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Dr. Kandeh Yumkella and Mr. Ali Mohamed, the Climate Envoys of Sierra Leone and Kenya respectively, shake hands at the announcement of the inaugural Clean Cooking Delivery Units.

Delivery Units Network Overview

National governments are the key to achieving universal access to clean cooking by 2030.

2.3 billion people globally lack access to clean and affordable cooking solutions. The human, economic, and planetary toll of traditional cooking is enormous, leading to:

- **3.2 million** premature deaths per year.¹
- **120 megatons** of climate pollutants emissions annually.²
- **Over half** of man-made global black carbon emissions.³
- A loss of up to **10 hours** a week for women and children due to firewood collection.⁴
- **\$2.4 trillion** a year in losses to the global economy.⁵

These impacts are particularly pronounced in sub-Saharan Africa, where the rate of clean cooking access is 10 percent.⁶ Addressing this fundamental challenge can thus unlock widespread development benefits while contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and Nationally Determined Contribution targets. Countries that ambitiously address clean cooking will emerge as global leaders on the issue and pave the way for future progress.

No country can achieve universal access without bold leadership from the highest levels of government. National

governments are the “backbone” of ecosystem-wide progress. With Heads of State and Cabinet Ministers leading the charge, countries can accelerate access at an unprecedented scale. By establishing a mandate to address clean cooking through a whole-of-government approach, governments can implement ambitious national strategies, build market infrastructure to spur private sector growth, develop rigorous and transparent carbon frameworks, and drive coordinated action across sectors – all while ensuring equitable access for the poorest and most vulnerable households.

1 World Health Organization, [“Household air pollution and health.”](#)

2 Clean Cooking Alliance, [“Climate, Environment, and Clean Cooking.”](#)

3 Climate & Clean Air Coalition, [“Black carbon.”](#)

4 Clean Cooking Alliance, [“Gender and Clean Cooking.”](#)

5 ESMAP, [“The State of Access to Modern Energy Cooking Services \(English\).”](#) Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group

6 ESMAP, [“The State of Access to Modern Energy Cooking Services \(English\).”](#)

The Delivery Units Network is establishing Delivery Units at the highest levels of government globally to realize ambitious national clean cooking transitions.

Clean Cooking Delivery Units are small, high-performing teams of local talent embedded within a Presidential or Ministerial office focused solely on achieving clean cooking targets. By establishing Delivery Units at the highest levels of government, leaders can more effectively secure the financial resources and support they need to successfully deliver impactful action on clean cooking access. Positioning Delivery Units at the Presidential or Ministerial level enhances cross-government coordination for an issue that sits across multiple ministries, offices, and agencies. This also enables governments to unlock government budgets and donor funding on a larger scale to implement critical infrastructure and programs, derisk private investment, design better carbon regulations that accelerate clean cooking carbon finance, streamline engagements across the national clean cooking sector by serving as a nodal point, and elevate clean cooking as a national priority

deserving of urgent action.

The establishment of the inaugural Delivery Unit cohort is underway. Kenya has announced its intent to establish the inaugural Delivery Unit within the Office of the President, and Sierra Leone has announced its intent to follow suit. The leadership shown by these countries marks the first time in which clean cooking is elevated to the highest levels of government, demonstrating their commitment to not only achieving access targets for the wellbeing of their citizens but in prioritizing clean cooking as a vital climate solution. CCA is partnering with the Climate Envoys of Kenya and Sierra Leone to set up these Delivery Units and is in active discussions with additional African governments seeking to join the Network.

The Network is a platform that provides a centralized suite of services to support and amplify clean cooking action across Delivery Units. By joining the



Network, Delivery Units gain access to peer-to-peer learning and partnership opportunities with other countries, tailored technical assistance, resource mobilization support to help secure financing at scale from national and international partners, catalytic funding for special projects, professional development support to help build local leaders and civil servants dedicated to clean cooking, and global spotlight opportunities. Through access to shared Network services, countries can achieve results more efficiently and on a larger scale.



The Delivery Units Network aims to build a coalition of 10+ countries to drive an African-led clean cooking agenda.

The Delivery Units Network is creating a groundswell of momentum to build an African-led clean cooking agenda to mobilize commitment, financial resources, and action in line with government ambitions. With an initial focus on African countries, the Network brings together Climate Envoys, Heads of State and other high-level political leaders from across the African continent and provides these leaders with a

platform to create a unified voice and establish shared priorities on clean cooking. To secure the \$4 billion a year¹ required to achieve universal access in Africa, a call to action from the highest levels of African governments issued to the international community is required. Furthermore, this enables governments from across the continent to elevate clean cooking as an essential climate solution at global events and dialogues.

1 IEA. "A Vision for Clean Cooking Access for All" (2023).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Clean Cooking Delivery Unit?

A Clean Cooking Delivery Unit is a small, high-performing team of local talent embedded within a Presidential or Ministerial office focused exclusively on achieving clean cooking targets. Each Delivery Unit will comprise two to 10 individuals within government who are responsible for implementing specific clean cooking projects to accelerate and deliver measurable results. The Delivery Unit is embedded at the highest levels of government to enable effective cross-ministerial coordination, unlock public funding and private sector investment to accelerate clean cooking access, serve as a nodal point between the government and the country's clean cooking stakeholders, elevate clean cooking as a national priority deserving of urgent action, and enable regional collaboration.

What support does the Delivery Units Network offer member countries?

The Delivery Units Network will provide funding alongside national government commitments to countries for setting up a Delivery Unit, which may include Delivery Unit staff salaries and operating costs for a set number of years, in accordance with the size and ambition of the Delivery Unit. Once a country has established a Delivery Unit, the Network will provide tailored technical assistance to help draft, adopt, and implement national clean cooking, energy and climate plans; support in accessing and securing funding from large international funding pools to match implementation needs; leadership development for Delivery Unit staff to empower local leaders in civil services; access to a peer network of fellow Network countries and shared resources; and

global spotlight opportunities for member countries leading on clean cooking.

How does a country qualify to join the Delivery Units Network?

The Delivery Units Network welcomes all countries, initially focusing on sub-Saharan African countries, looking to accelerate and expand access to clean cooking meaningfully and equitably and that would benefit from a dedicated Clean Cooking Delivery Unit within government. The Delivery Units Network is prepared to support national governments in all stages of their clean cooking journey, from early ambition to implementation. The Delivery Units Network recognizes that the specific funding and support needs of each country will be unique. Therefore, the Delivery Units Network will design a bespoke offering in collaboration with each member country based on the scope of that country's ambition, efforts, and planned contributions. The Delivery Units Network team will also identify and crowd in other global and regional partners.



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About the Clean Cooking Alliance

CCA works with a global network of partners to build an inclusive industry that makes clean cooking accessible to the 2.3 billion people who live each day without it. Established in 2010, CCA is driving consumer demand, mobilizing investment to build a pipeline of scalable businesses, and fostering an enabling environment that allows the sector to thrive. Clean cooking transforms lives by improving health, protecting the climate and the environment, empowering women, and helping consumers save time and money.

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