

# Promoting Local Climate & Sustainable Energy Solutions in East Africa through Civil Society Efforts

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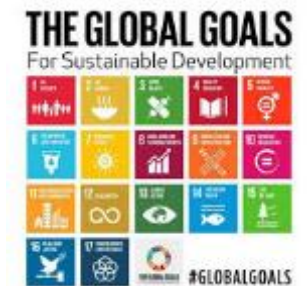


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- East African is characterised by very low access to cleaner and sustainable energy services. **Over 70% of the East Africa population lives without access to sustainable energy technologies and services.** This is a bottleneck in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Social stressors that make East Africa vulnerable to climate change** limit adaptation ability: *governance problems, high population growth, land scarcity in some places, conflicts, and diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS and now COVID-19 pandemic !*
- East African CSOs (UCSD, JEEP, TaTEDO and SusWatch Kenya) → members INFORSE – East Africa now cooperating on the **East Africa Civil Society for Sustainable Energy and Climate Action (EASE&CA) Project (2019 – 2022)**, in partnership with INFORSE Network secretariat & the Nordic Folkecentre for Renewable Energy (Denmark) with support from CISU (Denmark).
- The **EASE&CA project** sustains previous engagement & cooperation - INFORSE National Coordinators in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.
- Through the **EASE&CA Project**, East African CSOs seek to **increase access to sustainable energy and other climate solutions to local communities in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania with both women’s and men’s full and effective participation and leadership for improved livelihoods and reduction of poverty.**
- The **EASE&CA project** primarily works towards **SDG 1 (poverty), SDG 5 (gender), SDG 7 (clean energy), SDG 13 (climate action), and SDG 17 (partnerships).**



- The EASE&CA project **combines CSO activities on local, national and international levels in ways reinforcing each other.**
- **Local:** Empower poor, rural communities in three districts in Uganda, and in East Africa more generally, to get access to clean energy and improved livelihoods in an economic and climate friendly way
  - The **East Africa catalogue of local solutions** (print, web, mobile) to inspire individual and institutional action to promote sustainable energy and climate solutions in the East Africa and beyond. **Partner - TaTEDO to provide more of this later**

**Partner JEEP works:**

✓ **Awareness seminars** for district and sub county leaders, community members, NGOs and CBOs including domestic solar energy



✓ **Training of Trainers** on domestic and institutional energy saving cook stoves), tree nursery establishment and management, backyard gardening; income generating activities; water accessibility and hay basket making



- **National:** Strengthen national CSO networking and advocacy for increased targets and financing of local, sustainable, pro-poor, and gender responsive climate and energy solutions in national development strategies and their implementation in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

- **Baseline studies in (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) -> to prepare CSO policy briefs** that are informing national and regional (East Africa) and global policy processes

- Process to develop **Strategies and Scenarios for 100% Renewable Energy** for input to national strategies and local government strategies for Kenya & Uganda (on going). **Partner – SusWatch Kenya will provide more of this later**

- **CSO joint proposals:** NDC enhancement; Inclusive access to clean Energy; scaling up energy efficiency to secure SE4ALL; Local climate actions



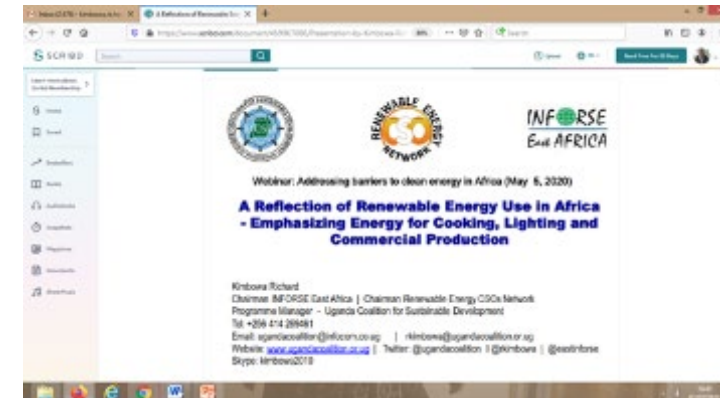
**International:** Strengthen networking and participation of East African CSOs for exchange of experiences, give voice to influence development of the international framework for the national strategies and for climate financing, including in the UNFCCC COPs.

- **Participation** in regional events
- **Networking** and internal capacity strengthening
- **CSO voice** before and during the UNFCCC COP25 through agreed joint policy positions, and exhibition to influence NDC enhancement, sustainable energy and climate change policies, etc.)



## Key results and **future Actions** under the EASE&CA Project

- **(Sustain)** CSO voice through policy briefs and other publications - shared with other actors at national, regional and global, e.g. the monthly *East African Sustainability Watch E bulletin*
- **(Strengthen)** Mobilization of communities, local leaders, NGOs and CBOs to take local actions to promote sustainable energy and climate solutions
- **(Amplify)** knowledge and information exchange amongst CSOs on climate action and sustainable energy options



## Thank You for Listening!



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