



Empowering Livelihoods: New Research on Off-grid Appliances and Equipment

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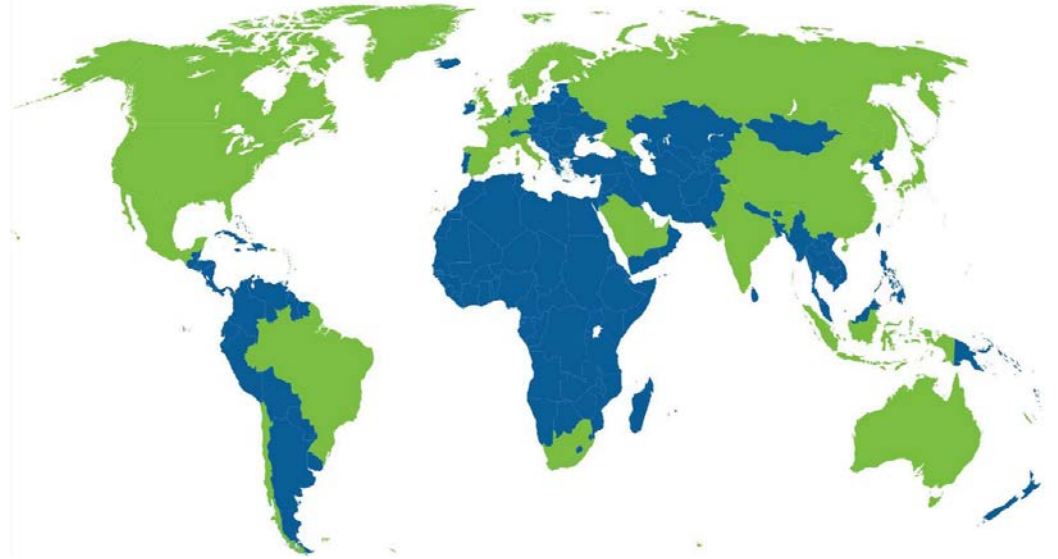
Clean Energy Ministerial

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

- Multilateral initiative, of the Clean Energy Ministerial, is co-led by the Australian Department of the Environment and Energy, Sweden's Ministry of the Environment and Energy, and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Additional funding support from Power Africa
- In-kind support from Chile
- The Solutions Center is a unique CEM initiative assisting countries in all regions of the world in strengthening clean energy policies and finance measures
- Supporting transition of clean energy markets and technologies



*US participation & leadership are under review.

Solutions Center: Goals and Audience

Programs and Services

- **Team of 50+ experts from around the globe responded to 350+ requests for policy support from more than 80 countries**
 - Extensive support across Africa, Asia, and LAC
 - Launched support for finance measures 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:

- Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN)
- ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC)
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS-GP)
- Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)
- Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)
- USAID Power Africa (USAID PA)

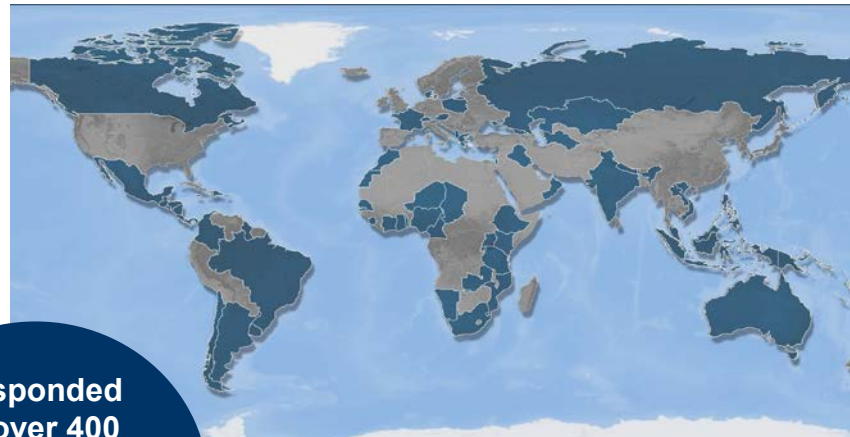


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- Energy Access
- Energy Efficiency
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Jem Porcaro, Senior Director Energy Access, United Nations Foundation



Jem Porcaro is the UN Foundation's Senior Director for Energy Access. He oversees the Foundation's work to expand access to modern energy services and build synergies with UN agencies and other key multilateral partners, especially Sustainable Energy for All. Jem has more than a dozen years of experience working on global development, energy and climate issues. Previously, he worked with Nexant, an energy consulting company, in its government clean energy practice in Asia, where it advised governments and multilateral development organizations on clean energy finance and policy. Jem also worked for four years in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), helping to oversee its global energy portfolio and elevate clean energy access on the global development agenda.

Jem received his master's degree in international affairs, with a concentration in international energy policy and management, from Columbia University and a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Tufts University.

Yasemin Erboy Ruff, Senior Associate, CLASP



Yasemin Erboy Ruff is an international sustainable development professional with more than six years of experience in clean energy access. She manages the Efficiency for Access Coalition, and oversees associated communications activities around the Coalition as well as the UK aid funded Low Energy Inclusive Appliances (LEIA) program. Yasemin earned her bachelor's degree in environmental science at Columbia University, and gained her master's degree in environmental management at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Elisa Lai, Senior Associate, CLASP



Elisa Lai has more than six years of experience in appliance energy efficiency and off-grid appliance market development. She is a leading technical expert on off-grid appliances, managing the Global LEAP Off-Grid Appliance Data Platform, and much of CLASP's related test method development and quality assurance work. A native Taiwanese and a Mandarin speaker, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy and Journalism from the National Chengchi University in Taiwan and a Master of Arts in Global Environmental Policy and International Politics from the American University.

Michael Kuntz, President and COO, Simusolar



Michael Kuntz, CFA is the President and COO of Simusolar, a financier and distributor of off-grid agricultural and fishing equipment in Tanzania. He has led social enterprises in Tanzania, Nigeria Peru, and the US, with a focus on agriculture, finance and SME development. Michael also has 12 years of experience in financial services at Fortune 500 companies, including microfinance, corporate finance, risk management, and structured products. Michael is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder, and is a graduate of Princeton University (BA) and the University of Virginia-Darden (MBA).

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