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# Measuring sustainable energy projects to orient strategies for access to energy: why does it matters?

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# Energy & Sustainable Development

## Multiple interconnections among energy, environment and society

### Interlinkages on

- Socio-Economic **Development**
- **Quality of life** for the people
- Global **Security** (raw materials, food, water)
- **Environmental** protection



**GOAL 7**

**COP21 & COP22**

**SE4ALL**



**Energy**

**Services**

**Development**

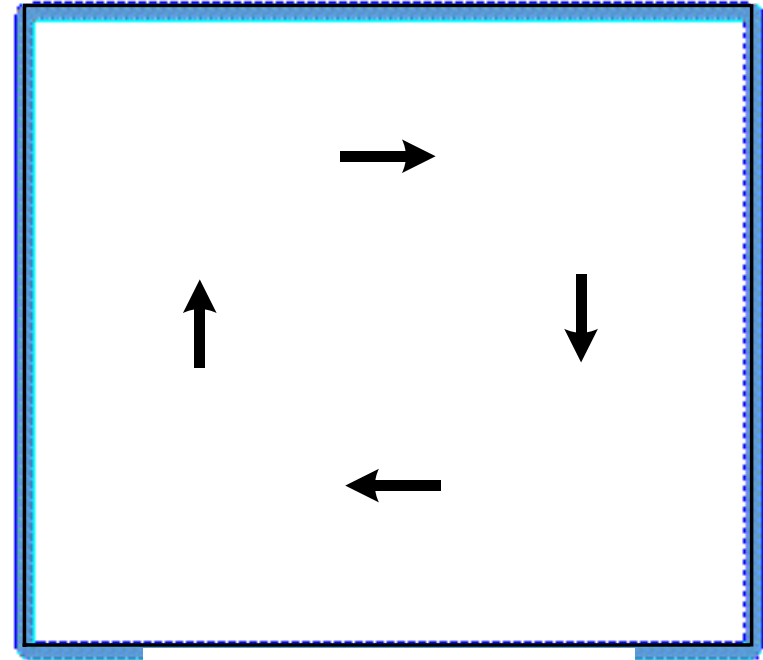
# Energy & Sustainable Development

## Concern about over-exploitation of resources

Human and economic activity goes along with **the capacity of using natural resources**

The concern about **overexploitation of natural resources** has come to be **global**:

- **are limited**
- **their misuse** affects the environment
- The **non-equitable distribution** affects international security





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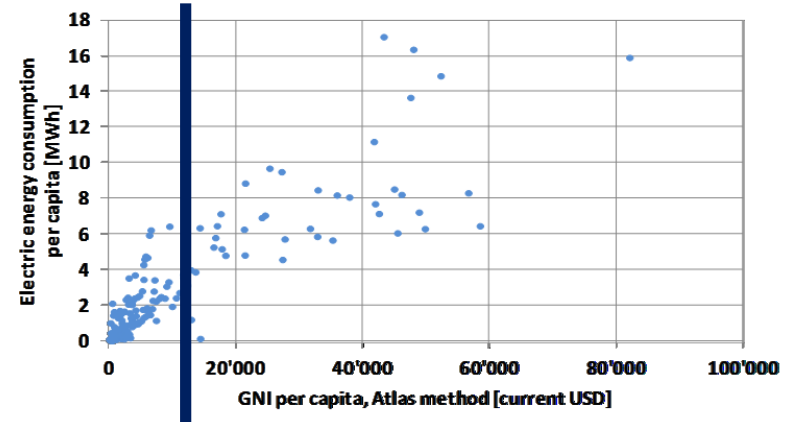
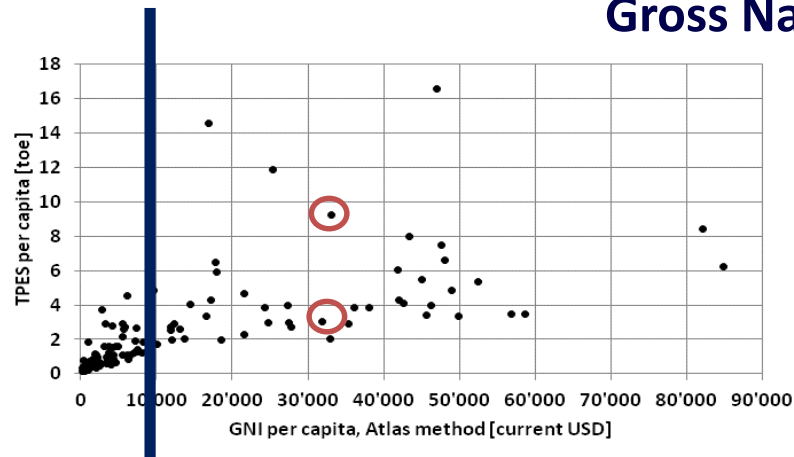
## Energy, Economics and beyond

Total Primary Energy Supply

*Versus*

Electric energy Consumption

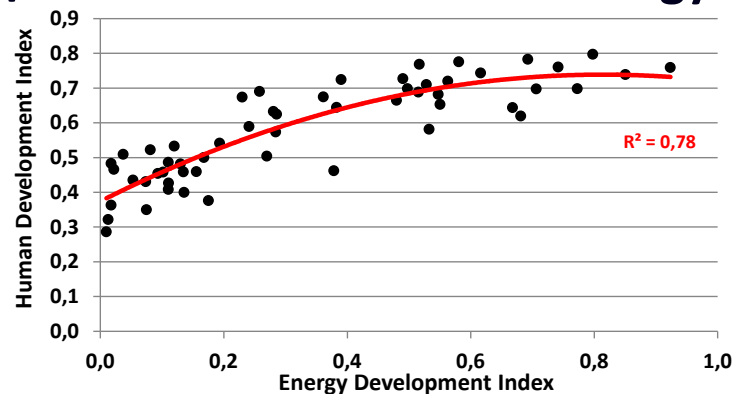
Gross National Income



Human development index

*Versus*

Energy Development index

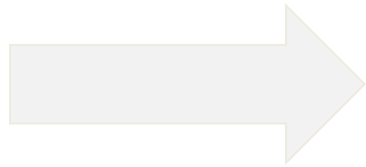


# Energy & Sustainable Development

## Energy and Rights

### Some Philosophical achievements

- Energy does not determine **human dignity**.
- With zero/poor access, **fundamental rights** may not be guarantee



Energy comes to be an **instrumental right**



# Energy Access beyond a binary metrics

**QUANTITY** access to energy

**QUALITY** affordable, reliable, safe & clean...

**Low income  
countries**

**1.1** billions No access to electricity

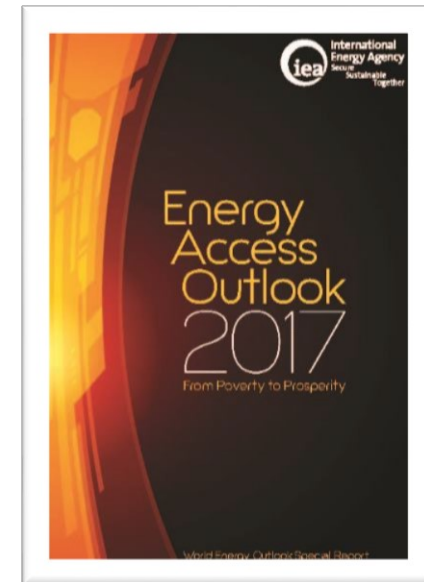
**2.5** billions use **traditional biomass**

**Middle Income  
Country**

**1** billion, no **reliable** access

**High Income  
Country**

**50-75** millions in EU affected by “**fuel poverty**”

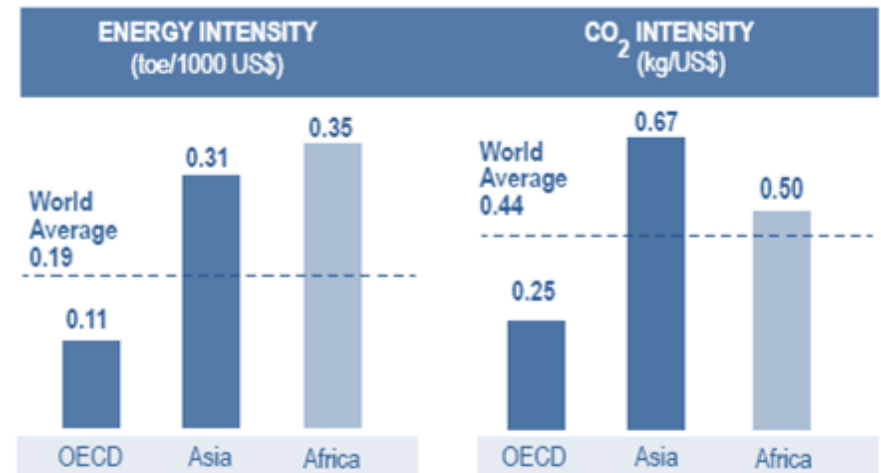
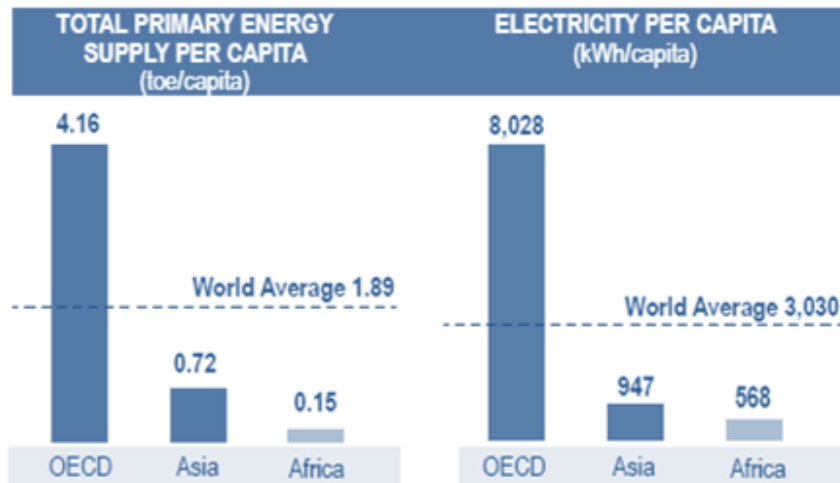


# Energy access in Africa

## Lack of Energy access

**690** millions people no electricity

**780** millions no clean cooking



**Access  
~50%**

**Electricity use  
~1/5 world av.**

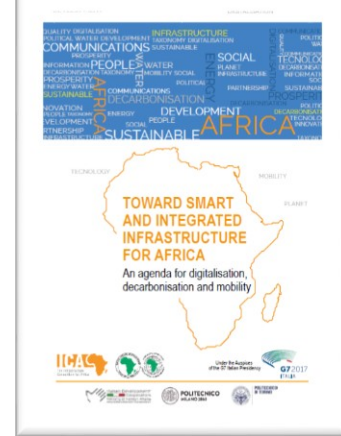
**Intensities  
>2 times OECD**

**~ 150 GW  
uneven share**

**Underinvestment is still an issue**

# Energy access in Africa

*Toward Smart and Integrated  
Infrastructure for Africa, ICA  
Background Paper 2017*

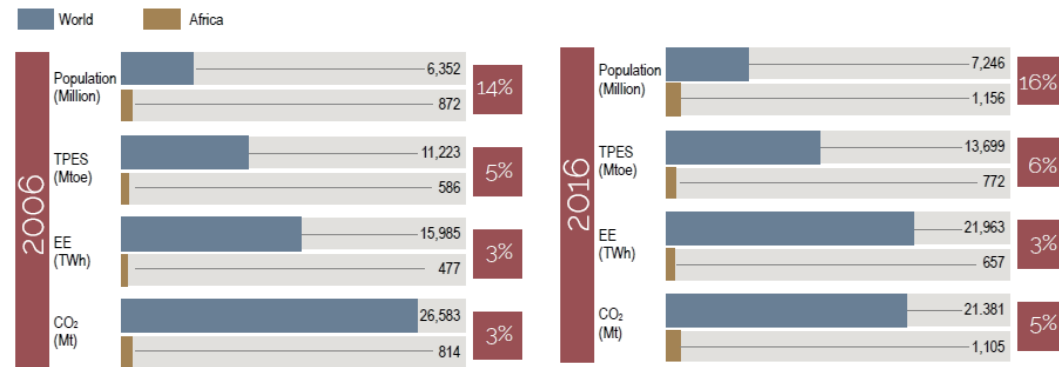


## Lack of Energy access

**LAST TEN YEARS:** Africa Energy System could **not keep pace** with population growth

**LOOKING FORWARD:** Africa is expected to become more **energy demanding** due to its growing population and economy

FIGURE 13. EXTENSIVE ENERGY INDICATORS: AFRICA AND WORLD AVERAGE



Broadband  
<5%

Internet  
<30%

Passengers  
~5%

Goods  
~3%

Rails  
~15%

## Lack of access to other services

Further **'leapfrogging'** opportunities may be enabled by inter-sectorial synergies among energy, transport and ICT



# Energy access in Africa

## The Energy Paradox

**16% of population => 6% TPES, 3% EE, 5% CO2**

*Few Energy*

**30% of global O&G discoveries** and top potential for REs

**Technical losses** in the power sector are **twice** the average

*Not Reliable*

**Sales lost for SMEs** are huge (**5-15 %** of the total sales)

**Electricity tariffs** are among the highest in the world

*Not affordable*

**No domestic market: 2/3 investment** are for export

**67% population** rely on biomass (fuelwood/ charcoal)

*Not clean nor safe*

**40% rise in bioenergy => forestry stocks + health**

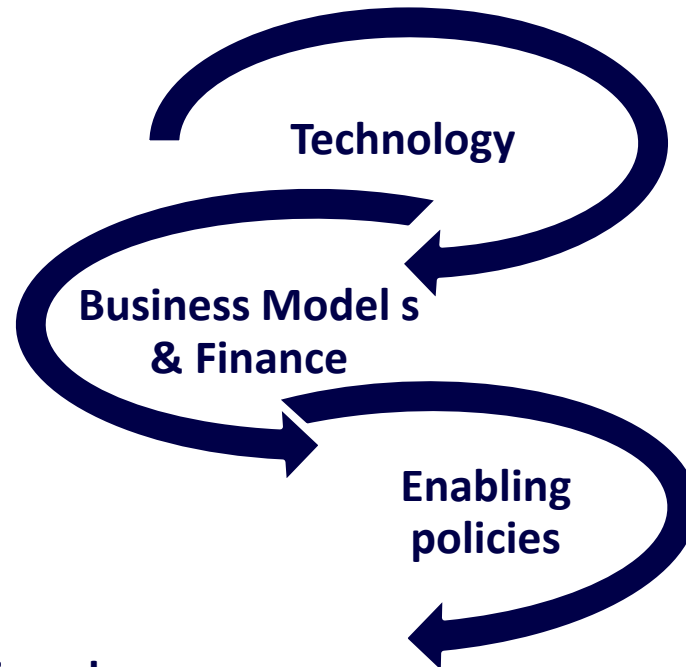
**0,6-0,8 billion** still affected by **poor energy access in 2040**

*Not improving fast!*

# What is missing?

## From the Energy Paradox into the Energy Power for Africa

### Energy Debate for Africa



- **Progresses** has been achieved

- the goal of **SE4All** is still far
- **GOAL 7** will not be straightforward

# What is missing? *Measuring Impact*

## Measuring the impact of our Actions

### Learning from the past

*"Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past." Niccolò Macchiavelli*



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**Evaluation metric to address the complexity and interconnections of current energy challenges**



### **Accountability**

Assess project performance



### **Strategic Planning**

To guide future interventions

# Performance and Impact Assessment Framework

## Measuring the impact of our Actions

### Learning from the past

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### **Metrics for IMPACT has to take into account**

- (i) The induced change on the community
- (ii) The relation between effects & costs or needs

#### TAKING PROFIT FROM ...

- LFM, Livelihood approach, Results Chain
  - DAC-OECD 5 Criteria

**Common tools exist**

#### MITIGATING ...

**Lack of harmonization**

- few structured and **quantitative assessments**

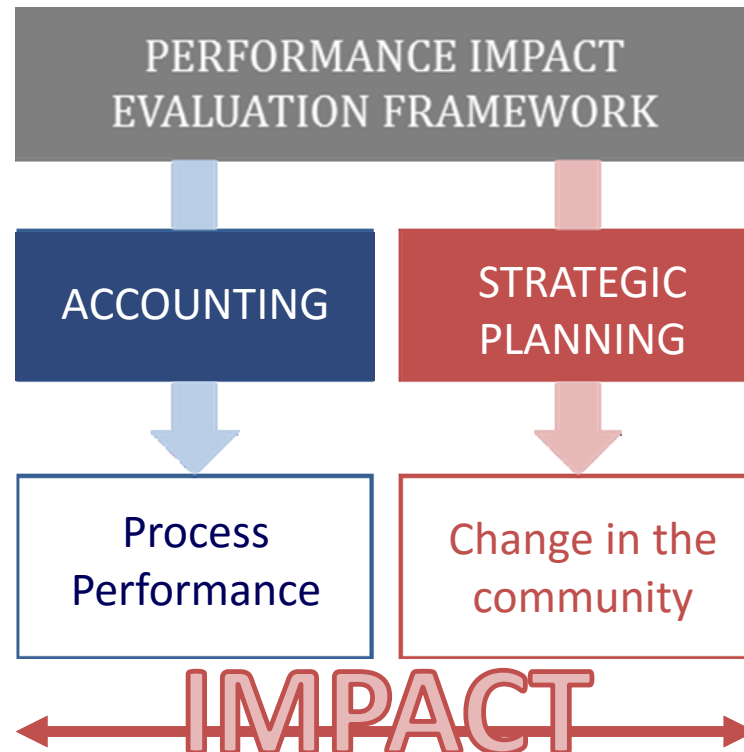
# Performance and Impact Assessment Framework

## Measuring impact beyond energy access project!

Accountability ..... Measuring the process's performance



Strategic Planning...measuring the change





# ACCOUNTING: measuring process performance

## MODEL BASED APPROACH

### FLOWS OF INPUT

- Materials
- Energy
- Other goods & services
- Externalities



### RESOURCE CONSUMPTION

- Overall estimation of
- resources consumption
  - waste production



### INTENSIVE INDEXES

- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Relevance
- Sustainability

### Needs

- *Local Assessment*

### Resources

## Quantitative models from Energy System Analysis

- Exergy Based Accounting methods
- Life Cycle Approach
- Macroeconomic Input/output

## ... to calculate multidimensional reference metrics

### Effects

- *Energy produced*
- *Income or Value added*
- *Employment creation*

### Costs

- *Monetary input*
- *Embodied energy, Virtual Water*
- *Carbon Footprints....*

## Process performance is accounted

- Intensive measure of **DAC-OECD criteria**  
Efficiency, Effectiveness, Relevance ,Sustainability

# STRATEGIC PLANNING: measuring impact on community

## EVALUATION HIERARCHY

Induced change on community capitals

Based on the Sustainable Livelihood Framework

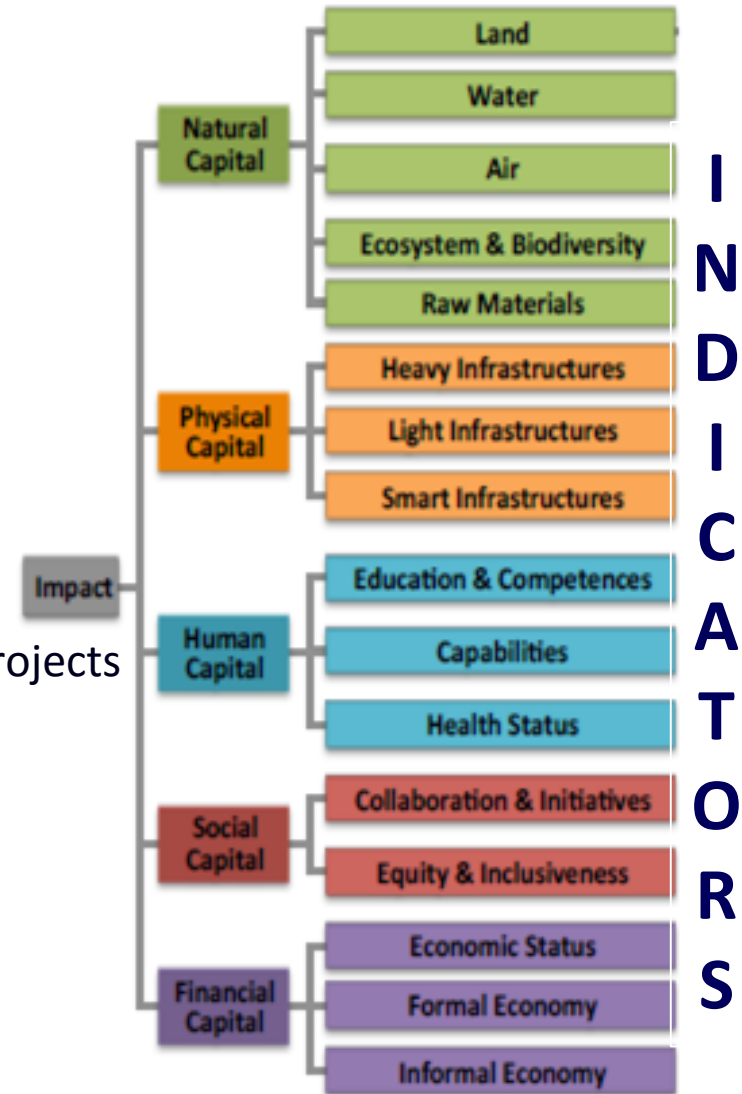
- Capitals are recognized
  - Natural
  - Physical
  - Human
  - Social
  - Financial
- Dimensions within capitals are identified 4 energy projects

### Indicators definition

- Project based
- Scientific Literature
- Standards from Grey literature

### Field-Base Survey (community perspective)

- Indicators measure



# STRATEGIC PLANNING: measuring the impact on community

## EVALUATION HIERARCHY



### FIVE-STEP PROCEDURE

#### COSTUMIZATION

- Indicators selection



#### DEVELOPMENT

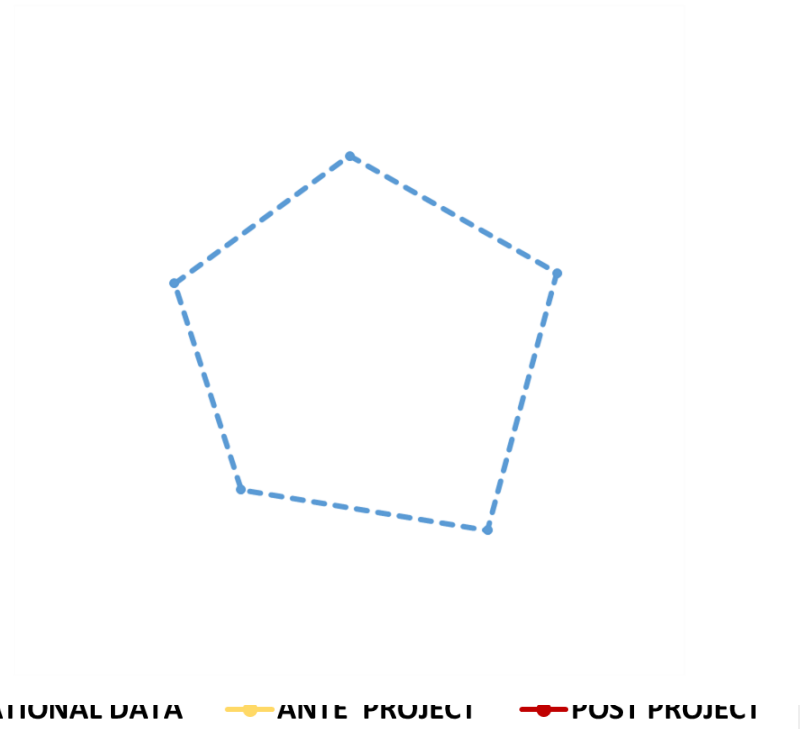
- Data input and normalization
- Weights assignment
- Multi-criteria aggregation



#### RESULTS ANALYSIS

- Impact

- Evaluation of change in the community Ex-Ante/Ex-Post



- Possibility to compare project results with national averages to assess improvements

# Performance and Impact Assessment Framework

## Feedback from framework application

### Lessons learnt

When applied to large number of projects it may allow comparisons  
Offering a set of information either Ex-Ante or Ex-Post to different stakeholders



#### **Policy Makers**

Local, national, regional

⇒ Feedback for local development  
strategies

#### **Investors**

Private, public

⇒ Feedback on investment complement  
bankability indexes

#### **Science Community**

Research Center , Academia

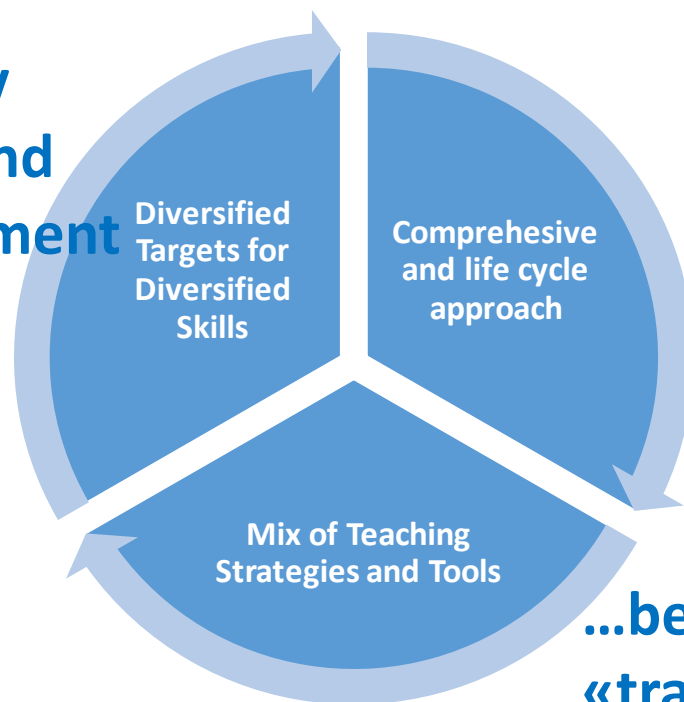
⇒ Feedback on effective strategies and  
research direction

# What is missing? *Human capital*

"The greatest invention in the world is the mind of a child." - *Thomas Edison*

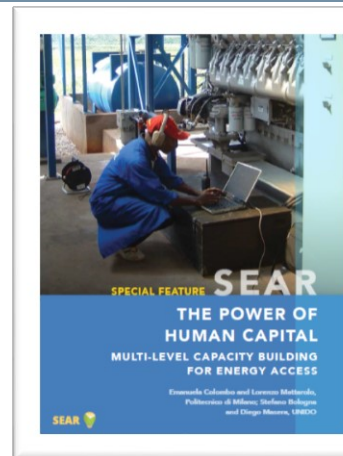
Universal access requires «PEOPLE» at the center of the design

... capacity building and empowerment



...beyond delivering  
«training hours»

«Appropriate energy solutions...must respond to the needs, capacities, and aspirations of people and be absorbed within the local culture...»



*SEAR Special Report, 2017:  
The Power of human Capital, the World Bank*

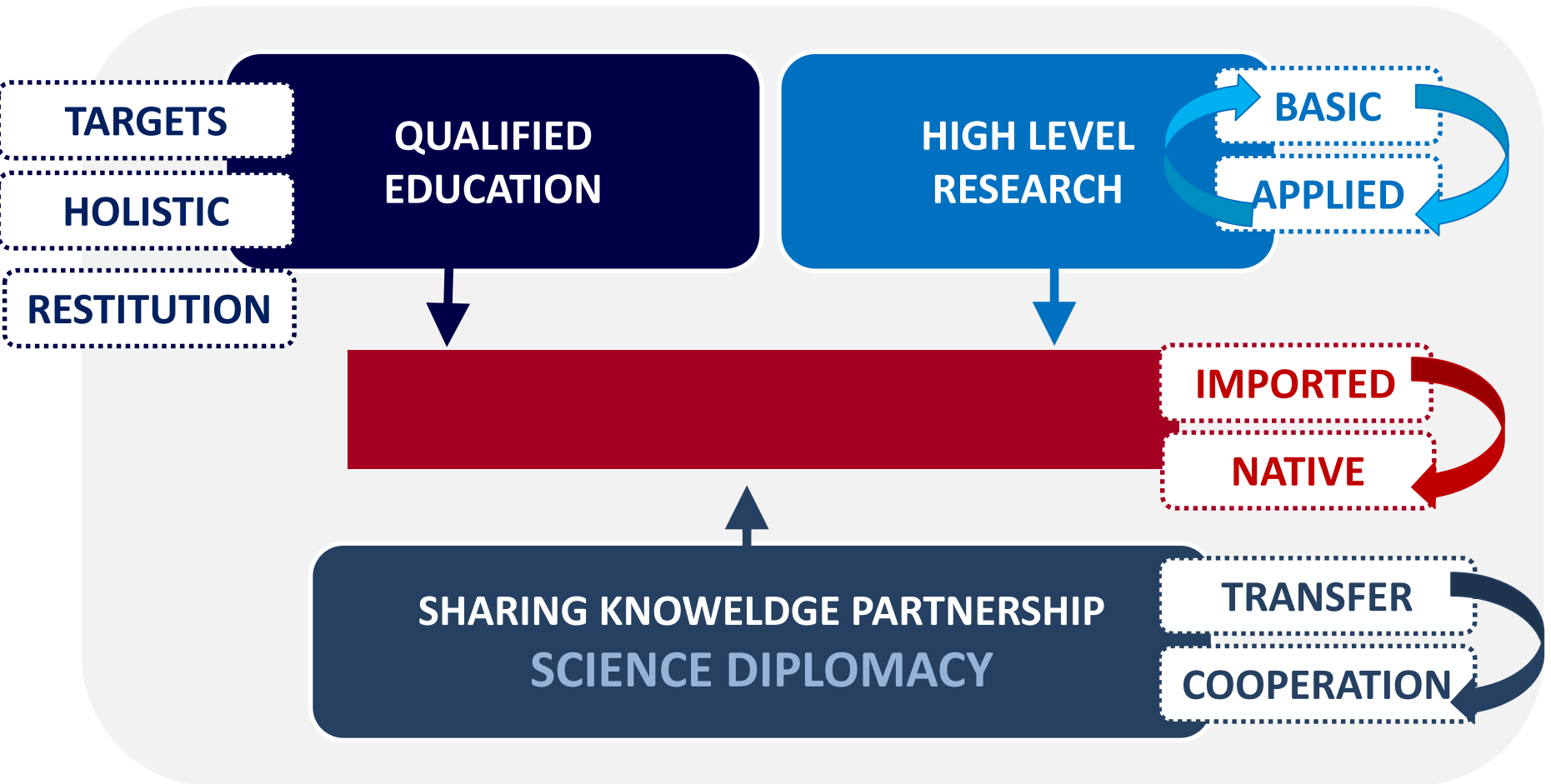
Win-Win strategy for local communities and private investors  
And an essential element for long term sustainability



# What is missing? *Science as Un-usual*

"We don't know who discovered water, but we're certain it wasn't a fish." - *John Culkin*

Beyond traditional mission, while preserving science independence!



**Thank you for your kind attention!**

***“The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them, entering the impossible”- B.Pascal***



## Sustainable Energy Solutions

**FOR**

**BY**

**WITH**

## People