

Joint Statement ACCESS Coalition and GeCCo

Accelerating a Just and Inclusive Energy Future: The eCooking Imperative for COP30

As part of AG3: Ensuring Universal Access to Energy, GeCCo and ACCESS Coalition is calling for Universal Access to Energy to be recognised as the supply which can be met by demand through eCooking -and prioritised in COP30 commitments. Scaling electric cooking is a key enabler of inclusive, clean energy access.

As organisations dedicated to accelerating the uptake of electric cooking, we see firsthand how cooking with electricity advances Universal energy access across multiple dimensions.

Electric cooking offers an effective, multi-dimensional value proposition—from increasing profitability for energy providers and investors, to improving health, saving time, and reducing costs for end users. It strengthens utility performance, supports government goals for clean energy access, and contributes meaningfully to climate mitigation. In short, it's a win for end users, a win for utilities, a win for governments, and a win for climate action—a true win-win-win-win solution that delivers across economic, social, and environmental fronts.

To unlock this potential, GeCCo and ACCESS Coalition emphasizes on the following priorities:

1. Redirect concessional and grant based resources toward decentralized renewable energy and clean cooking, backed by local currency instruments to reduce foreign exchange risks. Ensure Mission 300 financing prioritizes least cost, pro-poor solutions like eCooking and DRE, avoiding debt heavy models that exclude the poorest
2. Establish clear national targets and roadmaps that mainstream clean cooking and decentralized renewables. Support predictable regulatory and policy environment that build energy sector confidence while embedding GEDSI and just transition principles.
3. Design energy access as a catalyst for development by linking electrification and clean cooking with health, agriculture, health and livelihoods. Integrate eCooking loads in electrification programs to accelerate clean cooking access and strengthen grid viability
4. Institutionalize mechanisms for civil society and energy poor communities to shape financing, planning and governance. Demand clear metrics and transparent reporting on how finance and electrification programs include clean cooking, ensuring accountability and credibility across institutions.
5. Ensure eCooking is embedded in Mission 300 electrification programs so that the new connections strengthen grid viability, lower household costs and accelerate clean cooking access.

That's why we're urging policymakers, funders, and energy leaders to put electric cooking at the heart of universal access strategies.

COP30 is the opportunity to leverage the benefits of electric cooking-delivering tangible benefits for people, infrastructure, and the planet. Embedding these priorities into energy access strategies will shift progress from incremental steps to transformative change, ensuring universal access is sustainable equitable and resilient.

About GeCCo

The Global Electric Cooking Coalition (GeCCo) is a collaborative platform advancing the global shift to electric cooking. It works with governments, utilities, and partners to integrate eCooking into national energy plans, strengthen grid readiness, and accelerate market uptake through policy support, evidence generation, and targeted investment.

Read more about GeCCo here: <https://www.gecco.org/>

About ACCESS Coalition

ACCESS is a global civil society coalition advocating for inclusive, people-centred energy access. The coalition works to ensure that clean, affordable energy solutions—including clean cooking—reach underserved communities, while elevating their voices in policy, financing, and global climate processes.

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