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## **SPOTLIGHT**

### **The Practitioner Network Chats with Laura Stachel, Executive Director and Co-Founder, We Care Solar**

In this issue's interview Spotlight, Laura Stachel, We Care Solar and Jem Porcaro, United Nations Foundation discuss We Care Solar's work in providing electricity to maternal health facilities across the world, and major successes and challenges for energy practitioners working to advance sustainable energy for all.

[Watch the Interview](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Access Power - FMO Solar Shark Tank Competition** | Deadline: 5 January 2018

This competition is open to local developers that require development support to make their solar projects more “bankable”. The project must be in the predevelopment stage, located in Africa, Asia or Latin America, consist of a minimum of 10MW and use solar PV as technology. \$100,000 grant available.

- **Sixth Funding Cycle of IRENA/Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) Project Facility Now Open** | Deadline: 15 February 2018

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), in partnership with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), is inviting applications for renewable energy projects in developing countries. The current funding cycle offers US\$50 million in concessional loans.

- **US-India Clean Energy Finance Initiative Call for Applications** | Deadline: Rolling Basis

USICEF is seeking applications from project developers and project proponents in India’s distributed solar power sector, who could benefit from project preparation services and funding for early stage project development.

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## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

[ARE Announces 4th Energy Access Investment Forum in Sicily, Italy in March 2018](#)

The 4<sup>th</sup> installment of the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) Energy Access Investment Forum has been announced and will be held 13-15 March 2018 in Catania, Italy. The Forum presents an opportunity to increase visibility and to connect with investors for organizations in the off-grid sector.

[Mobisol Expands Into Ethiopia with Partnership with SunTransfer](#)

EAPN members Mobisol and SunTransfer Tech partner up to provide large high-tech Solar Home Systems, thereby supporting the Ethiopian government's aim to achieve universal energy access by 2025.

[M-KOPASecures 80 Million USD Commercial Debt Funding to Finance Off-Grid PV](#)

Off-grid solar company M-KOPA Solar has secured US\$80 million in committed debt financing, which will be used over the next three years to provide financing for pay-as-you-go PV projects in one million homes in Africa.

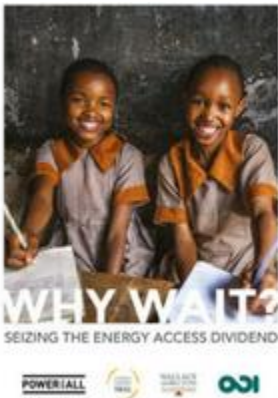
[Schneider Electric Gets Greenlight for Energy Project in South Australia](#)

Schneider Electric has formed a partnership with Australian renewable energy company Planet Ark Power and has been awarded a \$1.95 million grant by the South Australian government to support the delivery of a secure, sustainable and affordable energy supply.

[Greenlight Planet Raises \\$60 Million for Off-Grid Solar Financing Business](#)

London-based private equity fund manager Apis Partners and other investors announced disbursement of \$60 MM in new funding to Greenlight Planet Inc. Greenlight Planet, a growth-stage company with a mandate to deliver social as well as financial returns has been profitable in the last 10 financial quarters.

[More Member Highlights](#)



Featured Resource:  
SEforALL and Power for All Launch New Report  
"Why Wait? Seizing the Energy Access Dividend"

The new report presents a first-of-its-kind approach to developing a framework for understanding and quantifying the financial, educational and environmental dividends for households through accelerated access to decentralized electricity, such as solar home systems and clean energy mini-grids. [Read More](#)



From the Network:  
Updates from the SAFE Workshop and the  
UNF Mini-Grid Side Event

Updates from Nairobi and the fourth annual  
SAFE Humanitarian Workshop where UNF  
organized a mini-grids in humanitarian settings  
side event at the SAFE Workshop, the first of  
its kind! [Read More](#)

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