

DANIDA and the UNEP Risø Centre
would like to invite you to a workshop on
Sustainable Energy for All: Powering Africa
24 September 2012, 9.00 to 16:00
Eigtveds Pakhus, Copenhagen

Background: UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has launched a global initiative on Sustainable Energy for All to mobilize action from all sectors of society in support of three interlinked objectives to be achieved by 2030: providing universal access to modern energy services; doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency; and doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

The United Nations General Assembly declared 2012 the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, recognizing that "...access to modern affordable energy services in developing countries is essential for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and sustainable development, which would help to reduce poverty and to improve the conditions and standard of living for the majority of the world's population."

Green Growth is one of 4 overall priority areas in the new strategy for Denmark's development cooperation - The Right to a Better Life. Enhanced access to sustainable energy is one of the key focus areas in relation to Green Growth. The workshop discussions are expected to contribute concrete ideas on how best to implement the ambitions embedded in the new strategy.

This workshop will bring together international speakers and members of the Danish energy, technology, finance and development community to discuss past experiences, present status and future efforts to enhance access to sustainable energy and how Danida best can contribute to these efforts on the basis of the new development strategy. The focus will mainly be on enhanced access to electricity in Africa, but discussions will also enable sharing experience from other regions.

Registration: Participation is free of charge but you are asked to register online at http://forms.dtu.dk/unep/Energy4all_registration.asp by 20 September at the latest. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact Mette Kuhlmann on 46775169 or on Energy4ALL@man.dtu.dk.

