

**Monday, December 24, 2024**



## **ENERGY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS Growth & Success**

As we enter the new year, we are thrilled to announce that our association has experienced significant achievements.

Our dedicated team has effectively implemented new strategies and projects, enhancing the visibility of our members.

## **Top News**

**RE4SG 4th Edition: Conference and Exhibition**

New Partners on Board: We have signed MoUs with various partners, including BK Foundation and GIZ.



**2024**



# Dear EPD Community

We're thrilled to bring you the latest updates, highlights, and upcoming opportunities from the Energy Private Developers (EPD) team. Together, we're shaping a sustainable future for energy. Thank you for being part of this journey!

## EPD UPDATES

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## MEMORABLE MOMENTS

### 4th Edition Renewable Energy Conference & Exhibition

**Nov 9–12, 2024**

## RE4SG 4TH EDITION



The 4th Edition of the Energy Week Conference, organized by EPD in partnership with Strathclyde University/Global Renewable Center, showcased Rwanda's renewable energy market. This event fostered international business collaborations under the theme “Renewable Energy for Sustainable Growth.”

## Welcoming Our Newly Elected Leadership

### Executive Committee



**Dr. Ivan TWAGIRASHEMA**  
Chairman



**Jean Claude UWIZEYE**  
Vice-Chairman



**Sylvie ISINGIZWE**  
Secretary

### Conflict Resolution Committee



**Christine MUHONGERWA**



**Pacifique NIYONKURU**



**Jean Bosco NDIRIMA**

Energy Private Developers (EPD) is thrilled to announce the newly elected members of our Executive Committee and Conflict Resolution Committee. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the incoming leadership and are eager to collaborate as we continue driving the energy sector forward.

Under this new leadership, we look forward to making significant strides in advancing renewable energy and fostering impactful initiatives that empower communities and strengthen the industry.

Together, we remain committed to powering the future of energy. Welcome aboard!



# EPD at the African Energy Expo

EPD made a strong impact at the African Energy Expo, highlighting innovations and forging key partnerships. A standout moment was the memorable exhibition tour led by our CEO and an insightful panel discussion on "Financing Energy Access in Africa for On-Grid Projects."



## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activity

On December 13, 2024, the Energy Private Developers (EPD), in collaboration with the BK Foundation, made a significant contribution to Rwanda's sustainable development goals by providing solar lighting solutions and improved cooking stoves (ICS) to 141 households in Nyanza and Ruhango Districts. This initiative aims to address clean energy access and reduce reliance on biomass for cooking.

"All homes to have access to clean energy."



## Electric Mobility Forum

EPD's Vice-Chairman spotlighted Rwanda's strides in electric mobility, including charging station developments, grid expansion, and government support. The future of e-mobility in Rwanda looks promising!



## Africa-China Partnership

In collaboration with renewable energy associations from Kenya, Ethiopia, and China, EPD joined the Africa-China partnership. This initiative emphasizes technology transfer, financing, and capacity building to drive renewable energy adoption.

## Consortium Agreement of the EPD Clean Cooking Companies

Energy Private Developers (EPD) Association's Clean Cooking member companies have signed a consortium agreement, bringing together five companies with a shared mission of advancing sustainable clean cooking fuels and appliances projects.



## EPD at the SJITC Graduation Ceremony

We highlighted solar energy and welding skills for climate resilience. These skills are vital for energy-efficient cook stoves. Much appreciation to Saint Joseph and the Chamber of Skills Craft Koblenz for empowering technicians.



## EPD at the Central Africa Business Energy Forum 2024 in Libreville.

Our EPD Chairman & CABEF's President of Renewable Energy Projects, Dr. Ivan Twagirashema attended the CABEF 2024 with the theme; "Leveraging natural gas for Central Africa's industrialization and economic growth through sub-regional integration."



## EPD at the AU-GRAP 2021-2027 Country Level Capacity Needs Assessment Validation Workshop

EPD was represented by Head of Energy Female Inclusion Subsector, at the Capacity Needs Assessment Validation Workshop! The focus was on implementing a gender-sensitive Africa Union Green Recovery Action Plan.



## EPD at the Hamburg Sustainability Conference

At the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, EPD engaged global leaders in discussions on sustainable development. The focus was on mobilizing private investments to advance economic, social, and environmental goals.



## EPD at the GOGSFE24

Mr. Sosthene Mubera, Head of Solar Sub-Sector in EPD and CEO of Kolmena Group Ltd, represented us at the Global Off-Grid Solar Forum & Expo 2024, this forum unites leaders to discuss ways of powering lives and energizing potential through off grid solutions and universal electricity access.

## EPD at the 2024 National Energy Conference in Malawi

The 2024 National Energy Conference in Malawi was officially opened by the Vice President of the Republic of Malawi. EPD Chief Executive Officer represented the association at this significant event, which brought together leaders to discuss ways to leverage energy for socio-economic transformation. The conference was organized by the Renewable Energy Industries Association of Malawi (REIAMA), our sister association under the GRC Knowledge Exchange North-South Partnership from the University of Strathclyde.

**2024 NATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE**  
 Theme: LEVERAGING ENERGY FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION  
 VENUE: BINGU INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER | DATES: 26th - 27th of SEPTEMBER

**GUEST OF HONOUR**  
 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI  
**RT. HON. DR. MICHAEL BIZWICK USI**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
 RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNDP MALAWI  
**FENELLA FROST**

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## EPD at the capacity building workshop in Kampala, Uganda

Our CEO participated in capacity building workshop held in Uganda on NetZero Consideration in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) for Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. This workshop was organised by the School of Policy and Governance (SPG) in collaboration with UNFCCC.



## 2nd Edition of the Awareness Campaign on Solar Energy for Commercial and Industrial Sectors in Rwanda,

EPD organised the 2nd edition of the Awareness Campaign of solar Energy for commercial and industrial (C&I) sector in Rwanda, this event brought together over 100 individuals from C&I companies, government and financial institutions and various energy off takers. Our C&I member companies showcased some of their projects through detailed presentations as well as exhibitions of their products. They also had time to answer questions from the room regarding their projects and services they offer. Representatives from financial institutions such as BRD, Equity Bank, BPR, BK and I&M Banks also had a fruitful discussion about the “Access to Finance” for green projects including C&Is in Rwanda and provided insights on how to access the available funds.





## Workshop on bridging the gap between Academia and Energy industry in Rwanda.

This workshop organised by EPD, in partnership with Strathclyde University, University of Rwanda and the Grid Innovation and Incubation Hub aimed to engage key stakeholders and discuss the best ways to bridge the gap between Academic Institutions and the Industry to make them relevant. We discussed ongoing initiatives in the Renewable Energy Sector, Existing and Potential research and Development projects conducted by Academic Institutions and TVETs in the Energy field and other areas Including Curriculum development and Industrial attachment that can be done to bridge the gap between Academic institutions and Industry/Energy Sector.



## EPD at the BETD 2024

At the Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue 2024, EPD was actively involved in the High-Level Policymakers Breakfast hosted by the Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and organized in collaboration with the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) and the Africa-Europe Foundation (AEF). The discourse predominantly revolved around the Africa-Europe Partnership's expectations for implementing ACS & COP 28 commitments and achieving Africa's Energy Transformation goals.





## PRODUCTIVE USES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

EPD organised a stakeholder's engagement workshop as a side event of the International Business Models in Agriculture Conference, with the theme "Accelerating adoption of PURE technologies for sustainable development in Rwanda." This workshop aimed at gathering insights on PURE technologies and innovations from Key stakeholders in the sector including Manufacturers, Suppliers, Non-governmental and community organizations, and government policy makers, development partners, Research and Academic entities to stimulate rapid growth of PURE in the cross-cutting sectors (Energy, Transport, Agriculture and Health Sectors) other sectors of production linked with rural communities.





## EPD at the High Level Roundtable on Rwanda Carbon Market Activation Plan.

We attended a high-level roundtable meeting with the Government institutions including Rwanda Energy Group (REG), Rwanda Green Fund (RGF) and Africa Carbon Market Initiative Team of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) to discuss the Rwanda Carbon Market Activation Plan. This gathering accessed the data on the ACMI Carbon Market Tool, an overview of the Rwandan Carbon Market Framework, a work plan, key milestones, means to raise awareness and capacity building among all key players and how the private sectors can benefit from the carbon market.



## EPD at the Launch Workshop of WEN-Africa

EPD participated with The World Bank, Africa Gender & Energy Team (AGET), in the Launch Workshop of Women in Energy Network-Africa (WEN-Africa) at Marriot Hotel, Kigali-Rwanda. Among this platform's strategic objectives was to consider the energy sector as a source of job generation for women in Africa by removing constraints and barriers for women to access the better jobs particularly in Engineering, leadership roles, ownership and control over assets.





## Launch of Energy Female Inclusion Subsector

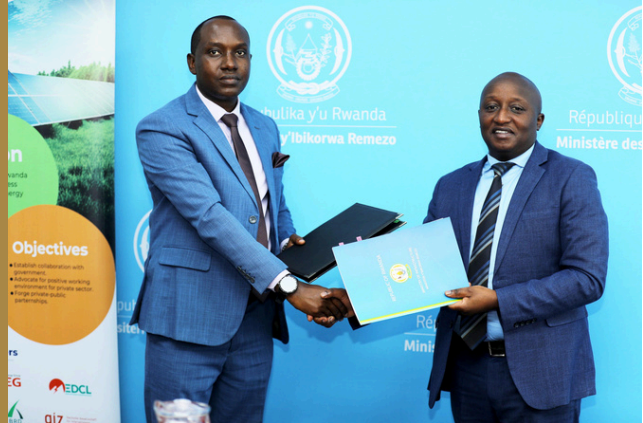
EPD launched its newly formed sub sector (Energy Female Inclusion) headed by Ms. Allen Munganyinka in February 2024. The main objective of this event was to officially launch the gender inclusion sub sector in the energy private sector, and to delve into the groundbreaking report that delved into gender dynamics within the Rwanda energy sector, showcasing the challenges and interventions elaborated by different institutions as well as recommendations that can be adopted to bridge the gender inclusion gap in the private energy sector as well as creating a female platform where energy stakeholders will engage in energy and gender inclusion related dialogue.





## MININFRA

Energy Private Developers Association (EPD) is proud to announce the signing of an MoU with the Ministry of Infrastructure transport and energy to strengthen energy sector development and coordination in Rwanda! This partnership reinforces our commitment to advancing the country's energy goals, fostering sustainable growth, creating jobs, and improving energy access.



## BK Foundation

Thrilled to share that EPD and BK Foundation have partnered under a 3-year MoU to drive environmental sustainability and uplift off-grid communities in Rwanda. This partnership will kick off by providing sustainable lighting and improved cookstoves in Nyanza and Ruhango districts



## Rwanda AMI

Rwanda's industry leaders in the Energy Sector are set to advance their workforce's professional development as a result of a new partnership announced today between the Energy Private Developer (EPD) Association and the African Management Institute (AMI) Rwanda. Made possible by the Energy Access Talent Initiative (EATI) Programme funded by UKAID, this partnership will equip leaders and managers within the energy sector in Rwanda with the essential skills and tools to drive growth in their companies.



# PARTNERSHIPS

## GIZ

the purpose of this agreement is to work together on implementing renewable energy/ energy efficiency projects, more specifically on realizing solar photovoltaic (PV) project(s) at the preuses of the off-taker(s).

Areas of collaboration:

- Project Development for solar PV projects in particular
- Business and market development activities for solar PV and energy efficiency



## PowerHer

This partnership marking a new chapter of collaboration! Together, we're fostering partnerships that will drive progress, champion female inclusion, and benefit all members in the energy sector.

This MoU aims to lift women up and provide them with skills, Experience and exposure to potential opportunities such as employment in energy companies and creation through their own businesses.



## REJ

EPD & Rwanda Environmental Journalists(REJ) signed an MoU that will foster collaboration in promoting sustainable environmental management practices & enhance public awareness of sustainable energy. Together, we'll drive positive change in Rwanda's environmental & energy sectors!





# PARTNERSHIPS

As we reflect on ten years of growth and achievement, our Chairman and CEO, took a special moment to express sincere gratitude to the outstanding members who have been instrumental in shaping EPD's journey.

Their unwavering dedication and valuable contributions have been pivotal to EPD's success, fostering innovation, collaboration, and lasting impact within the energy sector.

Thank you for being an integral part of our story. Here's to continued success and a bright future ahead!





# Our Visitors



**CSC Koblenz**



**SLS Energy**



**GIH**



**IRENA**



**IFC**



**Jinko Solar**



**USAID Power Africa EECA**



**INES Ruhengeri**



**Netis Group**



**WRI**



**Chinese Delegation**



**GGGI**



## Shema Power Lake Kivu



## Delegation from Uganda



## UPCOMING EVENT



### 5th Edition Renewable Energy Conference & Exhibition (September 2025)

Get ready for another year of impactful discussions, networking, and innovation in renewable energy.

Wishing you  
a Happy New  
Year 2025!

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