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Subject: Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) Technical Mission
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Endorsement Date: Friday, 8th June, 2012 (MEMD Sector Working Group, SWG)
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Objectives of the Technical Mission

The technical mission has successfully built on the outcome of the High Level Mission held on the 25th and 26th of April 2012 in Uganda. During this High Level Mission, the Government of Uganda committed to SE4ALL and elaborated an initial draft of the “Rapid Assessment and Gaps Analysis”.

Following the request from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) and the EU Delegation in Uganda (as the lead agency¹ of the SE4ALL process in Uganda), the technical mission was tasked to support the Ugandan authorities to deepen and provide more detail to the above Rapid Assessment and Gap Analysis document. In addition, the mission was to develop concrete recommendations and priority actions for potential SE4ALL interventions to be undertaken in Uganda with support from the SE4ALL Initiative in the coming years, and to be endorsed by members of the MEMD Sector Working Group (EMD-SWG²) for final transmission and presentation by the Government of Uganda (GoU) during the SE4ALL event at the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012.

Process and Participation

The technical mission worked in close collaboration with the Uganda Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), the Local SE4ALL task force³ and the EU Delegation in Kampala. These stakeholders formed the mission’s primary day-to-day contact points, assisted with mission meetings and stakeholder workshops and provided essential feedback to the mission outputs. As a result, and in order to ensure the ownership of the final outcome, all documentation was prepared in close collaboration with the MEMD, and in consultation with the EU delegation.

¹ In the final wrap-up of the High Level mission with MEMD in April 2012, the EU Delegation in Uganda was designated the lead agency for SE4ALL. UNDP Team Leader was involved throughout this mission process.

² Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development Sector Working Group (EMD-SWG) comprises of all senior MEMD officials (mainly commissioners and their assistants, and at times with other representatives), all the agencies under MEMD eg REA, UEGCL, ERA, among others and the donors and development partners in the energy and minerals sector in Uganda. The SWG have monthly meetings and are all chaired by the PS or an appointed representative.

³ The Local SE4ALL task force is a steering committee created in UG to coordinate the process of developing the SE4ALL documentation in preparation for RIO. It comprises of UNDP, EU Delegation, KfW as the chair of Development Partners Working Group and MEMD. It is chaired by the EU Delegation.

The Mission Team organized a series of bilateral meetings (with all key Government public institutions, development partners and private sector stakeholders), and held three half-day stakeholder workshops (biomass, renewable energy and energy efficiency, and rural electrification). In between the bilateral meetings and the 3-day focussed thematic group discussions, the Mission Team attended the monthly Uganda Energy and Mineral Development Partners Group Meeting (EMDPG⁴) meeting and participated in the GET FiT stakeholder workshop.

Results and Conclusions

The Technical Mission prepared a document summarizing the key challenges of Uganda's energy sector, while providing key recommendations and identifying a list of concrete projects that could be financed under SE4ALL in the future. All elaborated in the enclosed Executive Summary, List of Projects as well as in the draft detailed main report.

Some of the **key recommendations** from the SWG were:

1. The challenge on Access to modern energy needs to be given more emphasis and priority in the list of projects;
2. The SE4ALL initiative need to complement, as much as possible, ongoing initiatives in the energy sector in Uganda by piggy-backing or supporting initial ready-to-go projects;
3. Private sector involvement and participation in the energy sector in Uganda is critical and needs to be factored in across all the prioritised project activities.

The strong involvement of the MEMD in the process, the confirmation of MEMD Minister Ms. Irene N. Muloni's attendance at the Rio+20 Summit and the presentation of Uganda's SE4ALL aspirations at the Summit, demonstrate the strong commitment of the GoU toward the SE4ALL Initiative and the high degree of ownership of the SE4ALL process. This gives all indications that the GoU will maintain the SE4ALL momentum.

Endorsement of Recommendations and Next Steps

- The resulting mission output (Executive Summary and the List of prospective Projects) was **endorsed** by members of the MEMD Sector Working Group (**EMD-SWG**⁵) and all key stakeholders in the high level meeting held on 8th June 2012.
- The Government of Uganda (through the MEMD Minister) to make a **presentation of the results** during the SE4ALL event at the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012.

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