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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
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Moderator

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