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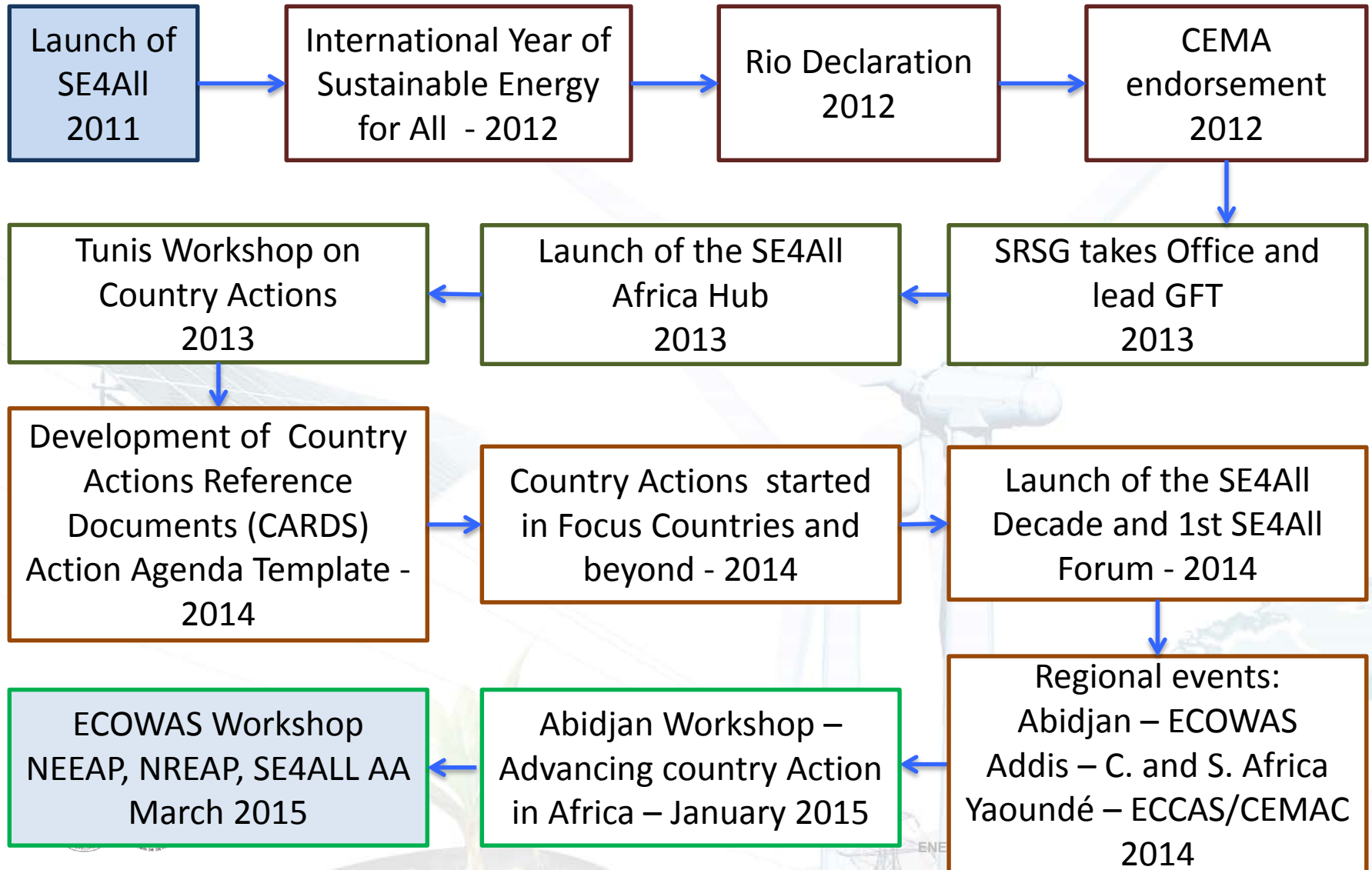


Advancing SE4All country action in Africa

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How far have we come?



SE4ALL Structure and the Africa Hub



Mission of the SE4ALL Africa Hub

- Coordinate and facilitate SE4All implementation in Africa (CEMA Nov. 2012)

Operating Principles

- African ownership
- “Light” structure
- Results orientation

Significant advancements in 2014

- **Harmonisation of the processes:** Country Action Reference Document (CARDS) outlined country action steps, AA and IP principles and partnership ethics
- **Development of AA template:** to provide a common structure for guidance and quality assurance.
- **Promotion of AA/IP** through regional workshops and events.
- **Initial support to African AA/IP** by several SE4ALL partners incl. EC, WB, US, ECREEE, Africa Hub partners.

Initial results:

- Declaration of Partnership > 43 African Countries
- Rapid Assessments > completed for most countries
- Action Agendas > 24 under development
- Investment prospectus > 10 under development



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Countries developing AAs

- 14 Focus countries AA/IP processes have started throughout the continent
- ECREEE is leading the AA process in the other ECOWAS countries
- AfDB and UNDP will support AA/IP processes in Angola, DRC, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia

In total, some 24 countries embarked on the AA process



Some initial lessons learned

Processes and Institutions

- AAs are built on current country priorities
- Consultation processes should be a building block rather than tick the box
- High-level and inter-ministerial coordination needs increased emphasis
- SE4ALL Country Focal Point Teams need to be institutionalized
- Importance of ownership of individuals and institutions. Absorptive capacity major concern
- Challenge of multi-stakeholder approach and cross-sector coordination

Contents and Implementation

- Lack of sufficient data major obstacle to setting targets and defining actions
- The AA Template helps structuring AA but needs to be adjusted to national circumstances
- The link between HIOs and AAs need to be better defined
- AAs focus mainly on electricity, and not enough on energy services (although clean cooking featured prominently in some)
- Renewable Energy (on- and off-grid) are generally well covered in the AAs but Energy Efficiency appears to receive less priority
- In most cases, nexus targets are not well developed

What are the challenges ahead?

Good start, but SE4All will only be as good as its capability to deliver transformative results on the ground. This requires :

- Increased/more structured involvement of SE4ALL Hubs, HIOs etc. in country action processes needed
- Quality control of AA/IPs is critical for the credibility of SE4ALL
- Increased degree of standardization for IPs and link between AA/IP processes
- Importance of adequate “political” validation of AAs
- Structured follow-up and support to implementation of AA/IPs critical for maintaining SE4ALL momentum (targeted support measures, e.g. on mini-grids, set-up of a “market place” for AA/IPs)



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Abidjan workshop - Follow-up to AAs and IPs

A number of possible follow-up activities for AAs/IPs were identified during the workshop:

1) Promotion/Marketing/Networking activities:

- Publication of SE4ALL AAs/IPs on websites, newsletters and communication
- Promotion of the AA/IP in SE4ALL events, notably the SE4ALL Forum
- Matchmaking between investors and countries (creation of an online market place)
- Strategic involvement of SE4ALL Advisory Board members in the resource mobilization efforts

2) Political engagement/awareness raising/lobbying:

- SE4ALL concerted approach towards political leaders to ensure high-level buy-in
- Bring IPs to the attention of the AELG, Regional Economic Communities and other specialized institutions and seek support from investors
- Engaging with development partners to use the AA/IP as guiding tool for their assistance to the country.
- SE4ALL could promote the AAs as recognized implementation responses to the post-2015 energy goal

3) Mobilization of resources:

- Facilitating access to finance from available resources of partners
- Explore opportunities for bundling clusters of projects/programmes across countries

Outcomes of the Abidjan workshop

- Finalize the stakeholder consultation guidelines
- Develop ToR of the Quality Circle for AA/IPs
- Clarification of the concept and use of IPs and development of a proposal for a structure/approach for Investment Prospectuses linked to below action on the marketplace
- Develop a concept for a AA/IP marketplace
- Identify mechanisms for a closer link between HIOs and the Advisory Board Committees and the country action processes
- Assure that follow-up actions are planned and implemented in countries that are completing AAs/IPs processes
- Provide training to national and international consultants and SE4All focal points involved in the process



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Thank you!

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