

Multistakeholder
engagement

Social and environmental
safeguards



Multi-stakeholder engagement and social and environmental safeguards are at the core of AREI

- Goals...
- Guiding principles...
- Precepts...
- Work areas...

Promoting a wide range of renewable energy technologies – in particular solar; wind; pico-, micro-, small- and medium-scale hydro; modern biomass; geothermal; and marine – provided they are **socially and environmentally appropriate, gender sensitive** and in line with these guiding principles

with particular consideration being paid to applications that **meet the needs of poor people**.

multi-stakeholder engagement and social and environmental safeguards as essential elements of sustainable solutions

AREI CROSS-CUTTING WORK AREAS

Work Area 6
**Socio-Economic
and
Environmental
Technology
Assessment**

Work Area 7
**Multi-
stakeholder
Engagement**

Work Area 8
**Wider context
monitoring**

Work Area 9
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Why is multi-stakeholder participation important?

- Deepening **transparency, inclusivity and accountability**
- Co-creating and taking **ownership** for the transformational objectives and plans
- Building genuine access and input into **decision-making**
- RE more than replacing fuels, about **transforming** lives of millions and doing things differently

Why is multi-stakeholder participation important?

- RE not without **risks** – safeguards critical
- Precautionary principle – **do it right from the beginning**
- Way to foster **local development**, energy democracy, community flourishing
- **New actors**. Not only consumers but producers of electricity – opportunities
- **Efficient** – avoid mistakes and conflicts early on!
- Enable **shared vision** and basis for long-term planning towards people-centered, smart 100% renewable energy systems

People-centered energy systems

- The RE energy systems of the future = **diverse ownership** and flourishing of energy providers
- Households, communities, cooperatives, organisations, SMEs, schools, hospitals, municipalities, larger companies **both consumers and generators of energy**
- Energy democracy brings **local development**
- Requires genuine **participation** by all actors
- Requires clear **rules, policies, regulation**

Who?



Policy Community

Elected officials, ministries, negotiators, community representatives, researchers

Set the vision for the future
Set development pathways
Set legislation across different sectors
Establish National Development Plans
Develop infrastructure
Invest in energy



Practice Community

Businesses, communities and civil society including NGOs, community orgs

Undertake economic, social and environmental activities
Contribute to development through practical action
Respond to laws, opportunities and other changes
Leave a social, economic and ecological footprint



Research Community

Universities, research institutes, researchers, consultants

Explore society, the economy and the environment, including climate
Study interactions between society, the economy and the environment
Generate knowledge on energy issues
Generate knowledge on energy related options

What?

- AREI multi-stakeholder engagement processes
 - Continental level
 - Regional level
 - National and local levels
- AREI criteria
- AREI safeguards
- AREI screening

How?

- Consultations here at COP
- Immediate consultations during Q1-2017
- Multi-stakeholder consultations at regional and country levels
- Discussion papers
- Engagement/commenting on draft safeguards and operational guidelines
- Direct contributions to technical work
- Major AREI multi-stakeholder event 2017

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