

#BiogasUnite

Biogas entrepreneurs in Africa join forces to demand better working conditions for the sector and to regulate foreign aid involvement

Dear biogas colleagues,

We are a group of biogas entrepreneurs and companies working in Africa who need your attention.

The reason for reaching out to you is our concern about the ongoing and planned activities of international aid organizations and donors in the field of household biogas in Africa. There are numerous offers for entrepreneurs to apply for funding in some countries, while biogas plays no role in other countries. Governments often have no stake in biogas or in setting the standards in their countries, and the private sector is widely unprotected. We, as business owners and entrepreneurs who make biogas available, are not involved when decisions are made. Thus, we are very much at risk when new programs or projects are launched.

We are local and international companies and entrepreneurs who are taking initiative to improve the conditions for all in the biogas sector. Up to now, the biogas sector has been largely driven by donor-funded projects and programs without the effect of creating a sustainable, fair and functioning biogas market anywhere. We want to have a stake in shaping the landscape for the biogas sector of the future, because market development has largely failed. Generally, it relates to structural problems that programs or projects have not addressed. As entrepreneurs, we are interested in working in reliable and protected environments, solid and competitive markets with equal conditions for all players and clear rules regarding technology and service quality to assure a good reputation of biogas among customers, partners and investors.

Together with you, we want to discuss what is needed to make biogas implementation easier. The aim is to agree on a number of requests that we then bring forward and share with donors involved in biogas as well as governments. For this, it is important to speak with one voice, to listen to the individual opinions.

Please sign-up to our regular meetings and join the discussion.

Thank you very much,

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