### EELA Newsletter #3 - August 2021



Dear Reader,

We are happy to announce that the EELA Project year two ended in June 2021 and we now started the project year three. We are excited that you have been part of our activities and project achievements in the past years. Among our goals for the coming year; we aim to pilot EELA projects under the Technical Assistance and Co-financing facility, facilitate the adoption of regional minimum energy performance standards for refrigerators and air conditioners, carry out a market study on productive use appliances, establish collaborative networks and support testing capacities, and continue sharing knowledge on EELA related topics through our e-learning platform, webinars and workshops.

STAY TUNED for updates along the year!

Yours,

The EELA Team

## **Past and Upcoming Events**



### EELA participated in VEF 2021

The Energy Efficient Lighting and Appliances (EELA) project in East and Southern Africa organised a side event at the Vienna Energy Forum (VEF) 2021 on July 7, to discuss the nexus between access to sustainable energy and clean cooling, and showcase country and regional level actions to progress on National Cooling Action Plans (NCAPs). It also explored innovations in digital technologies and business models for sustainable cooling solutions that address the rising demand for cooling in the on and off-grid areas.

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#### EELA Webinar Series 2021

We are happy to announce the successful completion of the first and second webinars of the EELA 2021 webinar series. The first webinar that took place on 18 May 2021, was organised in collaboration with the Efficiency for Access Coalition and the University of Edinburgh and was based on their working paper, Pathways to Repair in the Global Off-Grid Sector. The speakers provided an engaging overview of the benefits and barriers to increasing repair in the energy access sector for policy makers and other stakeholders in the EAC and SADC.

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## Highlights on the EELA project Milestones

### The SADC member states welcome the introduction of new efficient lighting standards

The SADC Cooperation in Standardization (SADCSTAN) Executive Committee at its 41st sitting on 28 April 2021, reviewed and approved minimum energy performance standards (MEPS)

### Regional Harmonization of Standards on Cooling Products in the EAC and SADC regions

Growing populations, urbanization, and rising living standards in the regions of the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community for lighting products. An endorsement of the concept was already visible in December 2020 at the regional finalisation meeting, where all member states attending indicated, they would vote to adopt the draft harmonised regional MEPS.

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(SADC) are driving an increased demand for cooling services. If policies are not implemented in response to this demand, the electricity consumption for room air conditioners and residential refrigerators is expected to increase by 2.5 times by 2040 compared to today in both regions.

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## EELA Technical Assistance and Co-financing Facility -Call for Expression of Interest OPEN!



We are excited to announce that EELA has joined the Clean Lighting Coalition to phase out harmful mercurycontaining fluorescent lighting by 2025 and transition global markets to safe, cost-effective, and energy saving LED. This means removing the exemption for fluorescents in the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The proposed amendment, was initiated by 36 countries from Africa, 15 of which are EAC and SADC member states, ahead of COP4 taking place this November.



### **Clean Lighting Coalition**

A global coalition to eliminate toxic lighting through the Minamata Convention on Mercury.



By joining the Clean Lighting Coalition, we affirm our commitment to environmental protection. Join us! #EndToxicLighting

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