



Solar Lanterns Working Group

A partnership to scale up access to clean, modern energy

Launched in June 2009, the Energy for All Partnership (E4ALL) provides a platform for cooperation, knowledge and technical exchange, innovation and project development, bringing together key stakeholders from business, financial institutions, governments, and non-government organisations.

The Partnership is focused on action, with a goal to provide access to clean and modern energy to 100 million people in the Asia-Pacific region by 2015. E4ALL working groups seek to promote exchange of knowledge, ideas, and information; demonstrate and mainstream appropriate financing mechanisms; replicate and scale up proven approaches; and build partnerships to develop, finance and implement access to energy projects.

The Solar Lanterns Working Group

The Solar Lanterns Working Group will enhance the access to solar lighting technologies by the rural communities through actions focusing on:

- technological innovations and transfer of knowledge,
- strengthening and expanding locally acceptable and replicable business models and
- creating linkages with existing channels for delivery of technological and commercial services.

By creating linkages between the international lighting (storage, electronics and solar) industry and local system integrators, financiers and service providers, the WG will strengthen local capabilities in designing, developing and delivering high-efficient, high-quality, reliable and cost effective lighting products and services through the transfer of technological know-how. It will encourage the industry to catalyze the undeveloped, high growth rural lighting market by providing cutting-edge technologies and know-how attuned to local challenges. The WG will build strategic partnerships to develop, finance and deliver modern lighting products and services in line with the objectives of E4ALL.

Participation

As a multi-stakeholder initiative, the E4ALL Solar Lanterns Working Group relies on the support and participation of a wide range of organisations, including Pt AZET SURYA LESTARI, CBS Power Solutions (Fiji) Ltd, Solar Solutions Private Limited, CREDIT Micro finance Institution, Hystra (France), National Environmental Protection Agency (Afghanistan), Ministry of Power and Energy (Sri Lanka), Chandeshwari Saving And Credit Society, Texas Instruments, Halonix Ltd, HBL Power systems Ltd, Nichia Chemical, Pvt. Ltd. and the French Environment & Energy Management Agency.

The activities in the first year will focus on exploring and strengthening existing business models, delivery channels and exchange of knowledge in Pacific Island Countries, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal and Vietnam. The WG will operate a “Core Group” and specific “Experts Group” with a mandate to scale-up from project to programme mode and involve a larger and broader “Network”.

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