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Gorkha District, Nepal © Ian Taylor

The image shows electricity supplied by a hydropower plant in Marsyangdi. ADB is financing the rehabilitation of this and other plants to increase the reliability of electricity supply in Nepal.

Message from the Secretariat

It is now the time of the year to reflect on what we have been achieving this year and to look into the action plans for the coming year. In the last months, the Energy for All Partnership was shifting gears and gaining speed, keeping pace with many global initiatives to address energy poverty and to help scale up energy access for the poor in Asia. Among other major efforts in late 2010, the Partnership launched a Lighting for All program on the basis of the solar lantern working group, aiming to help provide access to clean, affordable, and reliable modern lighting for 50 million people in Asia and the Pacific region by 2015. Also, the second working group meeting on domestic biogas held in Cambodia in November laid a good foundation for project initiation, expansion, or innovation in 15 Asian countries.

This momentum would be carried over into the new year 2011 and help create synergies for the implementation of larger scale projects in the Asian region. In the first half of next year, we will focus on the identification of good practices and business models worldwide on energy access and help match the energy access projects in the pipeline with potential financiers through matchmaking at the 6th Asia Clean Energy Forum to be held in Manila in June 2011.

We look forward to working with you all in the new year to address challenges to scale up energy access in Asia. In the meantime we would like to send you our Season's Greetings, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Frank van der Vleuten, Energy for All Partnership Secretariat

Upcoming Events

Asia Clean Energy Forum 2011 – Call for Presentation Topics on New Business Models and Policy Drivers

20-24 June 2011 in Manila, Philippines

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) are calling for Presentation Topics for the Asia Clean Energy Forum 2011. The Forum is an annual event that brings together hundreds of policymakers, project developers, investors and technical experts from around the region for Asia's premier event for clean energy policy, programs and financing. An overview of the 2011 forum - A Week at a Glance can be found [here](#).

The format of the Forum is a series of 90-minute sessions, during which officials, experts, and implementers make brief (10-12 minutes) presentations, followed by facilitated discussion. In order to solicit a wide range of input for this year's Forum on clean energy policy and regulation, financing mechanisms, innovative business models, and access to energy, the organizers are issuing the open Call for Presentation Topics across the region, and internationally. A simple template for the presentation topics is available [here](#). The deadline for submissions is Friday, 4 February 2011 at 17:00 Manila time. Please check the [official website](#) for more information and updates.

South Asia Lighting Transformation Forum

17-19 January 2010 in Malé, Maldives

The USAID South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (SARI/Energy) will co-sponsor a three-day conference to discuss new technologies and applications in sustainable lighting and business models and policies to encourage their adoption. As a multi-stakeholder effort to develop a lighting technology road map for South Asia, this event is being organized by the Regional Centre for Lighting (RCL), which was recently established within the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, in cooperation with Maldives' State Electric Company Ltd. This forum will be preceded by the first annual meeting of RCL, which is South Asia's knowledge hub for sustainable lighting. Details about this event are available [here](#) at the RCL website.

Deadline Extended: e8-UNDESA Survey on PPPs

e8 and UNDESA are establishing a global report on the best practices in public private partnerships for strengthening deployment of low carbon technology in developing countries. The initiative starts with a global survey. e8 invites all partner organizations to complete the survey on the website [here](#). The survey includes a series of questions and a section for reporting lessons learned from public private partnership cases. The deadline for completing the survey has been extended to January 28, 2011. The e8 and the UN will analyze the results

and will share with you the draft report in the course of 2011. A final report on the best practices will be issued at the e8-UN Global Summit on June 2, 2010 at the UN Headquarters.

Events Report

Side Event on Universal Energy Access in Cancun

ADB through the Energy for All Partnership joined the UN Foundation and SNV Netherlands Development Organisation in hosting an official side event on Universal Energy Access during COP-16 in Cancun, Mexico. The high-level panel included Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President at the Asian Development Bank; Jean de Matha Ouédraogo, Head of SNV's Renewable Energy for East and Southern Africa Region; Harry Verhaar, Philips Lighting's Senior Director for Energy & Climate Change; and Mary Robinson, the President of Realizing Rights and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Kandeh Yumkella, the Director-General of the UN Industrial Development Organization moderated the event.



Panelists highlighted the goals proposed by the UN Secretary General's Advisory Group on Energy and Climate Change to achieve universal energy access by 2030 and reduce energy intensity to ensure inclusive, sustainable growth. Mary Robinson called energy access a basic human right and called on the international community to "square the justice circle" by investing in energy access through low-carbon options. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss cited the Energy for All Partnership as a step forward for energy access in Asia and the Pacific Region. Click [here](#) to read ADB Vice President Ursula Schaefer-Preuss's remarks.

Expert Group on Technical Innovation of Domestic Biogas Plants Meet in Jakarta

The kick-off meeting of expert group on technical innovation of domestic biogas plants was held on 18 December 2010 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Eight invited experts from six Asian countries formulated a work plan for the tasks to be concluded by mid-2011. This event is organized by SNV Netherlands Development Organization, the convener of the domestic biogas working group of the Energy for All Partnership.

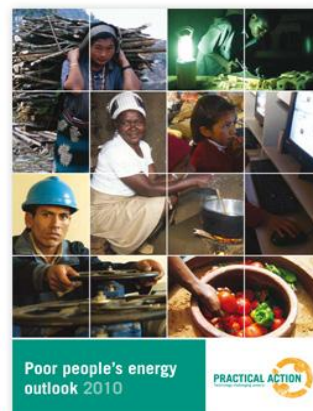
Environments of the Poor Conference in India

The Energy for All Partnership joined ADB and a consortium of development partners to organize a regional conference on the "Environments of the Poor in the Context of Climate Change and the Green Economy" in Delhi, India from 24-26 November. The conference brought together more than 150 experts to address the challenge of achieving poverty reduction in the face of growing climate variability and change. Jiwan Acharya of ADB's Energy for All Initiative presented on how inadequate access to modern energy leads the poor to damage their environment and illustrated how the projects supported by the Energy for All Partnership benefit both people and the environment, especially in the case of renewable power generation. Click [here](#) to read more about the conference.

Publication Review

Poor People's Energy Outlook 2010

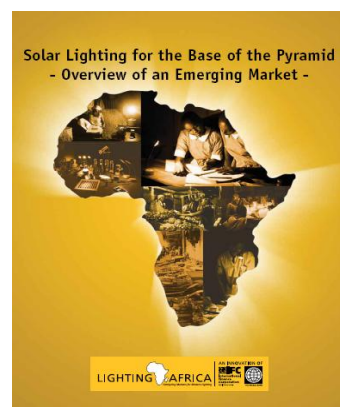
Practical Action recently released a report “Poor People's Energy Outlook 2010”, which presents an overview of the energy poverty outlook and the long-term goal of universal energy access from sustainable sources. This report describes people's experience of six vital energy services - lighting, cooking and water heating, space heating, cooling, information and communications, and energy for earning a living. It proposes a framework for Total Energy Access, including a set of minimum energy service standards and an energy access index. Recommendations on policy, financing and capabilities are proposed towards creation of a vibrant energy access “ecosystem” of energy product and service providers, engaging public, private and civil society sectors. Further information on this report is available at the [official website](#).



Solar Lighting for the BOP- Overview of an Emerging Market

The [Lighting Africa Project](#) recently released a landmark report Solar Lighting for the Base of the Pyramid - Overview of an Emerging Market. The report presents a snapshot of the solar portable lights market, which covers a range of lighting needs from individual tasks to general household lighting. It includes projected trends over the next five years.

Although technology-neutral as a program, Lighting Africa has conducted this research with a particular focus on solar portable lights. This is an emerging and fast growing part of the off-grid sector that deserves attention by the lighting industry, investors and the international development community.



The research found that solar portable lights could provide access to clean and safe lighting by 2015 to an estimated 65 million Africans currently either un-electrified or under-electrified; The market potential for solar portable lights is enormous and ripe for investment with an estimated 40-50% compounded annual growth rate in sales volume for the next 5 years. Click [here](#) for further information or [to download the full report](#).

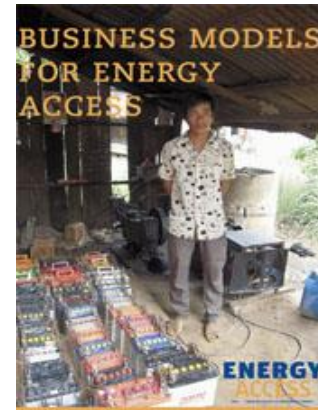
Global Energy Assessment

The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) presented the preliminary findings of the Global Energy Assessment (GEA) on 6 December at a side event of COP-16. As a comprehensive multi-year project initiated in 2007, the primary objective of this Assessment is to provide scientifically based, up-to-date analysis that can underpin practical options for decision makers in the public and private sectors to address energy access, security, and sustainability imperatives while tackling climate change. A core finding is that with the right mix of technologies, policies and management the next energy transformation can address poverty, development, sustainability and climate change objectives in a cost-effective and sustainable way. The unmet challenge is how to engage with governments and communities around the world to realize this potential and bring about change with urgency.

GEA estimates that providing universal energy access by 2030 would cost an additional US\$70 billion annually between now and then – less than 10% of current energy investments globally. Further information about GEA is available [here](#) and at the [official website of the project](#).

Business Models for Energy Access

The ETC Foundation recently published a report on Business Models for Energy Access under its Enabling Access to Sustainable Energy (EASE) project. The report provides an overview of 26 business models for energy access projects and markets. It shows the strategies and activities that EASE partners are implementing to stimulate commercial access to modern energy and to scale up energy access markets in the rural areas of Bolivia, Cambodia, Laos, Mali, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam. This publication is a product of the capacity building activities on business development services to strengthen private-sector cooperation in the rural energy sectors. The full report can be downloaded [here](#) at the EASE website.



Selling Solar: The Diffusion of Renewable Energy in Emerging Markets

Earthscan recently published a book “Selling Solar” written by Damian Miller. Focusing on the case of solar photovoltaics, this book shows how this promising technology began to diffuse rapidly in select emerging markets after years of struggling to take off. What were the initial barriers to diffusion? How were they overcome? Who did it? And how can this success be replicated? The author of this book answers these questions, showing how entrepreneurs affected profound technological change not just through the solar systems they sold, but through the example they set to both new market entrants and policymakers. In analyzing how this happened, this book offers important lessons for the diffusion of a range of renewable energy technologies in emerging markets, and for the advancement of the sector as a whole. Further information about this book can be found [here](#).

IFAD Releases Rural Poverty Report 2011

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) recently released the Rural Poverty Report 2011, which provides a coherent and comprehensive look at rural poverty, its global consequences and the prospects for eradicating it. Since the last Rural Poverty Report was published by IFAD in 2001, more than 350 million rural people have lifted themselves out of extreme poverty. But the new report notes that global poverty remains a massive and predominantly rural phenomenon – with 70% of the developing world’s 1.4 billion extremely poor people living in rural areas. Key areas of concern are Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. The report underscores threats to rural development posed by climate change, volatile food prices, and natural resource constraints. Further information about this report is available [here](#).

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