

Community of Champions

Agenda

Lalibela 3A, Sheraton Addis, Addis Ababa
27 March 2019



13:30 – 14:00 **Registration**

14:00 – 14:15 **Welcome to the Community of Champions**

Julie Cammell – Program Manager Policy and Regulatory Environment, GOGLA

Special Address

H.S Seleshi Bekele – Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity of Ethiopia

14:15 – 15:30 **Last Mile Distribution: Challenges and Opportunities in the Off-Grid Solar Sector**

How can governments support market-based solutions to reach the last mile?

A deep-dive discussion amongst government decision-makers, industry and the donor community.

Format

Two short presentations and a panel discussion, followed by an open Q&A discussion

Facilitator: Dana Rysankova, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank

Presentations

- Rodney Sultani – Project Coordinator KOSAP, Ministry of Energy of Kenya
- Radhika Thakkar – Vice President Corporate Affairs, Greenlight Planet

Panel Discussion

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- Radhika Thakkar – Vice President Corporate Affairs, Greenlight Planet
- Benon Bena – Manager Off-Grid and Renewable Energy Development, Rural Electrification Agency, Uganda
- Nicki Ghazarian – Global Policy Associate, Fenix International

Background material

[Providing Energy Access through Off-Grid Solar: Guidance for Governments](#)



15:30– 16:15

Networking coffee break

16:15 – 17:45

Government Policies for Promoting Quality Off-Grid Products

Why is quality important and how can governments support quality products in the off-grid sector?

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- Naomi Wagura – Senior Associate, CLASP
- Sabera Khan – Lead, Off-Grid Task Force, Department of Energy, Zambia
- Patrick Mengo – Operations Africa, d.light

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17:45 – 18:00

Closing remarks: Next steps for the Community of Champions

Katrina Pielli – Senior Energy Advisor; Lead, Beyond the Grid, USAID
