

Second High Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership
Side Event: Accelerating inclusive energy access solutions and policy
through partnerships with Civil Society
11 February 2014, 09:30 – 13:00, Medium Conference Hall

09:30 am Welcome

The UN Secretary General has recognised that if we are to achieve the SE4ALL goal of Universal Energy Access by 2030, three pillars of Government, Private Sector and Civil Society all need to play their part. This side event will explore what Civil Society is already doing to help shape policies and deliver solutions on the ground. What additional value does this add and what more could be achieved?

09:45 am Interactive panel discussion: Policy and budgeting engagement

Experiences of engaging civil society in policy processes such as SE4ALL and national energy planning and budgeting. We will explore this both from the perspective of policy-makers and civil society representatives. What are the issues that poor people want to see on the agenda? What are the challenges in getting these issues recognised? How can civil society's contribution be best used?

11:00 am Interactive panel discussion: Partnerships for delivery

Examples of how civil society has partnered effectively with the private sector or government to help deliver energy access solutions. What roles are Civil Society organisations best placed to play in reaching the remote rural poor? What are the best ways of combining viable business models with positive social outcomes? How should funding and budgets be allocated to support this?

12:15 am Wrap-Up

Feedback from the two sessions and agreement of key points to be taken forward to the overall conference