

Objectives

-  1. To consolidate and facilitate technical and policy support that will make just and affordable energy transitions in all African countries financially viable, securing access to affordable energy by 2027 for at least 300 million Africans, contributing to SDG 7.1 target of universal access by 2030.
-  2. By 2027, transition 300 million people towards clean cooking out of the 970 million who do not have access to clean cooking fuels and technologies today, contributing to SDG 7.1 target of universal access by 2030.
-  3. Transition towards green energy by increasing the share of renewable electricity generation by 25 percentage points by 2027 and obtain a power sector based on renewables by 2063, in line with the “Africa We Want” Agenda.

The Initiative is framed around three key elements that are necessary for countries across the continent to accelerate preparation, financing, and implementation of their energy strategie



- First, it will maintain a collective leadership voice to promote holistic approach to energy and advocate for the needs of just and affordable energy transitions that span across different pathways as well as provide a peer mechanism that will monitor progress and enhance the objectives of the Initiative.



- Second, it will ensure the access to technical assistance, advisory support and policy advice to governments at all levels for the different stages and phases of their transitions, which include energy infrastructure development, enabling frameworks, energy market structure, energy transition plans, project facilitation, development of local and regional supply chains, human capacity and skills enhancement, retraining of labor and SME development, and inclusiveness of communities to promote equitable approaches. Pillars of focus would include off-grid and grid -based renewable energy, energy efficiency, sectoral solutions (e.g., transport, industry etc.), entrepreneurship and technological innovation, and jobs and local value creation.



- Third, it will facilitate access to and the transfer, application, and development of new technologies and innovative solutions (example: mini and smart grids, GH2) to harness the potential of and the opportunities for Africa in expanding its low carbon and renewable energy capacity.

Plan of Action

- At COP27, launch the Initiative with a group of African countries who will provide political leadership for the Initiative globally and domestically. Engagement with African ministers of Energy/ environment and partners will be done during preparations for Egyptian presidency of COP 27 and beyond.
- Map out, consolidate and align existing programmes and initiatives, starting with those working on increasing access to electricity and related ecosystems, to amplify action and identify technical and geographical gaps.
- Engage IEA and IRENA to provide possible pathways and scenarios for African countries, based on archetypes and resource endowments, for the most rapid and sustainable achievement of access. Initial pathways and scenarios will be showcased on the launch of the initiative, and the work will continue with IEA and IRENA with the different partners afterwards.
- Invite development partners to support technical assistance and capacity building across different aspects of the Initiative. Such support could be in-kind or financial, pledged initially at COP 27 and at regular intervals thereafter. The Presidency will initially maintain an inventory of resources and needs until the implementing modalities for the Initiative are in place.
- Define the implementing modalities for the Initiative to be finalized by SB meetings in 2023.
- Establish a monitoring and review system that would convene partners twice a year, at the technical level during the SB meetings in Bonn and at a leader level at COPs.