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1.3 billion people worldwide are without access to electricity, and a billion more have only intermittent access. 2.8 billion people lack access to clean cooking solutions.

In response, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched a new initiative in 2011 by the same name, calling on governments, businesses, and civil society to make commitments to action to accomplish three objectives by 2030:

ENSURING universal access TO MODERN ENERGY SERVICES.

DOUBLING THE GLOBAL RATE OF IMPROVEMENT IN energy efficiency.

DOUBLING THE SHARE OF renewable energy IN THE GLOBAL ENERGY MIX.

The UN General Assembly Member States have unanimously declared 2014-2024 as the Decade of Sustainable Energy for All.
Energy Access Practitioner Network

- 1500 members
- >50 million households electrified
- 191 countries

Organization types in Practitioner Network membership*

* Based on a Spring 2013 survey (191 respondents).
Energy Access in Haiti

• The International Energy Agency estimates that micro-grid & decentralized energy solutions will be the pathway to electricity access for roughly **60 percent** of the people who now lack it.

• Poverty in Haiti is closely tied to a significant lack of access to energy: **fewer than 25 percent** of households in Haiti are connected to the grid, and the existing infrastructure has continuous issues, with total system losses estimated as much as **50 percent**.

• Half of Haiti's population still lives on **less than $1 a day**, and the country has the second largest income disparity in the world.

• The average rural Haitian is estimated to spend **6.5 percent** of his annual income on kerosene and candles for home lighting.

• The Practitioner Network has a strong membership base in Haiti – close to **130 member organizations** report operating in the country.