

HOUSING AND ENERGY - THE COOPERATIVE WAY

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By 2050, two-thirds of all humanity will live in cities and consume 60 to 80% of the world's energy. From slum dwellers in Manila to urbanists in Zurich, find out how people are joining forces and starting housing cooperatives to help lift themselves out of poverty and to improve the livability of their cities.

However, since one quarter of the globe's population live in remote areas without access to electric service you will also learn how electricity cooperatives are bringing electric power to remote places, leading to improvements in education, healthcare, safety and economic opportunity.



This session will also feature experts who will share how housing cooperatives are using renewable energy like geothermal, solar, district heating and more to meet their energy needs.

Join us for a lively session and be inspired by cooperatives around the globe that are leading the way to sustainable development.

Date: October 16th

RSVP: info@chi.coop

Time: 14:30- 18:00

Location: Kigali Convention Center

SPEAKERS

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Anna Tibblin - Secretary General, We Effect



Anna Tibblin is Secretary General at We Effect, the international development organisation of the Swedish cooperative movement. Anna has more than 30 years development experience; half of which have been spent in Southern Africa and Latin America. She believes that Agenda 2030 is not only smart – but also possible to achieve.

Hans Rupp - Managing Director, ABZ

Hans Rupp is the CEO of ABZ, Switzerland's biggest housing co-operative. Its focus lies in building communities that accommodate people with diverse socioeconomic status and cultural background. ABZ is well known for building high quality, sustainable and affordable living spaces. ABZ owns and operates 15 solar panel systems. The performance of the solar power plants can be followed live on their solar portal.



Tindi Sitati - Collaboration, Learning, & Adaptation Officer, USAID/CLEAR Program, Global Communities



Tindi is elevating awareness of the cooperative business model, working with national and global partners to advance cooperative enterprise. She uses a collaborative approach to promote the central role grassroots women play in clean energy entrepreneurship. By establishing a youth network in housing and service coops and a team of coop development organisations she is enhancing public knowledge, appreciation and participation in the cooperative movement.

Dirk Vansintjan, President of RES Coop

Dirk is founding member of Ecopower, a Belgian renewable energy cooperative with nearly 50,000 members. He is an advocate for energy transition that leads to energy democracy and has been working in the renewable energy sector since 1985. He is one of the founding members of Ecopower, a Belgian renewable energy cooperative with nearly 50,000 members.



Guido Schwarzendahl – Managing Director, Bauverein Halle & Leuna



Guido is Managing Director with Bauverein Halle & Leuna, a housing cooperative with over 7,500 flats in four cities in Germany. BH&L implemented a new central energy system in a historic neighbourhood in Halle that is providing sustainable heat and power to 1,175 dwellings. Guido also serves as Vice-President of Cooperative Housing International.

Martin Lowery - National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Martin Lowery is Executive Vice-President, Emeritus, of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). NRECA International has brought electricity to over 160 million people in 45 developing countries. Designing and implementing successful, sustainable, scalable rural electrification programs improves education, healthcare, safety and economic opportunity.

