



Community Of Champions



About the Community of Champions

The Community of Champions was formed as an opportunity for high-level, ongoing exchange between **governments, the private sector and development partners to work collaboratively** towards creating a **supportive policy environment** to help achieve **universal energy access** in Africa.



Community of Champions: Goals

The Community of Champions ('COC') is a platform that:

- Facilitates peer to peer learning between governments and exchange of ideas, challenges, successes, and best practices related to scaling up off grid energy access through integrated energy approaches for public sector energy access champions.
- Facilitates a tripartite dialogue between governments, the private sector off-grid solar industry and development partners / relevant stakeholders to collaboratively create an enabling policy environment for the realization of universal energy access across Sub-Saharan Africa.



Community of Champions: Outcomes

The outcomes we aim for are:

- Better informed governments, who have a good understanding of the potential, the benefits and the limitations of market-driven electricity access
- Good relationships between governments themselves, the industry and development partners
- Alignment between industry and development partners



Community of Champions: Membership

- The core Community membership comprises of government representatives from the participating countries in Sub-Saharan Africa who are driving the energy access agenda.
- Membership in the community by participating countries is by invitation/nomination by the partners of the Community.
- Nominated government officials need to play a direct role in the realisation of the regional and national energy access targets and be of sufficient seniority.
- The nominees can be from ministries responsible for energy, and Rural Electrification Authorities and other related ministries.
- Although the Community currently focuses on Sub-Saharan Africa, guest speakers, observers and relevant stakeholders from other regions might be invited to participate in specific activities.



Community of Champions: Membership

Existing (24)

- Burundi
- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- DRC
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Mali
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Rwanda

- Senegal
- Somalia
- Somaliland
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

- EACREEE
- ECREEE
- SACREEE
- CEREEAC
- COMESA

Total members: 29



Community of Champions: Partners

- The Community of Champions is supported by **GONGLA, World Bank/ESMAP, AECF, UKAID, SEforAll and The Rockefeller Foundation**
- GONGLA acts as the Secretariat for the Community, organizing the partner meetings and activities.
- In its current format, the Community is mainly focused on events – with partners contributing financially to cover event logistics.
- The aim is to expand the work of the Community to include regular follow-ups with the government Champions, to create tools and documents to guide the policymakers on key topics, and to ensure regular government-to-government contact.



Activities of the Community of Champions (COC)

Since its launch in 2018, the Community of Champions platform has facilitated interactive and open dialogue amongst government decision-makers, industry, and the international donor community through **7 in-person meetings as well as 14 interactive online webinars.**



2024 Community of Champions meetings and webinars



Webinar: May
2024

Leveraging Off-Grid solar Solutions to support National Social and Economic Development Priorities



In-person event: Oct
2024

- Key themes
- Off-Grid Solar and Cross-Sector Collaboration
 - Public Funding & Collaboration

Webinar: April
2024

A Deep Dive into the World Bank Off-Grid Solar (OGS) Policy Toolkit



Webinar: Sept 2024

Designing Responsible End-User Subsidies for Energy Access

- Integrated Planning
- Productive Uses
- Public Institutions Electrification Services Models and Finance of Energy



Community of Champions in 2025 -Objectives

Our Top 4 Objectives

1. Foster collaboration, networking, and discussion around energy access initiatives
2. Strengthen uptake and adoption of CoC content
3. Foster stronger engagements with champions
4. Enhance visibility of COC's work to existing and potential partners and articulate the support needed to achieve its objectives.

