

ENSURING A JUST AND EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITION IN AFRICA: SEVEN TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS FOR SDG7

During the global SEforALL Forum, held in Kigali, Rwanda from 17-19 May 2022, the Ministers and high-level representatives from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Uganda, and Zimbabwe met to discuss the requirements for a just and equitable energy transition in Africa

To address development gaps, and to put Africa on a pathway to economic prosperity and Net-Zero, that is within its own destiny, supporters of this communiqué endorse the call for the following seven transformative actions towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7 in Africa:

- I. **Make** modern sustainable energy available to the entire continent.
- II. **Support** Africa in the deployment of gas as a transition fuel and the long-term displacement of gas by renewable energy and green hydrogen for industrial development, if financially and technically sustainable.
- III. **Pursue** a modern energy minimum of 1,000 kWh per capita consumption - middle income economies are consuming 2,500 kWh per capita and high-income economies 6,000 kWh per capita – in Africa, that also prioritizes a revolution in clean cooking.
- IV. **Scale-up** private and public sector investment to well over US\$ 2 trillion in new generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure and new energy technologies and delivery systems.
- V. **Prioritize** the creation of millions of local jobs in the new sustainable energy sector to benefit local economies, including through the creation of local supply chains and climate-aligned national energy transition plans.
- VI. **Lift** development finance restrictions that currently limit projects in Africa that can meet local development needs and ramp-up domestic resource mobilization.
- VII. **Catalyze** a step-change in technology transfer mechanisms to ensure that the entire continent has access to the latest energy innovations, on fair terms.

The intention of supporters of this communiqué is to clearly communicate to the global community that Africa intends to pursue its pathway to a Net-Zero future aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement. Our historically low emissions, and our ambition of creating an economy-wide low-carbon development model, will continue to demonstrate our collective aim to be responsible stewards of our planet. We encourage our partners to align with these principles of a just and equitable energy transition in Africa, to turn their commitments into action, and join us in working towards meaningful progress that will benefit our future generations.