

DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION
BY THE AFRICA HEADS OF STATE ENERGY SUMMIT ON PROVIDING ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY FOR 300 MILLION PEOPLE IN AFRICA BY 2030

We, the Heads of State and Government of the underlisted African countries meeting in Dar es Salaam for the Africa Heads of State Energy Summit under the theme ***Powering Africa for Reliable, Affordable, Inclusive, Sustainable and Clean Energy for All*** to discuss and agree on the overall objectives and targets, policy priorities, challenges, and commitments to invest in our energy sector***,*** and **We:**

1. **COMMEND** Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, for hosting this important summit and for her leadership in championing clean cooking in Africa.

2. **RECOGNIZE** the leadership and commitment of President Akinwumi Adesina of the African Development Bank Group and President Ajay Banga of the World Bank Group for this historic and transformative initiative.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the leadership and support of the Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, as well as the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat.

4. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the urgent need to address the stark reality that nearly 600 million Africans lack access to electricity, and almost 1 billion lack access to clean cooking solutions, despite significant progress.

5. **RECOGNIZE** that achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7 for affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030 requires concerted efforts and unprecedented investment across the energy value chain. Country platforms such as the **National Energy Compacts** provide the framework for coordinated actions and shall be in place by the end of 2025.

6. **APPRECIATE** the critical role of partnerships in mobilizing resources for energy access initiatives such as Mission 300, with the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank Group targeting electrification for 250 million and 50 million people respectively.

7. **COMMEND** the African Development Bank Group and the World Bank Group for the planned allocation of USD 48 billion in financing through 2030, and complementing this with increasing private sector financing, as well as technical assistance for advancing energy sector reform and access across Africa. We understand that this allocation will evolve to fit implementation needs.

8. **COMMEND** the co-financing commitments announced by Agence Française de Développement (AFD) of USD 1 billion, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) of USD 2.65 billion, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) of between USD 1 billion to 1.5 billion, and the OPEC Fund for International Development of USD 1 billion in support of energy access activities on the continent.

9. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the contributions of our partners towards the recent generous replenishment of IDA 21 and **CALL** for a similarly generous replenishment of ADF 17 to increase concessional resources at long-term maturity available for our countries to accelerate access to electricity and clean cooking.

10. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the efforts of the African Union under the AU Agenda 2063 towards Energy Access, Energy Security and Regional Integration and the strategic roles of AU flagship energy initiatives including the African Single Electricity Market (AfSEM), the Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP) and the Program of Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) toward achieving the goals of Mission 300.

11. **RECOGNIZE** that the private sector needs to play a central and determinant role, in the entire energy value chain towards meeting the continent's energy access goals, including both on-grid as well as in distributed renewable energy (DRE) and clean cooking solutions, and therefore creating an enabling environment for private sector investment is critical.

12. **AGREE** to a united vision of delivering energy to Africans, recognizing its transformative role in ending poverty, improving health and driving industrialization to foster economic development across sectors.

13. **HEREBY RESOLVE** to undertake the following:

i) Pursue ambitious yet achievable goals for access to electricity and clean cooking solutions, increase the share of renewable energy in the energy mix, and increase private capital mobilization; and take concrete and time-bound actions to:

a) *Efficiently rehabilitate and expand power generation, transmission and distribution network infrastructure at competitive costs* based on least cost power system planning principles that consider not only national resources but also tap into cost-

effective generation options regionally, and through competitive and transparent procurement processes that attract qualified bidders and secure best prices.

b) *Leverage the benefits of increased regional integration* by investing in interconnections; harmonizing transmission planning, pricing, standards and grid codes within the power pools; and fostering cooperation among countries to unlock Africa's full energy potential, including gas as well as hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal and other clean energy sources.

c) *Embrace distributed renewable energy (DRE) and clean cooking solutions as critical elements of the energy access agenda* by adopting: the Multi-Tier Framework for Energy Access (MTF) definition; least cost electrification strategies and plans with an emphasis on energy efficiency; as well as national clean cooking strategies with realistic targets.

d) *Incentivize private sector participation to unlock additional resources* by creating an enabling environment through supportive regulations, effective fiscal policies with appropriate incentives, and innovative financing mechanisms grounded in cost-benefit analyses**.** Further, incentivize African investors and support the development of an African electricity industry.

e) *Ensure financially viable utilities that prioritize energy security and provision of reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity services* through appropriate reforms and actions including tariff adjustments and efficiency improvement measures to ensure utilities achieve at least 100 percent operational cost recovery at the earliest possible time, and timely publication of audited financial statements.

ii) Take adequate measures for institutional strengthening and capacity building with an emphasis on timely and successful implementation and greater synergies with existing partnerships.

iii) Commit to prioritizing gender equality by accelerating access to energy for women and implementing actions that catalyze access to opportunities in employment and entrepreneurship in the energy sector.

iv) Prioritize our national budgetary resources to complement resources from development partners, philanthropies and the private sector for the implementation of the Mission 300 objectives.

14. With the aim of providing access to modern energy for 300 million people in Africa by 2030, we commit to bold action and political support, by adopting this Declaration.

15. **REQUEST** the African Union Commission to facilitate the submission of this Dar Es Salaam Declaration by the Africa Heads of State Energy Summit on providing access to electricity for 300 million Africans, to the African Union Assembly for its consideration and adoption.

Adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the Africa Heads of State Energy Summit in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania this January 28, 2025.