



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Tracking and influencing AfDB energy sector investments to governments, civil society and the private sector in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania

Background and Context

Access to modern energy is recognized as an essential enabler of sustainable development that is important for delivering Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) like health, education, inclusive economic development, gender equality and climate action. Realizing SDG 7 - access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030 - is crucial for 789¹ million people across the world who still lack access to modern electricity, and 2.8² billion people who do not have access to clean fuels and technologies. 87% of these people live in remote areas without access to electricity grids, and are referred to as the 'last mile'. The least-cost way of reaching most of them is through off-grid energy solutions powered by Decentralized Renewable Energy (DRE), but minimal global financing flows to DRE and clean cooking compound the situation further. Considering the ambitious global SDG 7 targets and the acute energy gaps in sub-Saharan countries, universal access to energy and transition will require targeted massive investment in off-grid solutions as well as a strong push and consultation of all stakeholders. To this end, financial flows need to be tracked at the highest possible level of disaggregation. Additionally, the Covid-19 pandemic is shown to be having impact on global financial flows and for this reason, it is important that stimulus packages and new investments are aligned with clean energy ambitions to create a 'green recovery' and to build more resilient economies.

Increased, more strategic and ongoing civil society engagement is needed in the development and implementation of AfDB and World Bank energy policies and energy investment decisions. This should be done at both headquarter and country office levels and in wider energy planning and initiatives by national governments which influence their relationships with the AfDB and World Bank. This will lead to a greater understanding by AfDB and World Bank staff, and national client governments of the benefits of energy access for achieving the SDGs and inclusive economic development. It will also build political buy-in to scale-up investments in DRE and clean cooking and move beyond 'business as usual' support to delivering energy services for poor groups, including through more inclusive planning and integrated policy and capacity building support.

AfDB currently has an engagement framework with civil society. Additional civil society engagement is however required in order to facilitate inclusive and effective CSO participation in AfDB and national government integrated planning and decision-making and in wider AfDB decision-making at HQ and national levels.

Overview of ACCESS Coalition

[Alliance of Civil Society Organizations for Clean Energy Access \(ACCESS\)](#) is a global coalition of over 80 CSOs and practitioners whose mission is to advocate for people living in poverty to have access to safe, reliable, and affordable energy, and for environmentally sustainable and efficient energy systems globally. Most ACCESS members are practitioners and civil society groups based in sub-Saharan Africa, with some members also working in Asian countries with high levels of energy poverty. ACCESS aims to address three fundamental problems: (1) Low integration of the energy needs of poor

¹ https://trackingsdg7.esmap.org/data/files/download-documents/01-sdg7-executivesummary_0.pdf

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communities in energy sector planning and decision-making; (2) Low understanding/uptake of the evidence-based and innovative approaches needed to deliver SDG 7 by governments and investors; and (3) Insufficient participation by communities and civil society in national and regional energy planning and decision making.

To address these challenges, ACCESS developed a three-year Global Advocacy Strategy (2018-2021) with three goals adopted as ACCESS workstreams which are:

1. Influencing National implementation of SDG 7
2. Engaging with African Development Bank and the World Bank Group
3. Knowledge and Capacity building led by the ACCESS Learning Group

Tracking investments by AfDB in achieving SDG 7

The AfDB developed an ambitious strategy to 'Light Up and Power Africa' (comprising the New Deal on Energy with a new 'High 5' corporate objective aiming to achieve universal energy access in Africa by 2025). To reach this goal, the AfDB aims to fund roughly half of the new or improved connections needed, with targets of 30 million extra people connected via off-grid, 60 million on-grid, plus 80 million people with new access to clean cooking by 2025. This commitment is welcome – particularly the focus on off-grid connections.

Despite renewed commitment from the top of the AfDB, including the development of a new CSO engagement strategy, there is need for ongoing and targeted influencing by CSOs, along with more transparent and inclusive participation by civil society and poor communities in AfDB investment decisions to hold the AfDB to account on delivering its 'High 5' on energy access. There is also a need to strengthen CSO capacity to participate and engage effectively.

Understanding the AfDB energy sector financial flows and engagement opportunities is crucial to CSOs advocacy as the world contemplates the energy transition, more so in Sub Saharan Africa.

A. The assignment

The overall objective of the consultancy is to track the AfDB energy sector financing in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania in order to provide an analysis of the current and past investments which can be labelled as contributing to achievement of the SDG 7 targets. To take stock of the current state of play, the analysis will focus on projects, investments and technical support provided to governments, civil society and the private sector approved between 2016-2020, and projects in the pipeline as of January 2021 for which data is publicly available.

Following the analysis, the consultant will prepare a Civil Society Influencing guide illustrating the key entry points that CSOs can engage in to influence AfDB energy planning process

This will be done through:

- i. Identifying and analysing the AfDB financing to governments, private sector institutions and civil society organizations in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania via investments, projects, seed funding and technical support from 2016 to 2020. This will involve mapping 'the sources of finance' and the 'finance instruments used', and clean energy technologies financed. The development of a CSO influencing guide for engaging with AfDB will rely on data from the analysis to propose key entry points for influencing and will additionally feature decision making and policy frameworks by the Bank that CSOs can influence.

B. Scope of Work

The consultant will need to undertake the following tasks to achieve the objective mentioned above:

1. Identify & analyze AfDB financing to energy sectors of governments of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania in forms of investments, projects and technical support under four broad categories:
 - i. Decentralized Renewable Energy

- ii. Electrification
 - iii. Clean Cooking
 - iv. Energy Efficiency
2. Identify and analyze AfDB financing for energy investments, projects, seed funding and technical support to the private sector and civil society under the four categories mentioned in (1) above
 3. Prepare an analytical report with findings from (1) and (2). It would be important to indicate who and how many the end users and/or beneficiaries of these funds are, and whether the funds have gone to fossil fuel projects or renewables.
 4. Develop an influencing Guide for energy CSOs from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania based on:
 - i. Findings of the study
 - ii. In-country engagement mechanisms for AfDB
 - iii. CSO engagement framework of AfDB
 - iv. Any other relevant resource
 5. Present the findings of the assessment to ACCESS members and partners in a virtual webinar in July 2021

C. Methods and tools

The following is an inexhaustive list of methods and tools to be used to complete the tasks:

1. Literature review and desk research
2. Interviews with relevant stakeholders- CSOs, national government representatives, private sector, Multi-lateral development Banks, MDB CSO Committee representatives, etc
3. Validation webinars/meetings
4. Analytical report
5. Presentations

The four broad categories of SDG 7 indicated in section “B” are inexhaustive and cross cutting and the consultant/firm should indicate how they will structure the research to ensure each is captured adequately while acknowledging any other financing outside the listed scope but within SDG 7.

D. Key deliverables

Upon contracting, the consultant will be required to deliver the following outputs:

1. Provide an Inception report with detailed methodology, workplan, list & links to literature/research to be reviewed, respondent list & contacts and timeline
2. Hold briefing meetings with ACCESS at least thrice for the duration of the assignment
3. Deliver an analytical report with findings of the study which is copy edited and designed to client specifications
4. Deliver a CSO Influencing Guide on AfDB as indicated in section (c) which is copy edited and designed to client specifications
5. Present the findings to the ACCESS Working Group on AfDB and/or Learning Group and to country specific groups
6. Develop a PowerPoint presentation with the findings to be presented during a virtual dissemination webinar which the consultant will also facilitate in July 2021

E. Duration of assignment

This consultancy will take a total of **25 working days spread out in two months**, and is anticipated to begin in June 2021. Two of these days should specifically be set aside for the webinar(s).

F. Essential qualifications, experience, and skills of the consultant/consultancy firm

The assignment is open to consultants or consultancy firms with the following:

1. An undergraduate and/or higher degree in Energy, Finance, Development, Governance and/or Public Policy from a recognized institution of higher learning

2. Demonstrable experience engaging in development financing for the energy sector, energy governance, energy policy and advocacy in Kenya, Uganda or Tanzania of at least 5 years
3. Demonstrable experience in developing policy briefs and analytical reports/briefs, technical briefs or white papers of at least 5 years
4. Knowledge of the energy sector in East Africa and/or energy financing in the region, and in particular clean cooking, electrification and/or renewable energy
5. Experience working with MDBs in Sub Saharan Africa will be an added advantage

G. Terms and Conditions

The consultant shall be expected to work remotely for the duration of the assignment in close consultation with the ACCESS team while keeping to the agreed delivery schedule. The Consultant will be reporting to the Advocacy and Communications Manager in consultation with the International Coordinator. The consultant will also from time-to-time work with the AfDB/ World Bank Working Group and ACCESS Learning Group in addition to the Kenya Climate Change Working Group, which is the host organization for ACCESS Coalition.

The consultant shall be paid in disbursements as follows:

	Deliverable	Payment
1	Approval of inception report	20%
2	Submission of analytical report with findings of the study & key messaging	40%
3	Submission of CSO Influencing Guide on AfDB	30%
4	Facilitation of final webinar	10%

H. Guideline for submission of expression of interest

Consultants/ consultancy firms should submit the following as one pdf document:

1. A cover letter detailing relevant experience & references of similar work aligned to the ToR
2. A proposal of no more than five pages outlining approach to the assignment and methodology, summary of consultant/team profile with a link to online CVs and an indicative budget for the assignment.

All proposals must be submitted as one document to recruitments@kccwg.org copying international.coordinator@access-coalition.org **no later than 14th June 2021**. ACCESS/KCCWG are equal opportunity employers. Persons with disabilities, women, and the youth are highly encouraged to apply.