

OUTCOME STATEMENT(s)

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<p>On Monday, 19th February 2018, CUTS Nairobi participated in the formation of the first ever Homa Bay County Renewable Energy Stakeholders' Forum. The forum was created in a meeting chaired by Ms. Maryline Agwa, County Chief Officer (CO) - Department of Energy and Mining. Other members in the forum are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Energy4Impact- an NGO offering business and training support to entrepreneurs in clean energyii. Renewvia Energy- a private sector entity dealing in solar systemsiii. Nyalore Impact- a social enterprise in manufacture and distribution of clean cook stoves and briquettes in Homa Bay Countyiv. Dream EP Global Energy- a private sector entity in wind and solar generationv. Vesta East Africa- a private sector entity with interests in wind power generation in Homa Bay Countyvi. World Vision- an international NGOvii. GIZ- an international development organization implementing projects on renewable energy in Homa Bay County <p>The forum will primarily focus on policy advocacy and lobbying at the county level to create a favourable environment for uptake of renewable energy technologies through increased investment opportunities for the private sector as well as capacity building and awareness creation for the county legislators and community members. It will also seek for the formation of public-private partnerships (PPPs) with the county and national governments.</p>

Relevance

The national government envisioned connecting 70 per cent of the country to the national grid by the end of 2017. Presently, many parts of the country have not been reached by the Last Mile Project. This gap can be filled by investment in increased investments in off-grid renewable energy technologies such as small hydropower generation, wind and solar power. However, these technologies are capital-intensive in nature and have stiff licensing requirements. The Homa Bay County Renewable Energy Stakeholders' Forum will therefore enable constructive debate on the available investment opportunities for the private sector and development partners within the county with the purpose of initiating off-grid energy solutions either through solo-contracts or under PPP agreements with the county government. Besides policy advocacy and lobbying, the stakeholders will also provide technical support, research and development services (R&D), resource mobilization and capacity building of county leaders and policy makers as well as the local communities.

Contribution

1. The debate on the need for collaboration of all stakeholders in renewable energy within Homa Bay County was instigated in the sidelines of a CUTS facilitated capacity building workshop for county leaders & policymakers and consumer organizations/CSOs held in Homa Bay on 9th February, 2018
2. On 19th February, 2018, CUTS Nairobi attended a meeting convened by the CO-Department of Energy and Mining in Homa Bay County

Sources

1. Report of meeting held on 19th February, 2018 at the CO's office
2. Ms. Maryline Agwa, CO – Dept. of Energy and Mining, marylineagwa@gmail.com, 0721835156
3. Ms. Evelyne Heyi, GIZ, evelyne.heyi@giz.de
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