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Speaker biographies



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Dr. Mohamedain E. Seif Elnasr is currently **Chief Executive Officer** a.i. of the **Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa (RAERESA)** which is COMESA's arm on energy regulation. Dr. Seif Elnasr formally worked as Energy Economist for the COMESA Secretariat and also worked as a Deputy Director and Programme Manager for Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), which is a German Nonprofit Foundation, Khartoum, Sudan.



Bwendo Kabanda is the **Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at WWF Zambia**. He has over 10 years work experience on promoting sustainable environmental and socio economic development; specialising in Climate Change Adaptation, Gendered Markets and Enterprises, Agricultural Value Chains development and Participatory Community Based Natural Resource Management. Bwendo currently supports projects on energy access and promotion of local CSOs' engagement in the development discourse.



Hezron Kajange is currently acting as **Co-ordinator for the National Gender and Sustainable Energy Network (NGSEN)** in Tanzania. He has also worked at the Ministry of Education for several years and has studied Energy Technology Assessments, advocacy and lobbying on gender and energy, and capacity building on gender mainstreaming.

Faith Adwoko Kalondawanga is **Programme Manager, Social and Economic Development, at the Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR) in Lusaka**. As such, she co-ordinates advocacy, research and policy work on issues of public resource mobilisation and utilisation; including taxation, debt management, and national planning. Faith's area of specialism is Agricultural Production and Management.



Michel Layec is an **independent economist and financial analyst specialized in the energy sector of developing countries**. He has 30 years of experience in the energy sectors of about 35 emerging markets, many in Sub Saharan Africa. As a lead energy economist at the World Bank in Washington and in the private sector, Michel has worked extensively with Governments, and multilateral and bilateral development institutions; including on implementing the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (SEforAll) in Sub-Saharan Africa.



David Lecoque heads the policy and business development department at the **Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)**, which is the only global business association that represents the entire decentralised renewable energy sector for rural electrification in developing and emerging countries. In this role he works closely with energy companies, key donors and institutions, financiers and NGOs involved in energy access.



Reginald Mapfumo is **Energy Advocacy Manager** for **Hivos** Hub Southern Africa. He has over 9 years' experience in the energy sector, and has worked at both project implementation level and policy lobbying and advocacy in southern Africa (mainly in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia).



Chiedza Mazaiwana is the **Power for All** Campaign Manager in Zimbabwe and **Energy Access thematic lead at Practical Action**, Southern Africa. In this capacity she advises Southern African nations on the development of decentralized micro hydro systems and pro-poor energy access reforms, and mobilized civil society efforts in the SEforAll Initiative through the facilitation of in-country CSO networks.



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Dr Lucy Stevens is **Senior Policy and Practice Adviser at Practical Action**. Lucy's interests are in two areas: energy access for the poor and urban poverty, with a particular focus on improving access to basic services for slum dwellers. She leads Practical Action's international influencing work in these areas, including playing a leading role in producing the Poor People's Energy Outlook, the organisation's flagship policy publication.



Sheppard Zvigadza works for **ZERO** Regional Environment Organisation in Zimbabwe as **Programmes Manager, Climate and Energy**. Since 2012, he has been Lead Coordinator in Renewable Energy Advocacy and Awareness Initiatives in partnership with HIVOS and Practical Action/DFiD/ Power for All. In this capacity, he focusses on energy access awareness-raising and strengthening the capacity of CSOs and the media.