



1st Meeting of the Council on Ethanol Clean Cooking (CECC)

Aide Memoire

22-24 July 2024

Venue: Bamako, Mali

**United of Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
and the Council on Ethanol Clean Cooking (CECC)**

Partners

The Government of Mali

Government of Austria

OPEC Fund

1- Background:

Providing access to modern clean cooking fuels and technologies to households is critical to achieving global climate and sustainable development goals especially SDG 7. Globally, 2.3 billion people lack access to clean fuels and technologies, relying on polluting open fires or inefficient biomass stoves to cook their daily meals. Each year, cooking with wood, charcoal and kerosene costs the world \$2.4 trillion in damage to the environment and local economies, contributing to 3.2 million premature deaths. The adoption of modern and clean cooking fuels can improve indoor air quality, reduce reliance on unsustainably harvested biomass, and support create jobs and livelihoods. Lack of access to clean cooking disproportionately affects women and girls, limiting their ability to participate and benefit equally in the economy and society.

To address these problems, the Council on Ethanol Clean cooking (CECC) was launched during COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh Egypt in 2022 by Ministers of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and senior officials from Madagascar and Kenya. CECC is the outcome of an Expert Group Meeting on “Clean Cooking: Potential for Bioethanol Industries in High Impact Countries” held in June 2021 in Vienna. Organized by UNIDO, Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA), African Union Commission (AUC), the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UN-ESCAP), the Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) and the Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL). The expert group adopted a call for action to establish a multi-stakeholder platform to promote ethanol as a clean cooking fuel. Subsequently, a working group consisting of Côte d'Ivoire, India, Kenya, the Philippines as well as development partners such as the IEA Biofuture platform, FAO-Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP) and the Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), developed the governance framework for the Council.

CECC is conceived as a multi-stakeholder networking platform of developing country members, technical & research institutions, private sector players and development partners to share information, technology, resources and experience, including best practices for developing sustainable ethanol industry and associated value-chains for catering to clean cooking market and thereby accelerating achievement of SDG 7 by 2030.

Currently 21 countries from Africa and Asia have joined the Council together with 16 partners' organizations and industry partners. As of now, several capacity building events has been organized by CECC since its launch.

2- Purpose of the proposed event:

According to the governance document, the CECC is to meet on a yearly basis to provide strategic guidance to the secretariat on the activities and approve its work plan.

The Council meeting will be an opportunity to mobilize partnerships, to meet with key decision makers, exchange knowledge and information and discuss cooperation.

3- Expected Outcomes:

The first council meeting of the CECC is expected to:

a) CECC governance body meeting :

- Elect a chairperson and 2 Vice Chairpersons;
- Appoint a steering committee for CECC;
- Review and validate the governance document;
- Approve a 2 year work plan;

b) Technical meeting and way forward: Stakeholders declaration on the way forward AND ROADMAP based on the following technical sessions:

- Experience exchange among the countries members: Successful experiences in implementing clean cooking initiatives shared;
- Financing for Clean Cooking: Clean cooking financing facility framework
- Role of the partner organizations in Scaling Clean Cooking
- Clean Cooking Policies & Standards (Panel Discussions)
- Private sector development and involvement: opportunities and challenges
- Innovation, technologies and transfer of technologies: opportunities and challenges

c) Communication and visibility

d) Coordination of logistical elements (Arrange venue, travel of participants, catering)

4- Expected Participants:

CECC has 21 member countries and 16 partner members. The focal points of the member countries are the key decision makers and their participation including selected resource persons will be borne by UNIDO (most direct economy ticket and 4 nights DSA and 1 extra day of DSA for incidentals, i.e, Visa, local travels etc).

In addition, all partner members and development partners including IFIs, development funds and other key players in clean cooking will be invited and expected to attend at their own cost.

National participants:

1. Ministry of Energy and Water;
2. Ministry of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development;
3. Ministry of Agriculture;
4. Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries;
5. Ministry of Industry and Commerce;
6. Ministry of Economy and Finance;
7. Ministry for the Promotion of Women, Children and Families;
8. Malian Alliance for Clean Cooking;
9. Confederation of Producers of Pourghère and Other Energy Plants of Mali;

10. IPR/IFRA;
11. ENI-ABT;
12. FST;
13. Kolondièba Agropastoral Center;
14. SUKALA-SA factories;
15. Resource persons.