Dear colleagues,

Over the last few months several important events took place: in May, the African Development Bank's New Deal on Energy for Africa was officially launched at the Bank's Annual Meetings in Lusaka, and in June the SE4All Advisory Board co-chaired by the UN Secretary General and the President of the World Bank met in Brussels to discuss the way forward for SE4All and its new strategic framework for 2016-2021. The strategic framework is entitled “Going Further, Faster – Together”, which aligns well with the aspirations and the needs of Africa. Moreover, it places a focus on frontloading the energy access targets of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 7 to be achieved well before 2030 given the importance of energy access for achieving most of the other SDGs, which is consistent with the ambition of the New Deal on Energy for Africa targeting universal energy access in Africa by 2025.

We have also seen progress in several countries on the SE4All country action processes: Angola validated its SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus, Tanzania formally launched its Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus, the Nigeria National Council on Power adopted the Nigeria SE4All Action Agenda, and the SADC Energy Ministers in their meeting in June adopted a decision on SE4All recommending those member countries that have not yet done so to consider developing their AA and IP. We have also seen kick-off workshops for the AA/IP process in Cameroun and Zambia and the Africa Hub through the GEF-financed Africa Climate Technology and Finance center project was able to mobilize follow-up support to Kenya and Tanzania to assist those countries with the implementation of their Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus.
SE4All AFRICA HIGHLIGHTS

Country Action Processes

Angola: Validation of the national SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus
On 26 August 2016, the validation workshop for Angola’s SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus, organized by the Ministry of Energy and Water (MINEA), concluded one year of work to define Angola’s long term objectives on energy access, energy efficiency and renewable energy, as well as the priority actions required to achieve them.

Nigeria: Validation of the national SE4All Action Agenda
The National Council of Power (NACOP) adopted the country Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Action Agenda and unveiled the national Power sector investment catalogue during its 2nd edition taking place in Kaduna City, from 10th to 16th July 2016.

Tanzania: Official Launch of SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus
Tanzania’s Minister of Energy and Minerals, Sospeter Muhongo officially launched the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus for Tanzania during a workshop attended by the UN Resident Coordinator for Tanzania, Alvaro Rodriguez, the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Roeland Van De Geer, and the AfDB’s Resident Representative in Tanzania, Tonia Kandiero.

Zambia: Launching of the SE4All Country Action Process
Government officials, representatives of international organisations, private sector and civil society, gathered from May 4-6 for the official kick-off Workshop of the SE4All Country Action Process in Zambia. This Event marked the launch of the development of the SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus in the country.

Cameroon: SE4All Country Action Process - Kick-off Workshop
Stakeholders met for the first time in Yaounde on April 28-29, to launch the SE4All Country Action Process. During the workshop proposals for the country’s Action Agenda were developed in the following priority areas: Access to electricity, access to modern and cleaner domestic energy solutions, energy efficiency, renewable energy and regulatory framework, environment and financing mechanisms.

SADC: 35th Meeting of SADC Ministers Responsible for Energy
The 35th Meeting of SADC Energy Ministers took place in Gaborone, Botswana, on June 21, 2016. Ministers discussed inter alia the implementation of the SADC Energy Programme, the advancement of regional priority projects and regional electricity market development. During their meeting the Ministers noted that the SADC Secretariat joined the Oversight Committee of the SE4All Africa Hub, representing the Regional Economic Communities for the coming years. Ministers urged the Member States which have not yet started developing their SE4All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus to consider doing so. The meeting was organized back-to-back with the joint Ministerial Workshop on Energy and Water discussing the problems arising from the draught in the SADC region.

**Green Mini-Grids (GMG)**

SE4All Africa Hub providing market intelligence, technical assistance and policy support for GMG development

The SE4All Africa Hub is implementing the Green Mini-Grids Market Development Programme (GMG MDP) to facilitate across Africa the creation of a GMG sector and enabling environment.

SEFA assisting governments in developing GMG enabling environments

The Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa has approved its third GMG country programme, this one for Niger, to assist the Government of Niger in developing a mini-grid policy framework and support private GMG developers. Niger was one of the countries that were shortlisted subsequent to the Expression of Interest launched at the SE4All Forum in 2015. This follows previously approved SEFA country programmes targeting Mozambique and Rwanda.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

Africa-EU Energy Partnership: Second Stakeholder Forum

“Business and science: leading the way to sustainable energy”.

The Forum took place from 16-17 May 2016 in Milan, Italy. Jointly organized by the AEEP, the Italian Government, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the European Commission, the event was attended by over 500 African and European participants representing policy-makers, international organizations, the private sector, civil society and academia. The Forum discussed progress towards achieving the AEEP’s 2020 targets and also provided an opportunity to explore the role of energy in countries’ implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change. During the discussions, several reports were launched including the ‘Mapping of Energy Initiatives and Programs in Africa’. The Mapping was undertaken in a consultative approach in the context of the AEEP with the involvement and support of numerous partners including notably the SE4All Africa Hub. The mapping captured over 50 Energy Initiatives and Programs, underlining the considerable focus on energy in Africa but also indicating areas that require additional attention. The Milan stakeholder communique called upon the SE4All Africa Hub to “continue this work initiated by the AEEP by regularly updating the data and analysis to keep pace with the sector dynamics as a key input into a possible future ‘Pan-African Coordination Platform’, as proposed by the African Union Commission, in collaboration with the AEEP Secretariat”.

Cooperation between SE4All and the Clean Energy Solutions Centre to support country actions

The Clean Energy Solutions Centre and SE4All are partnering to deliver information, knowledge and expert assistance to policy makers and practitioners in countries actively working to achieve SE4All objectives.
Energy Access Practitioner Network 2016 annual survey

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Practitioner Network is surveying practitioners to collect real-time impact and barrier data pertinent to the energy access sector. The portion of the survey spanning finance and investment has been jointly prepared with Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All). SE4All will use responses to the survey to inform their support to leaders so that they can drive forward innovations that unlock the right types of capital at the right time for centralized and decentralized approaches to energy access. You may participate to the survey via: http://svy.mk/29754hf.

Results of the survey will be made available to the public on: www.energyaccess.org later in the year.

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