

## GFSE Newsletter

Dear Friends of GFSE,

We are pleased to send you our February 2025 edition of the GFSE newsletter, which contains updates and news on the GFSE event, policy brief, green skills and energy poverty in the energy sector.

Enjoy reading!

The Global Forum on Sustainable Energy

### 1. GFSE Event: Innovative solutions to tackle energy poverty

We warmly invite you to our public event on energy poverty. Together, we aim to discuss the growing challenges of energy poverty in Europe and beyond, explore innovative solutions, and engage in an open dialogue with you. The event will feature five short impulses from professionals working in the field of energy poverty, featuring international perspectives on the matter. Please note that the event will be held in German.

We kindly ask you to register for the event using the event link:

[https://myconvento.com/public/event\\_register/do\\_register/6521762](https://myconvento.com/public/event_register/do_register/6521762)

### 2. GFSE Policy Brief 18: SDG7 - Tackling Energy Poverty through Renewable Energy Solutions

The report highlights the urgent need to address energy poverty and the widening renewable energy gap and emphasizes the importance of stronger financing mechanisms and international cooperation to expand clean energy access. It shows the transformative role of Productive Uses of Renewable Energy (PURE), such as solar irrigation and off-grid refrigeration, in improving agriculture, health and economic growth in the Global South. It also explores gender disparities in energy access, the importance of off-grid and decentralized energy systems, and the need for policy innovation to achieve universal energy access by 2030.

The GFSE Policy Brief can be downloaded here:

[https://www.gfse.at/fileadmin/4\\_gfse/activities/2023\\_2024/sdg7\\_policy\\_brief\\_final.pdf](https://www.gfse.at/fileadmin/4_gfse/activities/2023_2024/sdg7_policy_brief_final.pdf)

### 3. Reboot the World with Renewables

"Reboot the World with Renewables" is a campaign by REN21, the global renewable energy community, to showcase the transformative potential of renewable energy. The initiative demonstrates that the transition to renewable energy is not only feasible, but is already in progress, bringing multiple benefits to societies around the world. By sharing stories of successful renewable energy deployment, the campaign highlights improvements in public health, economic growth, energy security, environmental protection, and social equity. The platform serves as a resource for policymakers, companies, and civil society to explore the benefits of renewable energy and inspire further action towards a sustainable and just future.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.reboot-the-world.com/>

#### **4. Bridging the Green Skills Gap: Educational Reform for Renewable Energy**

The latest report from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) highlights the transformative potential of large-scale solar and wind energy projects in driving a just energy transition in Sub-Saharan Africa. Focusing on community-centred approaches, the report explores key aspects such as site selection, inclusive ownership models, and investments in local development. It also examines opportunities for skill-building, job creation, and local procurement, while emphasizing the critical role of women in renewable energy systems. These projects aim not only to enhance energy access but also to deliver lasting socio-economic benefits for surrounding communities, fostering resilience, sustainability, and empowerment.

The publication can be downloaded here: <https://www.irena.org/Publications/2025/Jan/A-just-energy-transition-for-communities-Large-scale-wind-and-solar-projects-in-Sub-Saharan-Africa>

#### **5. Global Launch of the 2025 UN International Year of Cooperatives**

The United Nations International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2025 was launched at the ICA Global Cooperative Conference in New Delhi, which gathered more than 3,000 delegates from over 100 countries. Under the theme 'Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All', discussions focused on four pillars: reaffirming cooperative identity, enabling supportive policies, developing strong leadership and building a sustainable future. The event concluded with the adoption of the New Delhi Action Agenda, a roadmap for enhancing the global impact of cooperatives in advancing sustainability, inclusion and economic resilience.

For further information, please visit: <https://ica.coop/en/media/library/press-releases/2025-international-year-cooperatives-launched-new-delhi>

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We hope you enjoyed reading our news updates and look forward to staying in touch with you within the GFSE community. We highly welcome reactions and suggestions!

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