

UN Foundation Announces Results of Distributed Energy Market Survey at the Sustainable Energy for All Forum

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On the second day of the Sustainable Energy for All Forum, Jem Porcaro, Senior Director for Energy Access at the United Nations Foundation, announced the release of the Energy Access Practitioner Network's distributed energy market survey results. This is the latest in a series of surveys the United Nations Foundation-led Network has conducted since 2012 to shed light on the changing opportunities and challenges faced by practitioners working to expand energy access.

"Our survey results indicate that the distributed energy sector is beginning to see both scale and maturity when it comes to innovative technologies and business models, with small- and medium-enterprises (SMEs) still leading the way, and needing targeted policy and financing support to continue responding to end-user needs more efficiently than traditional energy solutions," Porcaro stated during the launch event which brought together three long-time Practitioner Network members to be the first to react to the survey results.

The survey's key findings were briefly discussed during the launch event, and were followed by a lively Q&A session at the Practitioner Network's booth in the marketplace where copies of the brochure were distributed to forum attendees.

The 2016 survey, which saw the largest respondent pool to date, also included new areas of interest such as energy access for humanitarian relief and financing. "The collaboration with the Sustainable Energy for All team on the financing section of the survey have yielded important insights into the ongoing challenges and opportunities in financing energy access", said Porcaro. "We intend to use this information to enhance our matchmaking efforts within the Practitioner Network and work with Sustainable Energy for All more broadly in our collective efforts to catalyze financing for decentralized energy to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 7 on universal energy access for all."

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energy solutions. The Practitioner Network is open to all organizations and individuals actively involved in the implementation, development, financing, and management of delivering energy sustainably, affordably, and effectively. For more information and to join, please visit www.energyaccess.org.