

# MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

Bringing together partners to build a stronger clean energy mini-grids sector

## NEWSLETTER

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#### INTERVIEW WITH WIM JONKER KLUNNE, LEAD COORDINATOR OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP TRUST FUND

The Mini-Grids Partnership chats with Wim Jonker Klunne of the Energy and Environment Partnership Trust Fund (EEP Africa) about their catalytic financing portfolio, successful mini-grid business models, and EEP's lessons learned in implementing mini-grid projects throughout Southern and East Africa.

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#### MINI-GRID TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT: GAP ANALYSIS FOR DEVELOPERS

**Article by: Energy 4 Impact and Inensus**

This report identifies the skills requirements of mini-grid developers and evaluates whether

these requirements are being addressed by existing training programs. The report maps existing training programs, focusing on their content and method of delivery, and recommends implementing partners and topics for future programs.

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## DECENTRALIZED UTILITIES: BRIDGING THE RURAL ENERGY GAP IN EMERGING MARKETS

**Article by: Shell Foundation**

The Shell Foundation publishes their first chapter in a series to explore the potential for decentralised utilities and the interventions needed to scale the sector and help solve the energy gap in the developing world. This chapter explores their lessons learned in implementing mini-grids models and offers a forward look for bringing decentralized utilities to scale.

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

- **IRENA: POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY MINI-GRIDS**

IRENA explains factors underlying the policy and regulatory landscapes of countries in case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America. This report maps out the primary, secondary and tertiary measures being introduced and later examines their impact on mini-grid development and highlights remaining challenges. **Read More**



## Tools & Resources

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE: CLOSING THE CIRCUIT**

The Rocky Mountain Institute makes the case for a greatly increased focus on supporting mini-grid demand, outlines the key barriers hampering increased use of electricity, and provides a succinct set of recommendations on actions that can be taken to complement the current focus on supply-side solutions. [Learn More](#)

### **AFRICA LEDS PARTNERSHIP WEBINAR: MINI-GRIDS FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The AfLP, together with the LEDS GP Energy Working Group, hosted a webinar on enabling effective mini-grid business models through well-designed policies. In this fully recorded version, experts discuss their experiences working in diverse markets, innovative business models, and how government actions can address business barriers. [Learn More](#)

### **EEP AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE MINI-GRIDS SECTOR IN AFRICA**

The Energy and Environment Partnership Trust Fund (EEP Africa) highlights observations and lessons learned from their portfolio of 43 mini-grid projects and provides recommendations for mini-grid developers and the programs that support them. [Learn More](#)

### **POWER FOR ALL, AMDA, MGP: MINI-GRID MESSAGE TRAINING WEBINAR REGISTRATION**

Power for All, in partnership with the Mini-Grids Partnership (MGP) and the Africa Mini-Grid Developers Association (AMDA), has developed a Messaging Guide for the mini-grid sector. The goal of the guide is to provide a unified narrative and supporting evidence for developers when communicating externally with decision-makers. Please join a webinar on November 15, 2018 to learn more about the Messaging Guide and how to use it. [Learn More](#)

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# EVENTS



## EEP KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FORUM

November 9  
Kigali, Rwanda

## AFRICAN MINI-GRID COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

November 9-11  
Abuja, Nigeria

## ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM

November 13-15  
Dakar, Senegal

## CLUB-ER GENERAL ASSEMBLY

December 5-7  
Cotonou, Benin

## MINI-GRIDS PARTNERSHIP

The Mini-Grids Partnership brings together mini-grid financiers, developers, facilitators and policymakers to share information, ideas and shape policy to help move the clean energy mini-grids market forward.

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