

## Overview of Hivos' main events at COP22

### 1. Unlocking Climate Finance for decentralized energy access, serving both development and the climate

Hivos panel discussion  
7 November, 14.00-15.30hrs  
Salle 1 Africa Pavilion

The side event highlights recent [research](#) by IIED and Hivos, showing that until now only about three percent of international public climate finance targets decentralized solutions designed to improve poor people's access to energy. Whereas, if we are serious about our commitments to provide universal energy access and combat dangerous climate change, more capital to boost the transition is urgently needed.

The session brings together different stakeholders from research, SE4ALL, governments and International Financial Institutions to explore in a dialogue what changes could unlock climate finance for energy access for all.

### 2. Energy for rural areas

EU Energy Dialogue  
14 November, 15.15-16.45hrs  
Blue Zone

The EU organises a full day Energy Dialogue, showcasing action since the signing of COP21 Agreement. The agenda includes a separate session on energy for rural areas. Hivos participates in the panel and moderates the discussion that focusses on the development of new energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions that present new opportunities for rural communities to access modern forms of renewable energy, creating rural businesses, making communities more resilient, and stopping deforestation.

The session will – amongst others - provide an overview of relevant programmes to support distributed energy production and energy conservation measures in local areas; discuss the existing needs and possible solutions; and showcase the results of case studies, support schemes and potential applications, especially minigrids, in Africa.

### 3. Beyond the Fire: How to achieve sustainable cooking

Press conference launch Hivos- WFC report  
15 November, 11.30-12.00hrs  
Conference room Dakhla

The Beyond the Fire report, published by the World Future Council and Hivos, critically evaluates the viability and scalability of existing alternatives to current cooking practices that cause an estimated 4.3 million premature deaths due to indoor air pollution in many parts of Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa. The goal of the report is not to prove that a particular pathway will ever fully or exclusively replace the use of traditional biomass for cooking purposes: rather, the goal of the report is to critically evaluate the various different technological pathways and the barriers along the way.

This report aims to become a tool for policymakers to understand what is at stake and suggest concrete steps to drive the transition towards universal sustainable cooking. With the right legal framework, concerted policy attention and public support, achieving universal cooking can become a reality and we will be able, finally, to go beyond fire.

The report will be launched during a press conference organised by the World Future Council and will be published on this website right after.

#### **4. How can we achieve RE for all - a special perspective on the Global South**

Workshop with Christian Aid, CAN, WFC and Hivos  
15 November, 15.00-17.30hrs  
ENGO Room

Many people from civil society organisations who actively work on energy access and renewable energy attend the negotiations but there is limited space to connect, share ideas, experiences and strategise with people working towards a future with universal energy access powered by renewable energy.

Therefore, Hivos together with CAN, WFC and Christian Aid organises a participant led civil society workshop aimed at enabling active exchange and providing space for in-depth dialogue and discussion. The workshop is open for all organisations and follows the open space methodology, leaving room for questions and concerns from all participants.

#### **5. 100% RE for 1,5C Coalition**

Special event CAN  
16 November, 15.00-18.00hrs  
Place to be confirmed

By convening a wide range of stakeholders sharing their expertise, perspective or analysis, this event will be an unprecedented opportunity during the COP to jointly make a case for and strengthen an ambitious yet realistic and economically sound pathway towards a decarbonized world. It will show the general growth in transition to 100% renewable energy across sectors, making the case for the technical and financial feasibility, as well as the political and moral imperative of transitioning to 100% renewable energy to stay below 1.5°C.

Organised as a high-profile event, it will be designed to offer a thought-provoking and captivating mix of

- Engaging discussions with high-calibre speaking contributions from iconic and influential players from business, politics and civil society.
- Showcasing ambitious examples putting us on the path to go 100% renewable energy, citizen engagement as well as stories from local climate heroes,
- Presentations and launches of the latest research on 100% renewable energy as well as linkages to energy access and development

Hivos will contribute to the event by participating in the panel with a representative of the island of Sumba.