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ZIMBABWE CSO STATEMENT: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL BY 2030 INITIATIVE

This statement presents a common position from Zimbabwean Civil Society Organisations whose agenda is to work towards total energy access for all by the year 2030 in the country. The CSOs met in Harare, Zimbabwe, from the 10th to the 11th of December 2012, and presented the following position in support of government efforts towards providing total energy access for the majority of the people in Zimbabwe.

Who we are

We are consortia with the common goal of working towards total energy access for all the people of Zimbabwe by 2030. We are a representation of CBOs, NGOs and grassroots based organisations whose agenda meets with the overall objectives of the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) goal. We are making this statement for the benefit of about 80 percent of the people in Zimbabwe who have no access to modern energy, and still rely on traditional energy sources to meet their basic energy needs. We are also committed to collaborate with other stakeholders to work towards reversing this trend by reducing the dependency on traditional energy resources.

Our target audience

The task to move towards total energy access for all will not be easy and no single institution has the capacity to drive the process. We fully recognise that in this fight we will have to work with a diverse range of stakeholders in various ways, including: Policy makers, Parliament, Ministry of Energy and Power Development, Key sector ministries, Donors and the Private sector.



We recognise the UN Sustainable Energy for All Initiative as a global force for catalysing the efforts of various stakeholders around achieving Sustainable Energy for All by 2030: setting targets around Universal Energy Access, Renewables and Energy Efficiency. In this regard, we applaud the commitment of the Government of Zimbabwe to carry out a 'Gaps Analysis' with the overall aim of developing a 'National Implementation Plan' in line with the Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

Also, we believe that the UN's goal of universal energy access by 2030 could be met. As civil society in



Zimbabwe, we recognise that achievement of Universal Energy Access will require more supportive policies, increased financing, and greater participation of CSOs at national, regional and international levels. We are committed to translating these national and global objectives to tangible action on the ground, in partnership with all stakeholders, locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

The Zimbabwe Energy Context:

A sombre atmosphere: What is of relevant and concern to us is the continued dominance of fuel wood in the national energy supply. Over 53 percent of the total energy supply comes from fuel wood, followed by coal (20 per cent), liquid fuels (14 per cent) and electricity (13 per cent). There is heavy reliance on coal for electricity generation with over 46.4 per cent coming from four thermal power stations. The other 53.3 percent energy is derived from non-carbon resources in the form of hydro-power station at Lake Kariba.

We call on the Government of Zimbabwe to:

Effectively support the development and effective implementation of energy policies and provide financing for pro-poor sustainable energy, and commit to implementation plans that include: **Targets**, including numbers of people, and the quantity/quality of energy, for households, enterprises/productive uses and

community services (at least health, education, water pumping, street lighting and local government) in the following areas:

- Electricity (from on or off-grid sources)
- Clean cooking (consideration of fuels, stoves and Indoor Air Pollution)
- Mechanical Power – particularly relevant for agro production/processing, and small-scale manufacturing

Milestones towards the achievement of energy access, efficiency and renewable targets that can be monitored by all, including civil society.

Continue to champion the cause of **gender mainstreaming** in the planning and implementation of SE4ALL initiatives.



Clear **strategies and plans** to ensure universal access to energy for households, enterprises and community services.

A plan for **finance**, investments, subsidies and incentives that will support the achievement of universal energy access addressing the needs of energy suppliers and consumers and adequately reflecting the need for decentralised options. This should include the **division of financing** between grid and off-grid that will be required to achieve the targets.

Review of **subsidies**; supporting renewable energy and energy access and efficiency for the poor in addition to fossil fuels use.

Inclusion of **support to decentralized and renewable energy entrepreneurs** including production, operation and maintenance and job creation.

A plan for **building the capacity** of a range of energy actors including the government, private sector, civil society, including small enterprises, households/users, academia.

A plan for multi-stakeholder **monitoring and evaluation**, and use of tracking systems are essential in the implementation of the SE4ALL initiative.

Consultation with private sector and civil society as part of the strategy on how the plan will be rolled out with civil society being recognised as central to design and delivery of sustainable energy for all.

Plans to **integrate with other sectors** and policies such as environment, agriculture, natural resource management, health.

We call upon the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and the African Union to: Develop strategies to finance energy projects and create an enabling environment to attract investment from both private and private/public partnerships to the energy sector.

We call upon international development partners to develop finance mechanisms that are responsive to Africa's sustainable energy needs.





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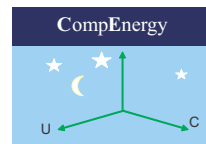


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