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- **Laura Williamson**, Communication and Outreach Manager of Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21)
- **Dane McQueen**, Energy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates
- **Ali Al Shafar**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates

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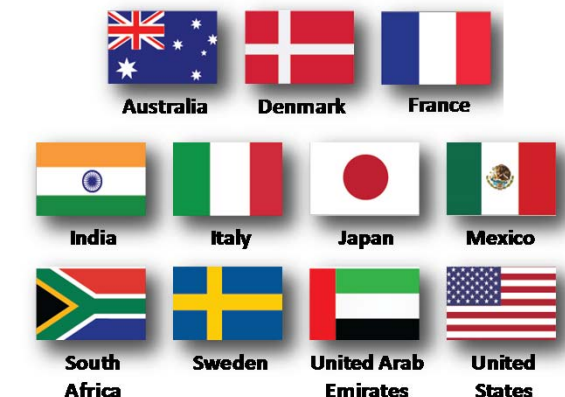
# Solutions Center Background and Vision

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**The Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) launched the Clean Energy Solutions Center in April 2011 for major-economy countries.**

- One of 13 CEM Initiatives including:
  - Global Superior Energy Performance Partnership (GSEP),
  - Super-Efficient Equipment and Appliance Deployment (SEAD) initiative,
  - Global Lighting and Energy Access Partnership Global LEAP)
- Led by U.S. Department of Energy, Australia Department of Industry, International Copper Association, and other CEM partners
- Solutions Center is unique as a CEM initiative that delivers services to most countries.
- Has nearly 35 partners, including UN-Energy, IRENA, IEA, IPEEC, Sustainable Energy for All, Bloomberg New Energy Finance and Leonardo Energy



## Goals

- **Serve** as the primary resource for clean energy policy information, assistance and peer learning for governments and government-affiliated practitioners..
- **Share** policy best practices, data, and analysis tools across countries.
- **Deliver** dynamic services that enable expert assistance, learning, and peer-to-peer sharing of experiences.
- **Foster** dialogue on emerging policy issues and innovation across the globe.

### Primary

- Government Policy Makers
- Advisors

### Secondary

- Private Sector Companies
- Energy Entrepreneurs and Investors
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Civil Society
- Others Engaged in Clean Energy

## Target Audiences

# Ask-an-Expert: Our Experts in Action

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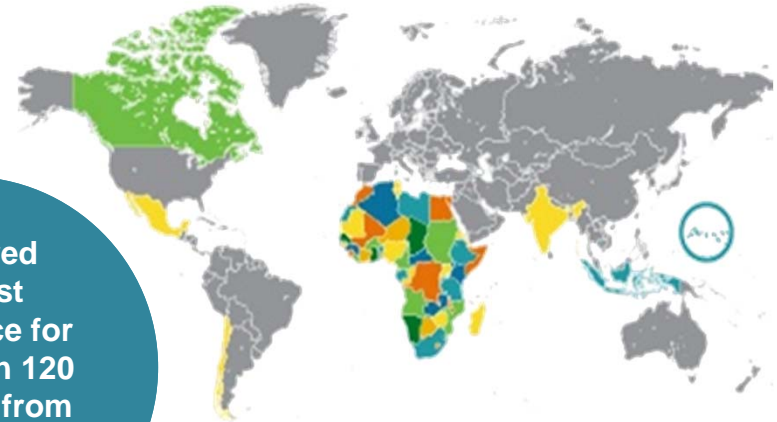


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## **Ask-an-Expert**

- Technical assistance from global experts on clean energy policy topics

## **Training/Peer-to-Peer Learning**

- Webinars, videos and other resources

## **Resources**

- Reports, data, and analysis tools related to clean energy policy

## **Stay Informed**

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# Laura Williamson- Communication and Outreach Manager of Renewable Energy Policy Network of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (REN21)

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**Laura Williamson** is the Communication and Outreach Manager at REN21, the Renewable Energy Policy Network of the 21st Century.. REN21 is a global public-private multi-stakeholder network on renewable energy, headquartered at UNEP, the United Nations Environment Programme in Paris/France. Between 2008 and 2013, Ms Williamson was the Project Director for HELIO International, an international think-tank developing renewable energy solutions. Previously, she worked for UNEP on industry and sustainability issues.

# Dane McQueen– Energy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates

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**Dane McQueen** is an energy advisor at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He previously worked at the OECD; Woodside, the Australian LNG company; and Chevron, the hydrocarbon supermajor. He studied at Cambridge, Berkeley, and Yale.

## Ali Al Shafar– Energy Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates

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**Ali Al Shafar** manages the energy portfolio at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, developing the UAE's international engagement strategy as well as supporting elaboration of its domestic diversification policies. His team leads on the International Renewable Energy Agency (of which the UAE is host), the Clean Energy Ministerial, Sustainable Energy for All, CCUS, the UAE's renewable energy development assistance, and finance initiatives with the UAE's sovereign wealth funds. He graduated from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

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## Questions



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