



Mission 300 Africa Heads of State Energy Summit

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Ahead of the Mission 300 Summit, over 100 representatives of civil society organizations convened virtually for a pre-Summit dialogue. A joint statement summarizing the discussion was read by two civil society rapporteurs at the Summit: Mr. Adam Anthony, Executive Director of Haki Rasilimali Tanzania; and Ms. Cherop Soy, Program Officer, Enzi Ijayo Africa Initiative, Kenya.

Civil Society Mission 300 Statement

Preamble

Having considered that nearly 600 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa live without access to electricity, representing nearly 83% of the world's unelectrified population.

Having considered further that without access to sustainable, affordable and reliable energy, Sub-Saharan Africa risks not reaching its development targets including lifting millions, if not billions, out of poverty.

Noting that Africa has some of the best renewable energy resources on the planet. With Nearly 60% of the world's prime solar sites located on the continent.

Noting that access to sustainable, affordable and reliable energy is key to powering Africa and transforming national economies and regional development.

Acknowledging the World Bank and African Development Bank's mission to connect 300 million people to electricity in Sub-Saharan Africa by 2030.

Convinced that this summit is committed to mobilising financial and political support for sustainable, affordable and reliable energy access across the continent to unlock economic and human development opportunities.

Having adopted the African Union Vision 2063's objective to harness African energy resources to ensure modern, efficient, reliable, cost-effective, renewable and environmentally friendly energy to all.

Recalling the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development envisioning a world where human habitats are safe, resilient and sustainable and where there is universal energy access.

Further Recalling Sustainable Development Goal seven to ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all and increasing substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

Now, therefore,

Based on the outcomes from the Civil Society Energy Dialogue held on January 22nd 2025, we, the civil society have agreed on a path to energy access that is people-centred, does not leave anyone behind, and does not jeopardise development or the planet.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the African Civil Societies, these are our recommendations.

Resolutions/Recommendations

Emphasize that investments must be multidimensional and cross sectoral, focused on generation, transmission, distribution, and where possible, regional interconnection to ensure quality, reliability, and affordability of power supply.

Urges that the commitment to connect 300 million people in Africa must also ensure the transition to more diversified and cleaner sources of energy.

Recommends that, given the important role of the compacts, it is imperative that there is a clear mechanism for civil society and the public to participate in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the energy compacts through coordination committees at a national level.

Furthermore, ensure consistent and comprehensive use of disaggregated indicators used across the national compacts to demonstrate meaningful access for women and youth.

Encourages transparency and accountability in every aspect of Mission 300 implementation including meaningful stakeholder engagement in implementing, monitoring and reporting of the national compacts.

Recommends that to the greatest extent possible that Mission 300 implementation is African-led and supplied by locally sourced materials and workforce.

Recommends that the initiative promotes energy policy reforms capable of providing decentralised renewable energy systems to ensure affordable and better electricity access for communities, especially for women and youth.

Urges this program to open discussions with African civil society organisations as soon as possible for more participation and ownership of beneficiary communities.

Urges that the Mission 300 technical expertise must be sourced from the continent, including from the private sector and the civil society who have practical experience in policy, law, finance and citizen engagement.

Firmly reminds that, at the core, the Mission 300 implementation must be driven with an ambition to prioritise and maximise renewable and clean energy investments.

Recommends an open data portal to publish real-time updates on project financing, progress, impact and a feedback mechanism for public input accessible to all key stakeholders.

Strongly recommend prioritising support for women's productive energy use, beyond basic lighting, particularly within agricultural value chains.

Hence, excellencies and distinguished guests, this is our pledge to the Heads of States that the signing of the Dar es Salaam Energy Declaration will commit to energy development that is sustainable, affordable and reliable.

Thank you!