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## PAVING THE WAY FOR LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT

How to support decentralized renewable energy solutions as key solution for energy access for all by 2030?

The provision of access to affordable, reliable and modern energy, as adopted by governments as one of the Sustainable Development Goals, is crucial for the eradication of poverty, for increasing resilience and for combating climate change. However, based on the recently published [Global Tracking Framework](#), progress towards universal energy access is too slow and rural areas are left behind.

Decentralised energy is the fastest and most affordable way to power rural areas and reach the poorest. It is a key ingredient to support communities without access to energy in their development, while leapfrogging fossil fuels and avoiding the increase of future emissions. Several barriers however prevent a quick uptake of decentralised solutions, hampering the low carbon development of countries.

This session will highlight a variety of solutions and main challenges. Speakers from public and private sector

- share innovative means to overcome specific barriers around the uptake of decentralised renewable energy
- analyse how donors and financial institutions can improve support, e.g. through the new EU External Investment Plan and its instruments

### Panellists

- Carola van Rijnsoever** Director Inclusive Green Growth and ambassador for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Netherlands
- Paul Mbuti** Directorate of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Government of Kenya
- Ram Prasad Dhital** Executive Director, Alternative Energy Promotion Centre, Government of Nepal
- Gilles Vermot Desroches** Strategy & Performance Director Access to Energy program, Schneider Electric
- Sebastian Grosse-Puppendahl** Policy Officer Trade, Investment and Finance, Economic and Agriculture Transformation Programme, ECDPM
- Eco Matser** Head of Energy, Climate and Development programme, Hivos

### Moderator

- Carol Gribnau** Director Green Society, Hivos

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