by local farms, local businesses and a functioning public sector. The Initiative will support LDCs in formulating long-term plans for people-centered and sustainable well-being for their citizens; harnessing energy to drive the productive sector; developing diversified, efficient and distributed energy systems for the future; and encouraging community ownership and energy cooperatives around the world.

## IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

The LDC REEEI seeks to drive transformative change across sectors. Focus shall be on policy and programmatic approaches with wide-ranging impact rather than on specific renewable energy installation projects on the ground.

In concrete terms, the LDC REEEI simultaneously functions across **strategic, technical, policy and partnership** dimensions: and at the **international, national and local** levels. Different constellations of actors will contribute to the Initiative by engaging at one or several combinations of these dimensions and levels. Its working modalities present a new model for close collaboration and partnerships between governments and stakeholders.

## LDC REEEI WORK AREAS

The activities of LDC REEEI are guided and framed by eight work areas, including:

1. Mapping and monitoring
2. Knowledge, capacity mobilization, building, and learning
3. Planning and policy
4. Funding and financing
5. Multi-stakeholder engagement and people-centred/community energy systems
6. Equity, women and social/environmental safeguards
7. Enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions and national development plans
8. Public awareness, communication and outreach

## WAYS TO SUPPORT LDC REEEI

There are multiple ways for countries and institutions to support the Initiative:

- Directly support the LDC REEEI establishment phase by supporting its core secretariat functions.
- Support approval of funding for countries approaching the GCF with comprehensive national plans aligned with and developed through the LDC REEEI.
- Support countries aligned with LDC REEEI principles and work areas in accessing other bilateral and public funds.
- Have the LDC REEEI Framework guide and align international partners' priorities for both North-South and South-South cooperation.
- Develop partnerships with governments and stakeholders that explicitly support the LDC REEEI Framework.
- Highlight and promote the goals, objectives and principles of LDC REEEI across relevant international fora.

*LDC REEEI recognizes that while the energy challenges facing LDCs are enormous so too are the opportunities. LDCs will work together to embark on transformative action, set their own course, and take charge of their own future through pioneering a model of energy and development that is in accordance with what both people and the planet need. The LDC REEEI can make a major contribution towards a future that delivers on aspirations for 100% energy access, renewable energy and best practices in energy efficiency and use – and in so doing provide leadership to help place us on path to a cleaner, fairer and more prosperous world for all.*

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