

Renewable energies and energy efficiency for poverty reduction

The contribution to poverty reduction by introducing renewable energies and energy efficiency in developing countries is part of REPIC activities. The participation of local actors to answer the population's needs and the economic viability in a given context is of primary importance to the REPIC Platform.

REPIC (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Promotion in International Cooperation) is a common engagement of four federal offices (SECO, SDC, FOEN, SFOE) in the international cooperation field. The REPIC Platform contributes to the implementation of global climate protection agreements and to a sustainable energy supply in developing and transition countries, as well as in Switzerland. The main principle for the activities and projects within the REPIC Platform is the local anchoring in the target countries, as well as an according sustainable impact. For a sustainable deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency, socio-economical aspects like the creation of energy services, the improvement of the local infrastructure, the creation or promotion of marketing and financial structures are of particular relevance.

With the presentation and discussion of three pilot projects of different sizes supported by REPIC you are invited to exchange experiences with experts from three different institutions:

- Pierre Güntert, güntert Energieberatung: Project in Haiti: Biomass/Pyrolysis cook stoves
- Daniel Schneider, CEAS: Project in Madagascar: Pico hydro power for the rural population
- Nicole Stolz, Caritas: Project in Tajikistan: Energy efficient buildings for the rural population



The answers of those experts to the following questions are the main contribution to this side event: How were/are the beneficiaries involved in the development of the technology? How did/do the beneficiaries accept to use the technology? What can be done for a better co-creation of technology? You are welcome to ask further questions and take part in the discussions and exchange your ideas.