

Newsletter

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New CLEANaction members – Welcome!

<u>Greening the Islands Foundation</u> is a leading international non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating the sustainable transition of all small islands globally, beyond geographical and political boundaries. We champion the transformative "Island Model," promoting 100% renewable energy as the foundation for holistic sustainability across all sectors, including water, waste, mobility, agriculture, and tourism. Through our think tank, the GTI Observatory, we foster analysis, knowledge sharing, and multi-stakeholder cooperation, empowering islands as living laboratories for innovative, replicable solutions that drive global energy security and climate resilience. We convene international conferences, partnerships, and advocacy initiatives, aligning with key climate agendas.

<u>SEforALL</u>, Sustainable Energy for All, hosted by UNOPS positions SDG7 as the foundation for energy access, climate action and development. We drive just and equitable energy transitions that leave no one behind. Led by our CEO, Damilola Ogunbiyi, who also serves as the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Sustainable Energy for All, we bring global influence, agility, evidence and analysis along with deep cross-sectoral partnerships to our mission.

Global Updates

In a historic ruling, the International Court of Justice, the UN's top court, says countries must protect the climate and nature. Its legal opinion affirms duties to curb emissions and restore damage, setting a path toward climate justice and accountability. WWF press <u>release here</u>.

UN Secretary General: <u>World must supercharge the energy transition</u>. Watch the UN SG's speech <u>here</u> or read here.

Global solar installations surge 64% in first half of 2025 | Ember

New hydrocarbon find slammed by climate campaigners

Analysis: Record solar growth keeps China's CO2 falling in first half of 2025 - Carbon Brief

Member Updates

The IRENA Coalition for Action, together with CLEANaction, launched a report on Nature-positive Energy Principles at Connect Karo in New Delhi, India. At the session on 'Addressing barriers to siting clean energy projects and advancing equitable solutions', scheduled on 2nd September, the report Nature-Positive Energy Principles: Environmental Siting and Permitting Solar, Wind, and Grid Infrastructure developed by members of the IRENA Coalition for Action and CLEANaction was launched. CLEANaction members Ute Collier, Acting Director, Knowledge, Policy and Finance Centre, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA); Dean Cooper, Global Energy Lead, WWF; Kalyan Verma, Senior Expert – Corporate Stewardship (Sustainable Business), WWF India presented at the session.

Last month, ITP Renewables travelled to Honiara, Solomon Islands, to deliver comprehensive training on off-grid power systems to Save the Children staff, as the lead technical adviser for the Renew Pacific program. The intensive training program equipped Save the Children's field workers with practical, end-to-end knowledge of off-grid renewable energy systems from opportunity identification and community needs assessment, through to responsible decommissioning and disposal pathways. The training focused on practical skill development, enabling field staff to evaluate renewable energy opportunities in the diverse remote communities where Save the Children operates. This grassroots approach ensures that renewable energy solutions are community-driven and culturally appropriate.



ITP Renewables team with Save the Children staff

<u>How ecooking can Preserve Madagascar's Unique Biodiversity</u> - GeCCO Blog by Alicia Butterfield and Isabel Risby. In the blog the authors **highlight the impact of traditional cooking on biodiversity and the need to switch to electric cooking.**

Working Group Updates:

(CLEANAction Members to indicate interest to be part of working groups if not indicated yet)

<u>Working Group 1</u>- Minigrids with e-cooking and productive use: <u>TTA</u> to lead. **1**st **Working Group meeting on 10**th **September 0830-0930 hrs (GMT-6)**. <u>Google Meet Invite</u> sent by Nahomie from TTA. Thanks to those who indicated their availability for the call, we look forward to your active participation.

<u>Working Group 2</u> – Critical minerals: Critical Minerals Association UK indicated interest to lead and will share proposal soon.

<u>Working Group 3</u> – Siting/Permitting: WWF shared a proposal led by WWF Norway and WWF South Africa – the PROTEA project. 1st working group meeting date to be decided soon. Please indicate availability via <u>this doodle poll</u> to join the discussion call with the PROTEA team.

Upcoming Energy and Nature Events

21-28 Sept: New York Climate Week

22-25 September: <u>32nd annual Pacific Power Association conference</u> in Koror, Palau. ITP Renewables will be attending the conference which brings together utility operators, policymakers, and renewable energy experts from across the Pacific region to address the unique challenges and opportunities of Pacific Island grids.

29-31 October: <u>Greening the Islands International Conference 2025: Celebrating a Decade of Innovation and Sustainability for Islands</u>, Gozo, Malta. Dean Cooper, Global Energy Lead, WWF will speak virtually at a session on: Piloting the "Island Model": Innovative Energy Storage and Grid Solutions for 100% RES, a focus area for CLEANaction coalition.

3-5 Nov: <u>COP30 Local Leaders Forum</u>, Rio de Janeiro 6-9 Nov: <u>Climate Action Innovation Zone</u>, São Paulo

6-7 Nov: COP30 <u>Summit</u>, Belém 10-21 Nov: COP 30 Brazil , Belém

1 December: Critical Minerals Association (CMA) 5th Annual Conference, London

Feedback

Members are welcome to share their updates for the next newsletter due in November 2025 with Reshmi RRanjith@wwf.org.hk and Isabel@gamos.org by 31st October.





We welcome any feedback or support to improve the newsletter. For any additional information on CLEANaction reach out to Reshmi.

