



EUEI PDF NEWS

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Welcome to the first edition of EUEI PDF News!

This quarterly newsletter of the Partnership Dialogue Facility (PDF) of the European Union Energy Initiative (EUEI) provides information on EUEI PDF's energy access facilitation with updates on current projects, events and publications.

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Access to clean, affordable, reliable and safe energy services is central to sustainable development and poverty reduction efforts. EUEI PDF's overall objective is to support the development of policies and strategies for the promotion of access to energy at national and regional level. These are based on dialogue within and between partner countries, their regional organisations, EU member states and the European Commission.

Sincerely,

Celia Nork

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01 | Short Introduction to the EUEI PDF

The EUEI Partnership Dialogue Facility is an instrument of the European Union Energy Initiative (EUEI) and currently financed by six EU member states. It supports policy and strategy development for access to energy as well as related studies and dialogue activities.

The EUEI PDF has been in operation since 2005 and has scaled up its activities over the last three years. It has supported/is supporting a total of 25 activities/projects in 13 countries and worked/is working with 6 regional organisations and supporting 6 thematic projects. EUEI PDF is managed by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) in Eschborn, Germany. For more information click [here](#).

02 | Projects News

Fruitful Regional Workshop on Plant Oil/ Biodiesel in Latin America and the Caribbean

On 2nd of October 2007 the Dominican Republic Under-Secretary of State Ernesto Reyna opened the successful Regional Workshop on the use of Plant Oil/ Biodiesel as a source of energy in Latin America and the Caribbean in Santo Domingo. This event was organised by EUEI PDF in cooperation with the GTZ and the Energy and Environment Partnership with Central America (EEP) which is financed by Finland and Austria, following a request from the Ministry of Environment of the Dominican Republic. At the workshop more than 40 experts from 15 countries from national governments, private sector, NGOs, regional and international organisations exchanged best practices in the production and use of plant oil/ biodiesel. In addition, policies and strategies as well as opportunities for regional cooperation to enable plant oil/ biodiesel to contribute to national and local energy security and sustainable rural development were discussed and developed. The experts were from the following countries: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Nicaragua, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Mexico, Chile, Peru and Brazil. For more information click [here](#).

Stakeholder Involvement in the National Energy Policy Implementation Strategy (NEPIS) for Swaziland

In Swaziland the EUEI PDF is supporting the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy (MoNRE) with developing a National Energy Policy Implementation Strategy (NEPIS). In order to discuss the objectives and road map of the NEPIS a Project Steering Group Meeting was held in September 2007. This meeting was very well attended by representatives of the different ministries, NGOs, international organisations, the EU delegation and the private sector in Swaziland. The strategy is focussing on increased access to clean, affordable and reliable energy services and aims to identify priority energy projects building on the National Energy Policy of 2003. As since 2003 some changes took place, the programme will initially comprise a review of the existing National Energy Policy and provide an update on the existing proposed policy actions and their status. Based on this review and other relevant national, regional and international developments, the team of ESD Africa, which is contracted by EUEI PDF, in cooperation with the local NGO REASWA will provide an



outline strategy and identification of priority national energy projects taking into account recent demands and trends. In addition, a review of the outline energy priorities within the 2007 PRSAP will be conducted and a detailed strategy to support the energy component of the PRSAP will be prepared by mid 2008. More information available [here](#).

Lesotho Energy Access Strategy

The government of Lesotho has embarked on the development of a Household Energy Access Strategy that addresses the energy needs of low-income populations in rural and peri-urban areas (i.e. the 86% of the population who do not have access to the grid). This strategy will focus on the energy needs for cooking, heating and lighting that can be covered to a great extent with non-electricity energy sources such as efficient biomass stoves and LPG. After a household energy survey covering four areas in three different ecological zones scenarios for different strategies favouring the promotion of different fuels and appliances were developed. Based on these scenarios, a draft strategy was prepared and discussed with stakeholders representing 18 different organisations. The final document which is still under development is expected to be approved in early 2008. EUEI PDF assistance to the development for the strategy is provided through a team of international and national consultants lead by a South African household energy expert from the consultancy firm PDC. Read more [here](#).

Regional Organisations

In East Africa, following the adoption of the [Energy Access Strategy](#) of the East African Community (EAC), UNDP and GTZ are now supporting the EAC partner states to develop corresponding national energy access strategies. These are intended to be presented at a donor conference in March 2008. EUEI PDF supported the development of the Energy Access Strategy and is currently supporting a prior consultation with donors to establish what financial support might be mobilised to support the strategies.

Concerning West Africa, the ECOWAS energy ministers met in Lomé in November and finally recommended the establishment of the planned Regional Agency for Energy Access (RAEA) that is mentioned in the White Paper on Energy Access. The EUEI PDF had financed a preparatory [study](#) on the institutional design, responsibilities and potential sources of funding of the planned agency. According to the Ministers' resolution the RAEA will be an ECOWAS specialised institution and funded by ECOWAS member states and by donors as proposed in the preparatory study. The recommendation has to be endorsed by the Council of Ministers.

03 | New Publications and Reports

Manual for the development of Biomass Energy Strategies (BEST)

The objective of this guide is to give policy-makers and energy planners an orientation for the development of a national Biomass Energy Strategy. The manual that was developed by EUEI PDF and GTZ focuses on the strategy development process. Separate publications on specific BEST-related policy interventions such as stove dissemination and LPG promotion are under development.

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East Africa Energy Access Strategy (Summary)

EUEI PDF cooperated with UNDP to support the secretariat of EAC (East African Community) to formulate a regional strategy to promote access to energy in rural and peri-urban areas. [Download](#)

CEMAC Energy Access Action Plan (Summary)

Upon request from the CEMAC Secretariat EUEI PDF supported the development of a Regional Action Plan for the Promotion of Access to Energy in Central Africa with priority projects on the regional and national level. The action plan was adopted at a CEMAC workshop in Douala, Cameroon in April 2006. [Download](#)

Off-grid rural electrification planning in Ethiopia (Final Report)

Following a request from the Ethiopian Ministry of Mines and Energy, EUEI PDF supported capacity building for off-grid rural electrification planning within the Rural Electrification Executive Secretariat (REES) and on the regional level. [Download](#)

04 | Upcoming Events

EUEI PDF Governing Board Meeting

The fourth annual governing board meeting of the EUEI PDF is taking place in Stockholm on 10 and 11 January 2008, hosted by SIDA, with representatives from the EU member states funding the EUEI PDF and others as observers. The first day will comprise discussions of common interest concerning energy access, including rural electrification agencies and donor coordination.

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