

GROUP 3

ESWATINI, ETHIOPIA, TOGO, UGANDA

Messages to key target groups

What are the main target groups which should receive data and messages on biomass in your country?

- Legislators, Policy makers, Users, Media, Civil society organisations, Private sectors (business community), Academia, Researchers

What data and what messages?

- Different groups requires different data:
 - Legislators, Policy makers, international organisation- positive and negative impacts, effects, economic changes
 - Academia, Researchers- Quantities, energy mix, relationships
 - Private sectors- areas of investments
 - Users- efficiency, cost savings/opportunities

How best to pass these data and messages to these target groups?

- Roadshows, press release publications, websites, mobile SMS, social media, community education campaigns, workshops

Alignment with National Priorities

How to establish a bioenergy data collection system integrated with national policy priorities?

- Establish technical coordination groups with relevant stakeholders
- National Development Plan to include importance of bio-energy data and how it will be collected so that resources are mobilised

If you had to send messages on biomass to your energy Minister, top 5

- Total number of Deaths as a result of using bioenergy
- Deforestation/ increase of desertification
- Loss of biodiversity i.e gorillas, monkeys, birds, exposure to poachers
- Risk exposure during collection of firewood
- Increase of respiratory diseases, heart diseases, cataract/blindness to children

Questions on the workshop

What are the main learnings from this workshop?

- Stakeholder involvements
- Mainstreaming bioenergy data in order to obtain key messages
- Sharing country experiences and guidance

What else would you have liked to see covered or more detailed during the workshop?

- Estimation methodologies between the surveys or where there is lack of data
- Projections developed to be utilised between the years
- Country case studies from policy, implementation and impacts (success in energy transition)

What are the main requests you would like to pass to AFREC &UNSD for their work on Biomass?

- AFREC-UNSD- support on financial start-up of energy survey/ baselines studies with the hope that National Government will support going-forward. These should be presented an Ministers/Head of States meetings at AU/UN level
- Develop handbook/ guidelines for data collection instruments (standard questionnaires) and applications which can be customised.
- Fast-track the bioenergy Data Management system at country level (AEIS)