THE TWO DAYS TECHNICAL VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL (SE4ALL) ACTION AGENDA HELD AT THE PARKVIEW HOTEL, WUSE ZONE 1, ABUJA FROM THURSDAY, 14TH – FRIDAY, 15TH JULY, 2016

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Background

In September 2011, the UN Secretary General announced the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) Initiative with a view to bringing all sectors of the society – businesses, governments, investors, community groups, and academia to support the three interlinked objectives of ensuring UNIVERSAL ACCESS to modern energy services; doubling the global rate of improvement in ENERGY EFFICIENCY; and doubling the share of RENEWABLE ENERGY in the global energy mix by the year 2030. This Initiative was officially launched in Nigeria by H. E. the President on 23rd August 2012.

In the discharge of its responsibility for strategic planning and coordination of national energy policies in all its ramifications, the Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nigeria and other relevant stakeholders:

- Drafted the SE4ALL Rapid Assessment & Gap Analysis for Nigeria in 2013;
- Organized a One Day National Stakeholders Awareness and Consultation on Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) in 2012;
- Organized a One-Day Multi-Sectoral/Development Partners Forum on SE4ALL in 2013; and
- Drafted the Sustainable Energy for All Action Agenda for Nigeria in 2015.

It is against this background that the ECN in collaboration with the UNDP, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Nigeria and other stakeholders organized a Workshop to amongst other objectives give stakeholders the opportunity to make inputs and further enrich the draft SE4ALL Action Agenda prepared for Nigeria which is geared towards the attainment of the national energy development goals. The Workshop took place at Parkview Hotel, Abuja from Thursday, 14th – Friday, 15th July, 2016.

Attendance

The Honourable Minister, Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu; the Director General, Energy Commission of Nigeria, Prof. Eli Jidere Bala; the UNDP Country Director, Mr. Pa Lamin Beyai represented by the Team Head, Sustainable Development Unit, Mr. Muyiwa Odele; and the Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Nigeria represented by Mr. Sunday Daniel Ogah were some of the dignitaries at the meeting. See Figures 1 (a), 1 (b) and 2b.

The Workshop had in attendance over one hundred and Thirty-Four (134) participants from government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and the Media. See Figures 2(a) and 2(c).



Figure 1(a) Dignitaries during the National Anthem Consultant



Figure 1 (b): Dignitaries keenly listening to the during his Keynote Address



Figure 2 (a) A Cross section of Participants



Figure 2(b): A Group Photograph of some Dignitaries after the Opening Ceremony of the Event



Figure 2 (c): A Cross-section of Participants during the Breakout Session