

# Performance Analysis with RETScreen

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- Dinesh S. Parakh, Program Advisor, RETScreen International
- ➤ Kevin Bourque, Project Engineer, RETScreen International



Question and Answer Session

# **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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



### Clean Energy Ministerial: Initiatives

### The Solutions Center:

- Is one of 9 CEM Initiatives, which include:
  - International Smart Grid Action Network
  - 21st Century Power Partnership
  - Global Lighting and Energy Access Partnership

### **Three Overarching Goals of CEM:**

- Improve Energy Efficiency Worldwide
- Enhance Clean Energy Supply
- Expand Clean Energy Access

#### **ENERGY DEMAND**







Energy Management



Electric Vehicles

#### **ENERGY SYSTEMS & INTEGRATION**



21st Century Power



Energy



**Smart Grids** 



#### **CROSSCUTTING SUPPORT**



Clean Energy Policy



Women in Clean Energy

#### **ENERGY SUPPLY**





# 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**

Goals

- Serve as a principal clearinghouse of clean energy policy and program resources
- Share clean energy policy best practices, data, and analysis tools across countries and economies
- Deliver dynamic, customized services that enable expert assistance, learning, and knowledge sharing
- Foster dialogue on emerging policy issues and innovation across the globe
- Serve as a primary resource for project financing options and information to expand markets for clean energy

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







# Ask an Expert: Our Experts in Action



We connect you to a global network of energy experts for personalized attention and quick response technical assistance on **strategies**, **regulations**, **standards**, **financial incentives**, **and deployment programs** for a broad range of clean energy sectors and technologies including:

- Energy Access
- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Smart Grid
- Transportation
- Utilities



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# **Kevin Bourque**, Project Engineer, RETScreen International



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