



INFORSE - International Network for Sustainable Energy is a global network of independent non-governmental organisations working for sustainable energy solutions to reduce poverty and protect the environment.

The Network was formed at the Global Forum at the Earth Summit (UNCED) in Rio in 1992. INFORSE has Civil Society Consultative Status at UN ECOSOC (since 1998) & UNFCCC (since 2002).

INFORSE has organised Side Events and Exhibitions at UNFCCC conferences together with members.

INFORSE members cooperate in framework of cooperation projects in East & West Africa, & Europe.

INFORSE Secretariat is hosted by INFORSE-Europe in Denmark. The Danish INFORSE members incl. Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy, SustainableEnergy (VE), DIB, and Samsø Energy Academy. INFORSE-East Africa Coordinator is hosted by TaTEDO, Tanzania.



Folkecenter is a non-profit, independent, organisation that provides research, development and testing of technology, training and information to promote the implementation of renewable energy technologies and energy savings in Denmark and internationally. With this objective, the center works on 4 major fronts:

- Development and implementation of renewable energy systems, and energy policy recommendations.

- As consultant to manufacturers, local consumer groups and initiators within renewable energy..
- Support and consultancy to manufacturers, local citizen & consumer groups, and relevant initiators within renewable energy.
- Information and training in renewable energy in Denmark and elsewhere to trainees, concerned citizen groups, SMEs and political decision-makers.

Folkecenter has a large renewable-energy demonstration park, and a conference hall. Folkecenter is one of the founding members of INFORSE, and has been cooperated with INFORSE members within projects since.

More information:

JEEP: www.jeepfolkecenter.org

TaTEDO: www.tatedo.org

Suswatch: www.suswatchkenya.org

UCSD: www.ugandacoalition.or.ug

NFRE: Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy (coordinator):

www.folkecenter.net

INFORSE: www.inforse.org

INFORSE-Africa EASE Project:

www.inforse.org/africa/EASE.htm

East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy & Climate Action

EASE & CA Project in 2019 July - 2022 June Project Partners:

Uganda:



JEEP - Joint Energy and Environment Projects



UCSD - Uganda Coalition for Sustainable 8 Yr Ycda Ybh



**Kenya:
SusWatch - Sustainable Environmental Development Watch**



**Tanzania:
TaTEDO - Tanzania Traditional Energy Development Organization**

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**Project Coordinator:
NFRE - Nordic Folkecenter for Renewable Energy, Denmark**



Project: East African Civil Society for Sustainable Energy & Climate Action (EASE & CA) Objectives & Activities:

Local Activities in 3 districts in Uganda: Empower poor, rural communities to get access to clean energy and improved livelihoods in an economic and climate friendly way. Seminars, trainings reaching out to rural households, training of trainers (ToTs), local leaders, planners. Themes include: clean cooking, water, food security, tree planting, solar energy, sustainable energy & development, income generation to reduce poverty, entrepreneurship etc.

National level: Strengthen Civil Society Organisations (CSO) activities in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. Strategies & scenarios for 100% renewable energy. Meetings of CSO Coalitions, joint CSO proposals, presentations for national planners & decision-makers, dialogues with stakeholders, media campaign.

International Level Advocacy: Strengthen Networking and participation of CSOs, exchange of experience and give voice to CSOs at United Nations’ Climate Negotiations (UNFCCC).

Publish: African Catalogue of local solutions (print, web, mobile)

News: Social Media, websites, Sustainable Energy News etc.



Awareness raising and efficient stove building Seminars organised by JEEP in 2015, Uganda



Read on the Challenges:

The East African region is characterised by very low access to cleaner and sustainable energy services. Over 70% of the East Africa population lives without access to sustainable energy technologies and services. This is a bottleneck in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Another grave problem is the massive *unsustainable biomass use for cooking*. The unsustainable use of biomass is not only a local problem – it contributes to national deforestation – one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Africa. For instance, in Kenya, with annual GHG emissions of about 70 million tons CO₂-equivalents (MtCO₂e), ¾ comes from deforestation, agriculture, and other land-use and land-use change. As much as ¼ of the total emissions can be mitigated by improved charcoal and wood fuel use. An unfortunate coupling between climate and poverty is that effects of climate change are mostly harming the poor and vulnerable people.

Increasing access to sustainable energy services can contribute to achieving the SDGs and have a multiplier effect on health, education, transport, telecommunication, safe water and sanitation services. This can contribute to poverty alleviation, providing modern improved energy services and income opportunities to the poor. This is particularly true of decentralised small-scale renewable energy technologies. Such systems can not only provide energy that is affordable to the poor, but can also be a source of employment and enterprise creation. They are conducive for engaging the local communities to participate and take an active role in their development.