



KEY MESSAGES:



The energy transition must be fair and inclusive.



Countries of the Global South have enormous potential for green innovation.



Countries of the Global North must support without imposing, and invest without excluding.



South-South-North cooperation can transform the crisis into a shared opportunity.

CONTEXT

The Global South (Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, South Asia, and the Pacific) is facing a dual emergency: meeting growing energy demand while reducing their dependence on fossil fuels.

- 600 million Africans lack access to electricity.
- 17 million Latin Americans remain deprived of modern energy.
- In South Asia, the massive use of coal increases emissions and harms public health.

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- Exclusion of gender and youth from energy policies.
- Persistent dependence on fossil fuels, hampering the transition.
- Limited access to financing for youth/women's projects
- Weak South-South-North cooperation to share inclusive solutions.

OPPORTUNITIES AND SOLUTIONS

- Renewables: solar (Africa, Asia), wind (Latin America), hydro (Pacific).
- Youth innovation: off-grid solar startups, digital platforms, electric mobility.
- Circular economy: briquettes, biogas, compost, women's and youth cooperatives.
- South-South cooperation: sharing experiences (bioenergy Brazil-Africa, India-Africa)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Governments of the South

- Adopt gender/youth-sensitive strategies.
- Create regional green incubators.
- Integrate energy access into education, health, and employment policies.

Partners of the North

- Facilitate direct financing for young and women entrepreneurs.
- Promote technology transfer and joint research.
- Support triangular South-South-North cooperation.

International Organizations

- Launch youth/gender exchange programs on the energy transition.
- Develop common indicators for energy inclusion.

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The **Community of Practice (CoP)** serves as a collaborative platform to enhance capacities within the energy sector, driving a just and inclusive energy transition with a strong emphasis on gender equality. Bringing together diverse stakeholders, the CoP accelerates progress across nine countries in the Global South: Bolivia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Madagascar, Uganda, and Zambia, by strengthening the institutional role in capacity building and fostering effective South-South cooperation.

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