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# Under the umbrella of the International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

## Expert Group Meeting

# De-risking small-scale renewable energy in rural areas through microfinance and matchmaking

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7 December 2022

10:00 – 11:30 AM Beirut Time



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The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is organising an  
Expert Group Meeting on

## De-risking small-scale renewable energy in rural areas through microfinance and matchmaking

### Main question:

- What are the business models that can be used to overcome the barriers preventing the greater uptake of small-scale renewable energy (RE) for productive use in the Arab region?

### Main objectives:

- Identify key barriers and risks preventing the accelerated ramp-up of small-scale RE for productive use in developing countries
- Promising case studies from around the world that address various barriers and risks to financing small-scale RE in rural areas
- Key financial and policy instruments that can be employed to bridge the gap between finance and RE projects for productive use
- Platforms that can be adopted to match lenders, with developers, with bankable projects



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## AGENDA

Opening remarks: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, United Nations ESCWA

Scene-setter: De-risking investments in small-scale RE for productive use in rural areas of the Arab region – Mr. Mustafa Ansari, United Nations ESCWA

Presentations (~5 mins each)

- Making decentralised renewable energy viable in Africa by electrifying productive usages (ENGIE)
- Small-scale RE actions and inclusive finance for marginalised groups in Indonesia (HIVOS)
- Community engagement - gender equality and social inclusion (IIED)

Interactive panel (Davos style) (~60 mins)

Moderator: Ms. Radia Sedaoui, United Nations ESCWA

- Mr. Quentin Peries-Joly, Business Development, Engie
- Ms. Sandra Winarsa, Program Development Coordinator, HIVOS
- Mr. Kevin Johnstone, Senior Researcher for Energy and Livelihoods, IIED

Wrap up: Mr. Mustafa Ansari United Nations ESCWA

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<https://www.unescwa.org/events/microfinance-and-matchmaking-boost-small-scale-renewable-energy-rural-areas>



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