UN Goals for Universal Access to Clean, Affordable Energy

Regional Economic Communities Linking global to national level

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Growing momentum on energy

• April 2010 Secretary General Advisory Group on Energy and Climate Change report *Energy for a Sustainable Future*

• September 2010 MDG summit: energy key factor for achievement of MDGs

• December 2010 UN General Assembly declares 2012 the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All

• September 2011 formal launch of UNSG Sustainable Energy for All Initiative and first meeting of High Level Action Group

• June 2012 Rio+20 thematic session on energy, energy days
• UN General Assembly resolution to increase awareness and promote action at the local, national, regional and international levels

• Platform to mobilize support and commitments on universal access, improved efficiency, increased share of renewable energy

• Launch January 2012 at World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi, followed by series of regional launch events

• Report back outcomes to General Assembly September 2012
Guidelines for International Years

ECOSOC Resolution 1980/67

• directed towards promoting international development in practical ways

• international level should support measures and activities at the national level.

• There should be national committees or other mechanisms for preparing for following up the international year on the national level.

• There should be effective coordination of the activities of the United Nations organizations and bodies concerned
SG Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All

SEFA by 2030 through three mutually reinforcing objectives:

• Ensuring universal access to modern energy services

• Doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency

• Doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix
SG Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All

• Make SEFA priority for all partners

• Seek commitments for action

• Develop implementation mechanisms through national coordinating mechanisms and public-private partnerships

• Develop innovative financial mechanisms to support financing gaps

• Provide accountability and performance measurement to track results and stakeholder commitments
Elements of the SG Initiative

High-Level Group on SEFA, co-chaired by Director-General UNIDO, Kandeh K. Yumkella, and the Chairman of Bank of America Corporation, Charles O. Holliday

• Develop an Action Agenda to implement the SEFA Initiative to be presented at Rio+20

• Set out concrete priority areas for action - commitments by wide range of stakeholders and tracking progress

• Regional and national consultations to validate the Action Agenda and link to national actions, in cooperation with UN Regional Commissions, UNDP, and other UN agencies and key multilateral institutions
Elements of the SG Initiative

- **Engagement of the private sector**, e.g. through the UN Global Compact *UN Private-Sector Forum*

- **Outreach to governments**, through UN-Energy and ongoing processes (e.g. Rio+20, Energy Ministerials, Durban COP-17)

- **Platform of the International Year of SEFA 2012**
  - Global advocacy (UN Energy)
  - National level engagement (UNDP)
Examples of Initiatives collaborating with the UN SG *Sustainable Energy for All* initiative

- Energy for All (Asian Development Bank),
- Lighting Africa (World Bank),
- Energy for the Poor (OFID)
- Energy+ (recently announced by Norway)
- the Paris-Nairobi Climate Initiative,
- the EU-Africa Energy Partnership.
- Other ambitious national programs such as in countries for example China, India, Nepal, Brazil, and South Africa are similarly critical to reaching our objectives.
Member States are encouraged to establish **National Coordinating Mechanisms** and designate **Focal Points** for the Year:

- Ensure broad stakeholder involvement
- Raise **public awareness**
- Build **commitments** to action and articulate action plans
- Establish means to track commitments and **measure progress**
Recommendations for ECOWAS (1)

• Utilizing the platform of the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All to build broad stakeholder coalitions for Sustainable Energy for All

• Collaboration with the UN agencies, other development partners, private sector and civil society towards commitments for implementing the objectives of the UNSG Initiative on Sustainable Energy for All

• Building on the ECOWAS white paper processes and programmes to implement commitments on Sustainable Energy for All
Recommendations for ECOWAS (2)

• Broaden Context – situate energy access and energy efficiency within climate change framework

• Positioning for Financing – policy framework, enabling environment, institutional frameworks, and investment programmes

• “Off the shelf” commercially viable business models and operational programmes;

• Link to other Regional Economic Communities

• Integrate commitments into ECOWAS Implementation Plan
Thank you