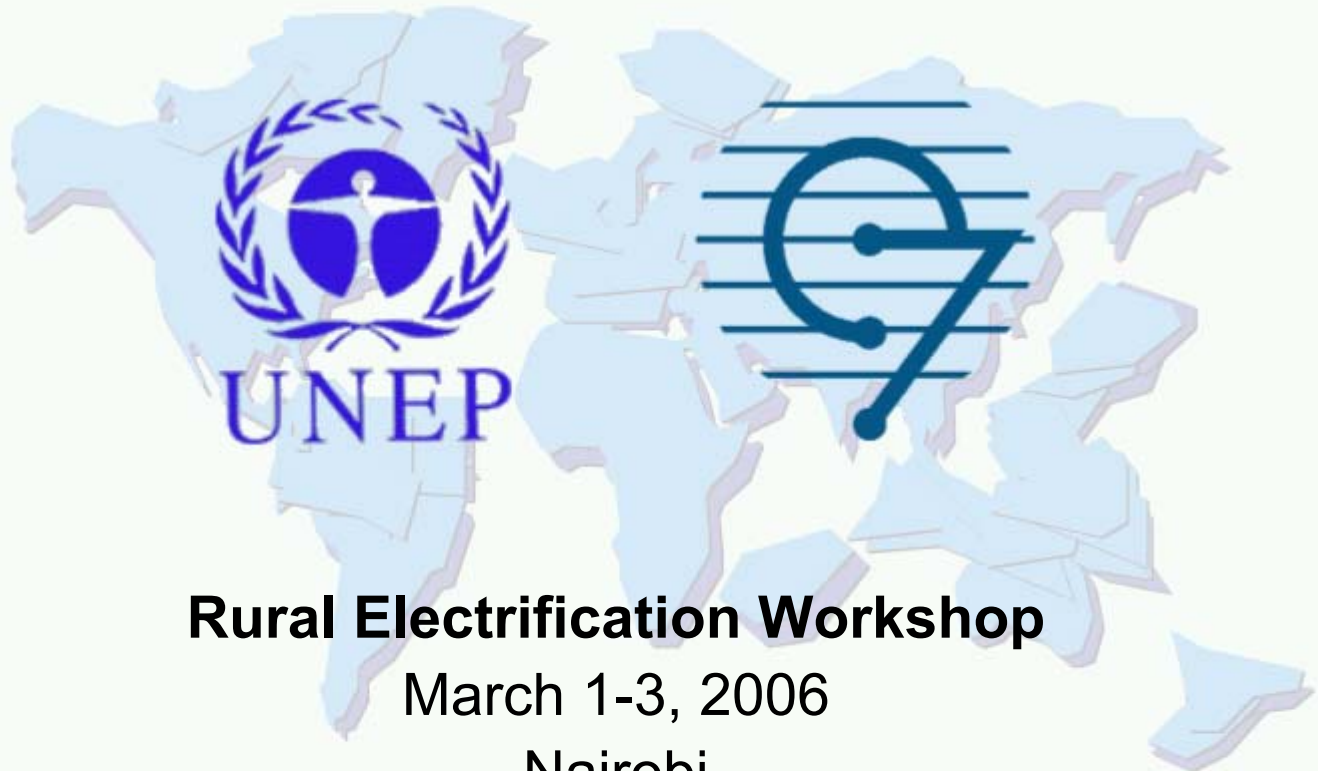


Discussion Topics



Rural Electrification Workshop

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Session 2: Project Identification



1. Identify three key strengths and three key weaknesses in rural electrification policies and regulations related to the identification and development of projects?
2. Chose three key success and risk criteria for screening projects and determining their impacts?
3. Propose institutional mechanisms required to promote the utilisation of sustainable / renewable energy technologies for RE?

Session 3: Project Development



1. Can the private sector / public private partnerships deliver rural electrification? If so, what is necessary to achieve this. Can lessons be learned from other sectors eg mobile phones?
2. How can costs be reduced to achieve affordable rural electrification?
3. What are the key criteria to ensure long term sustainability of projects – eg customer growth, affordable tariffs, viability of the commercial enterprise etc.

Session 4: Project Implementation



1. What is the key risk facing investors for rural electrification projects? How to reduce the risks for projects to encourage the private sector, including commercial banks, to invest?
2. What are the key training needs for rural electrification in the region – institutions/ private developers/ community based organisations?
3. What are the environmental impacts of rural electrification and how can the positive impacts be enhanced and promoted?

Session 5: Project Operation



1. What are the main new technologies that would benefit rural electrification in Africa that require promotion and development assistance?
2. Is Carbon Financing a realistic option for supporting rural electrification in Africa?
3. What should be put in place to share experiences on rural electrification throughout the region/ globally?