



Clean Energy Mini-grids High-Impact Opportunity (HIO) area

Notes from the Strategic Planning
Meeting

Bellagio, Italy, March 24-28, 2015

Background on the HIO

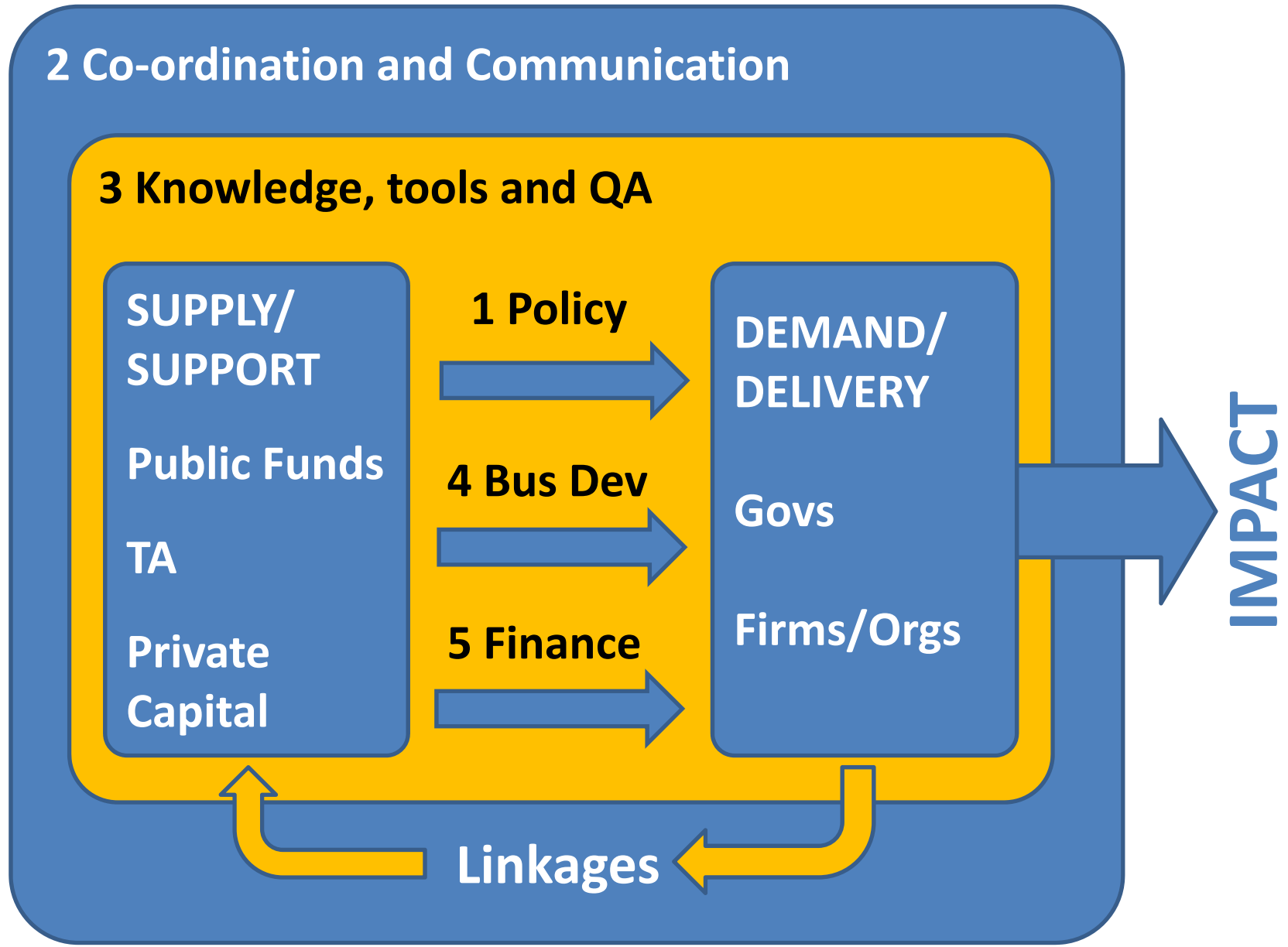
The Clean Energy Mini-grids HIO convenes stakeholders from the private sector, public sector, and civil society to work together to enable, enhance and promote existing and upcoming efforts in the mini-grids sector, to increase the rate of deployment and support market transformation in developing countries.

The meeting in Bellagio focused on key policy and finance aspects related to the deployment of mini-grids. It served to convene key stakeholders with the aim to develop the longer term vision and strategic action plan for the work on clean energy mini-grids within the SE4All initiative. In particular, to further the goal of universal energy access by 2030, participants aimed to reach tangible outputs regarding:

- opportunities to integrate clean energy mini-grids into the national planning of target countries;
- development of a 3-5 year strategic action plan; and
- identification of tactical partnership development opportunities.

HIO Key Actions and Value Add

- Mapping the **supply** of funds and support available to mini-grids sector – **ASK:** *funders please respond to Questionnaire, we would like to update in May*
- Mapping the **demand** for support amongst Governments, Firms and Communities – **ASK:** *Govs please prioritise CEMGs in AAs/IPs if you want support, firms and NGOs please join the HIO to register interest and needs*
- We are developing the co-ordination and communication needed to **link better support** (on policy, business development and capital) **with clearer sector demand**
- Finally we are drawing together the **Quality Assurance Framework, knowledge and tools** to provide a firm basis for investment and sector growth



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1 – Integration of CEMGs into Policy and Regulatory Frameworks

- **Regional Hubs and GFT to ensure awareness of CEMGs HIO in AA and IP processes.**
- Countries which prioritise GMGs by XXX 2015 to be included in an ESMAP/WB-led **review of the policy environments for CEMGs** (generating a baseline - focus on tariffs, grid connection and licensing, leveraging RISE/Climatescope)
- Countries prioritising CEMGs will be invited to **apply for support** via Regional Hubs for a package of market development support (including policy process support as needed)
- Regional Hubs to work with the regional bodies and member states (including SIDS) to ensure **that CEMGs are recognised at the highest political level**

2 – Co-ordination and Communication

- Complete **mapping of supply** of funds and support to the CEMGs Sector (by May Forum)
- **Analyse the demand** for support amongst Governments (via AA follow up) and Firms/Orgs (starting with HIO/EAPN membership, developing an investment catalogue and improving member management)
- Develop **improved linkages between supply and demand** via events, a newsletter/bulletin, a web interface (linked to Yammer) and SE4ALL co-ordination channels

3 – Knowledge, Tools and QA

- Drawing together of key **tools** required by the mini-grids sector (e.g. MG design, load profiling, templates, mapping tools)
- Production of a **Quality Assurance Framework** describing service and performance levels (by end 2016) with an earlier working paper (2015)
- Set up R&D Oversight Committee, plus first **call for research proposals** from WB/ESMAP by June 2015
- **Knowledge management, capacity and dissemination** strategy including online portal/forum, webinars, Yammer etc

4 – Support to Business Models Development

- **Mapping of the demand** from firms/orgs for support to business models and development (linked with objective 1)
- Support to HIs implementing a range of business models, **monitoring and reporting back to the HIO** via a monitoring framework
- Provision of **business development/trans. advisory support** to HIO firms/orgs via range of HIO partner HIs
- Development of **case studies and analysis** on emerging CEMG models (2016-17)

5 – Increased flows of Financing

- Collation of a figure on **financial commitments to CEMGs** (from supply side mapping) for May Forum
- **Characterisation of financing demand** from HIO members (link to Objective 1)
- WB/ESMAP **cost of electricity** study, putting CEMG types in context, assessing CEMG viability gap and costs/revenues
- **Visibility events** in Asia and Africa with investors, and (TBC) B-NEF/Climatescope
- **Establishment of a range of innovative HII funds** targeting the range of CEMG financing needs

Management and Governance

- Maintain current lightweight, participatory structure
- Develop Guiding Principles
- Greater membership management/ engagement from SEC/ Co-ordination Committee
- Conference call and follow-up consultation on Bellagio outcomes to start, before May Forum Business Plan launch
- Turn on Yammer functionality to include “announcements” so that members of Objective Groups see post content in e-mails
- Open the opportunity to members to engage in co-ordination committee in year 2
- Chair should be for 1 year minimum, co-chairs can be helpful to manage workload – current chairs to propose ToR and selection
- Tentative need for Senior Advisor/Operational Co-ordinator for the HIO
- Incoming SE4ALL HIO Co-ordinator should support integration