



Clean Energy Mini-Grids High Impact Opportunity

Membership Invitation

The Clean Energy Mini-grids HIO was launched during the Sustainable Energy for All Forum in New York in June 2014. The Clean Energy Mini-Grids HIO aims to use Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) as an international framework and coordination platform to multiply the impact of existing and upcoming efforts in the area of Clean Energy Mini-Grids. It will focus on supporting the establishment of an enabling ecosystem for accelerated investment, deployment and replication of Clean Energy Mini-Grids, towards a projected share of 40% of new connections needed for universal electricity access by 2030.

Full details on the HIO are available at www.se4all.org/minigridsHIO. This includes a list of the founding members of the HIO - from public, NGO and private sectors - who expressed an interest and commitment to participate during the consultation process leading up to establishment of the HIO.

Now launched, **the Clean Energy Mini-grids High Impact Opportunity (HIO) is inviting membership** of any and all organisations who wish to collaborate toward increasing modern energy access through the development and deployment of clean energy mini- and micro-grids.

Why join the HIO?

- **Demonstrate and register the commitment of your organization towards the objectives of SE4ALL through the expansion of mini-grids** - get increased visibility and recognition for the work you are already doing.
- **Join a group of leading mini-grids players to together improve the coordination and coherence in the sector.** Position your work within the wider objectives of SE4ALL and help make the clean energy mini-grids sector more than the sum of its parts.
- **Exchange and learn with these players** – find out about upcoming projects and events, share experiences, learn from each other and form new partnerships.
- **Get involved in Objective Working Groups** to further the 5 key objectives of the HIO as an international partnership in the framework of the Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

How to join the HIO?

- **Prospective members should review the Clean Energy Mini-Grids HIO document** <http://www.se4all.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/MinigridsHIO.pdf> and familiarize themselves with the 5 objectives – ensuring that they agree with the mandate and approach of the HIO. Comments to strengthen the approach are welcome from incoming members.
- **In order to join, please fill in the membership form** [www.se4all.org/minigridshiomembership] and mail it to minigridsHIO@se4all.org
- **There are no limits on the types or sizes of organisations which may join the HIO** – all that is required is a commitment towards the goals of Sustainable Energy for All, and interest and capacity with regards to Clean Energy Mini-Grids as one means of achieving these goals.
- **There is no fee for membership of the HIO, however all members are expected to make some form of contribution to the goals of the HIO** via their projects, work or time inputs – even if these are just active participation in calls or events. Participation in some HIO events organized by members may have a fee.
- **Members may leave the Clean Energy Mini-Grids HIO at any time** by notifying the Secretariat via e-mail.

What happens next?

- On submitting your registration information you will be sent the joining information to the **SE4ALL Yammer collaboration platform** to begin participating in information exchange. You will also be included on e-mail lists, invited to events and made aware of the latest knowledge updates. You can already start following **@minigridsHIO** on Twitter for a taster.
- You can start referring to membership of the Clean Energy Mini-Grids HIO in your literature, however **if you plan to put out any press release referring to the HIO you are asked to provide a copy to minigridsHIO@se4all.org with 3 days notice before publication**, to allow for checking for consistency with the objectives of the HIO.

Who is running the HIO?

- **The HIO is run by the members.** In the first year the coordinating committee includes the UK Department for International Development, the United Nations Foundation, the Alliance for Rural Electrification; United Nations Environment Program, the EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility and GIZ.
- The United Nations Foundation and the Alliance for Rural Electrification will serve as the **Secretariat for the Mini-Grids HIO** and are the primary point of contact.

For more information on the Clean Mini-grids HIO, please go to
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or contact the Secretariat at minigridsHIO@se4all.org