



## About us

**SESA – Smart Energy Solutions for Africa** is a collaborative project between the European Union and nine African countries (Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Tanzania) that aims at **providing energy access technologies and business models that are easily replicable and generate local opportunities for economic development and social cohesion in Africa.**

## Mission

SESA's objective is to mitigate climate change and avoid lock-in situations while **improving access to sustainable energy under affordable and reliable conditions.**

Our aim is to achieve **a high level of replicability of actions.** The project will co-develop innovations with local partners and cooperate closely with sister projects to exploit synergies.

To achieve the project objectives, SESA deploys a **five-pillar conceptual approach** which represents different levels of progress towards achieving set objectives.

### **INFORM**

Boost the accesibility of innovative, affordable and efficient renewable energy solutions in Africa.

### **INSPIRE**

Facilitate exchange and partnerships between Europe and Africa on sustainable energy innovation.

### **INITIATE**

Enable innovators in African urban and rural communities to leap to sustainable energy.

### **IMPLEMENT**

Co-develop, innovate and replicate innovative energy solutions tailored to urban and rural contexts across Africa.

### **IMPACT**

Foster long term partnerships and exchange on innovative sustainable energy solutions.

# Living labs

The Living labs will be where **innovations will be co-created** in cooperation between consortium members, innovators and local communities, and tested in urban and rural environments. To achieve SESA's objectives, living labs will be created in nine african cities and counties.

-  **Co-development test sites - Western Kenya**  
Kisumu (urban) & Homabay (rural) counties
-  **Validation sites**  
Ghana, Malawi, Morocco, and South Africa
-  **Replication sites**  
Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Tanzania



# Incubator programme

The start-up incubator programme will support the testing of local innovation, the establishment of partnerships as well as the development and testing of business models. Through the incubator programme, we will **connect customers with a community that offers cutting-edge innovation**, this ensuring that the results from the SESA project are anchored in the local communities and lead to local job creation and growth in the participating African countries.

## First call for entrepreneurs

Call launch	Submissions review	Interviews & Pitching sessions	Notification final entrepreneurs	Incubator programme kick off
26 September 2022	21 - 30 November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023

**Submission period:** from 26th September to 10th November 2022.

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