

INVITATION

The ACCESS Coalition invites you to attend a Side Event at the Global SDG7 Conference in Bangkok on
‘Doing things differently: why civil society engagement and innovative energy service delivery is needed to achieve the SDGs’

SESSION OVERVIEW

The Side Event will explore the learning on why better understanding of poor end users’ development needs and their integration into energy service planning is crucial to achieve universal access, and how this can accelerate progress towards the SDG7 targets as well as maximize impacts across a range of other SDGs (including such as those related to poverty and economic growth -through links to agriculture and other productive uses- health, education, SDG5 on gender equality and climate change / environmental targets.

The session will discuss specific examples of successful multi-stakeholder or inclusive energy decision-making, service planning and delivery. It will highlight the contribution of civil society groups working with last mile communities. The potential barriers and challenges to implementing more inclusive processes will also be explored, as well as innovations that can accelerate progress towards the 2030 goal. The panel will consider questions such as:

1. What does experience and evidence tell us about the current approaches and their inadequacy in connecting those living in the ‘last mile’ to modern energy services?
2. What is the importance of multi-stakeholder, inclusive approaches to decision-making & planning to reach the SDG7 target so important? what is the role of CSOs and CBOs in ensuring ‘no-one is left behind’?
3. What concrete examples are there of how these more inclusive approaches have added value, either to SDG 7 implementation process or other relevant discussions?

DATE and TIME

21st February, 2018; 2.50pm - 4.20 pm

VENUE

Conference Room “Theater”, UN ESCAP, Bangkok.

SPEAKERS

Introduction: Ms. Rita Poppe, Member- Coordination Group, ACCESS; Advocacy Officer, Public Affairs, Hivos.

Panel:

- **Chair: Dr. Rianne Teule**, Senior Advocacy Officer- Renewable Energy, SNV
- **Mr. Paul Mbuti**, Principal Renewable Energy Officer, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Government of Kenya
- **Mr. Fabby Tumiwa**, Executive Director, Institute for Essential Service Reform
- **Mr. Carlos Sordo**, Energy Access Partnership and Innovation Manager, Practical Action

ABOUT ACCESS

The ACCESS Coalition brings together over fifty civil society organisations and practitioners with decades of experience advocating around energy access and delivering energy services to last mile communities in the High Impact Countries for SDG7 implementation, as well as at regional and international levels.

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