



## Ethiopian-German Energy Cooperation

OFFICIAL VIRTUAL LAUNCH OF THE INNOVATION COMPETITION ON  
DECENTRALISED ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR ETHIOPIA

01 SEPTEMBER 2020

**10:00-10:05 Welcome and Introduction**  
Moderator: Marcel Thomkins – Advisor, GIZ  
**Laura Schmidt** – Head of Development Cooperation, German Embassy in Ethiopia

**10:05-10:25 Opening Statements Ethiopian-German Energy Cooperation**  
**H.E. Dr. Seleshi Bekele** – Minister, MoWIE  
**H.E. Mr. Thorsten Herdan** – Director General of Energy, BMWi

**Official Launch of the Innovation Competition on Decentralised Energy Solutions for Ethiopia  
Mobilise Entrepreneurs and Researchers**

**10:25-10:40 Key Presentations**  
Entrepreneurship opportunities and challenges in the decentralised energy access in Ethiopia  
**Filagot Tesfaye** – Managing Director, ON ENERGY CONSULT  
Role of entrepreneurship and innovation for decentralised energy access  
**Mathias Böswetter** – Head of Digital, German Solar Industry Association (BSW-Solar)

**10:40-11:00 Moderated Q/A panel**  
Role of entrepreneurship, research and innovation in achieving Ethiopia's NEP for universal and sustainable energy access through decentralised energy solutions  
**Panellists:** Seleshi Bekele, Thorsten Herdan, Filagot Tesfaye, Mathias Böswetter

**Official launch of the Energy Cooperation Website**

**11:00-11:15 Innovation Competition and Ethiopian-German Energy Cooperation Website**  
The Ethiopian-German Energy Cooperation and Innovation Competition on “Decentralised Energy Solutions for Ethiopia”  
**David Otieno** – Programme Director, GIZ Energy Programme Ethiopia  
**Karin Franzen** – Deputy Programme Director, GIZ Global Energy Partnership

**11:15-11:30 Closing Session and End of Event**  
**Corine Wiesenbach** – Deputy Country Director and Portfolio Manager, GIZ Ethiopia / Djibouti

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