



UN Goals for Universal Access to Clean, Affordable Energy

Regional Economic Communities Linking global to national level

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Growing momentum on energy

- April 2010 Secretary General Advisory Group on Energy and Climate Change report *Energy for a Sustainable Future*
- September 2010 MDG summit: energy key factor for achievement of MDGs
- December 2010 UN General Assembly declares 2012 the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All
- September 2011 formal launch of UNSG Sustainable Energy for All Initiative and first meeting of High Level Action Group
- June 2012 Rio+20 thematic session on energy, energy days



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- UN General Assembly resolution to increase awareness and **promote action** at the local, national, regional and international levels
- **Platform** to mobilize support and commitments on universal access, improved efficiency, increased share of renewable energy
- **Launch** January 2012 at World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi, followed by series of regional launch events
- **Report back** outcomes to General Assembly September 2012

Guidelines for International Years ECOSOC Resolution 1980/67

- directed towards **promoting international development** in practical ways
- international level should **support measures** and activities **at the national level**.
- There should be **national committees** or other mechanisms for preparing for following up the international year on the national level.
- There should be **effective coordination** of the activities of the United Nations organizations and bodies concerned



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SEFA by 2030 through three mutually reinforcing objectives:

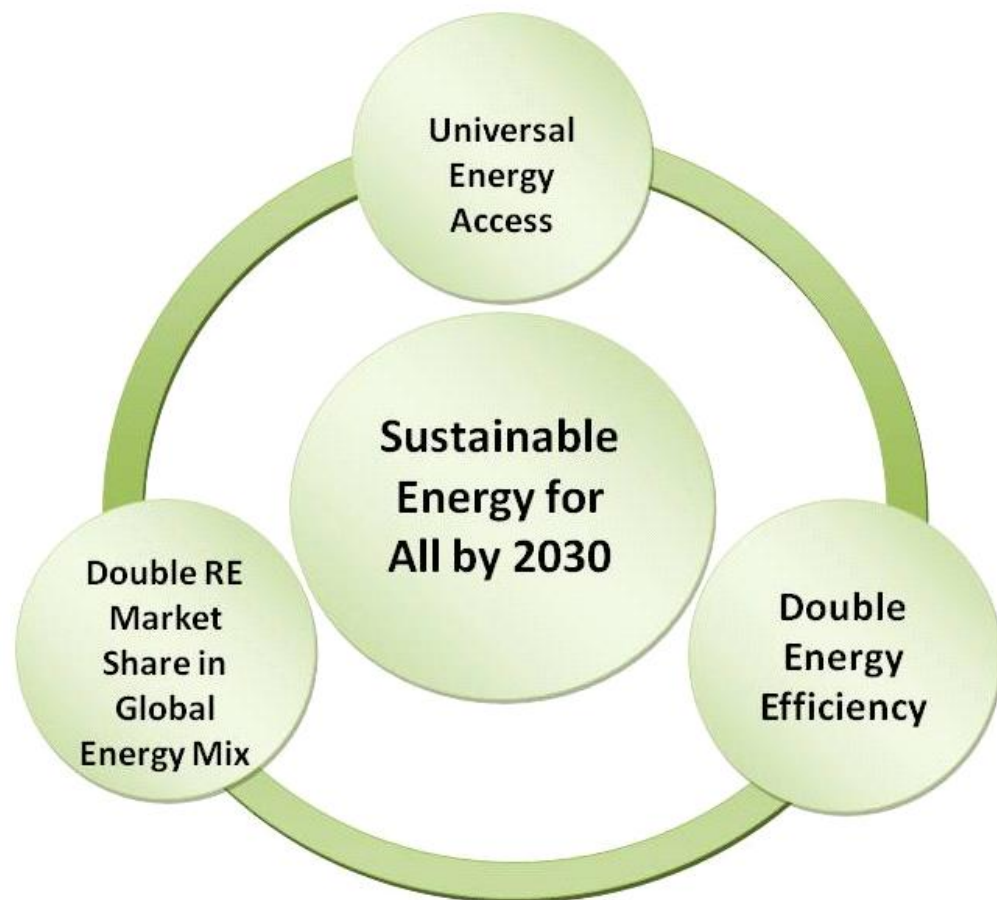
- Ensuring universal access to modern energy services
- Doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency
- Doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix



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- Make SEFA **priority** for all partners
- Seek **commitments** for action
- Develop **implementation mechanisms** through national coordinating mechanisms and public-private partnerships
- Develop innovative **financial mechanisms** to support financing gaps
- Provide **accountability** and performance measurement to track results and stakeholder commitments



Elements of the SG Initiative

High-Level Group on SEFA, co-chaired by Director-General UNIDO, Kandeh K. Yumkella, and the Chairman of Bank of America Corporation, Charles O. Holliday

- Develop an **Action Agenda** to implement the SEFA Initiative to be presented at Rio+20
- Set out concrete **priority areas for action** - commitments by wide range of stakeholders and tracking progress
- **Regional and national consultations** to validate the Action Agenda and link to national actions, in cooperation with UN Regional Commissions, UNDP, and other UN agencies and key multilateral institutions

Elements of the SG Initiative

- **Engagement of the private sector**, e.g. through the UN Global Compact *UN Private-Sector Forum*
- **Outreach to governments**, through UN-Energy and ongoing processes (e.g. Rio+20, Energy Ministerials, Durban COP-17)
- **Platform of the International Year of SEFA 2012**
 - Global advocacy (UN Energy)
 - National level engagement (UNDP)

Examples of Initiatives collaborating with the UN SG *Sustainable Energy for All* initiative

- Energy for All (Asian Development Bank),
- Lighting Africa (World Bank),
- Energy for the Poor (OFID)
- Energy+ (recently announced by Norway)
- the Paris-Nairobi Climate Initiative,
- the EU-Africa Energy Partnership.
- Other ambitious national programs such as in countries for example China, India, Nepal, Brazil, and South Africa are similarly critical to reaching our objectives.



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Member States are encouraged to establish **National Coordinating Mechanisms** and designate **Focal Points** for the Year:

- Ensure broad **stakeholder involvement**
- Raise **public awareness**
- Build **commitments** to action and articulate action plans
- Establish means to track commitments and **measure progress**

Recommendations for ECOWAS (1)

- Utilizing the platform of the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All to build **broad stakeholder coalitions** for Sustainable Energy for All
- Collaboration with the UN agencies, other development partners, private sector and civil society towards **commitments for implementing the objectives** of the UNSG Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All
- Building on the ECOWAS white paper processes and programmes to **implement commitments** on Sustainable Energy for All

Recommendations for ECOWAS (2)

- Broaden Context – situate energy access and energy efficiency within climate change framework
- Positioning for Financing – policy framework, enabling environment, institutional frameworks, and investment programmes
- “Off the shelf” commercially viable business models and operational programmes;
- Link to other Regional Economic Communities
- Integrate commitments into ECOWAS Implementation Plan

Thank you