

Message from Stephen Karekezi

Thank you for your invitation of 25 May encouraging me to send a message for consideration at the forthcoming planning workshop for a conference in honour of Prof. AKN Reddy.

Prof. Reddy's work has been instrumental in linking poverty and sustainable energy issues. Coming from a region (sub-Saharan Africa) where, in contrast of other parts of the world, poverty levels continue to increase, Reddy's insights and research studies are of special relevance.

The sub-Saharan Africa region poses a special challenge that has been faced by few regions, namely, how can one best promote pro-poor sustainable energy interventions in a context of deepening poverty and widespread state/institutional decay. The growing insistence from multilateral institutions on adherence to strict pro-market policies complicates the situation. Some reflections on how the above mentioned challenge could be faced would be of interest.

Hope the above thoughts are of some use.

Best regards,
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