Off-grid solutions have played a key role in extending energy access to millions of people. More investments are essential to accelerate the deployment of it. The Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa (BGFA) is a multi-donor programme, which incentivises the private sector to offer affordable and clean energy access to people in rural areas, in Sub-Saharan African countries. The aim is to enable the establishment of up to 1.35 million energy connections and benefit more than 6 million people by 2026. The discussions will look at how off-grid electrification can be incentivised and explore financing opportunities for the private sector. The side event will also present first results from the piloting programme in Zambia.

**Agenda**

**16:45** Opening by Per Olsson Fridh, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden

**16:50** Welcoming by Moderator, Ash Sharma, Head of the Beyond the Grid Fund for Africa, Nefco

**16:55** Keynote by Koen Peters, Executive Director at GOGLA: The business case for SDG7 investment to reach the rural poor

**17:05** Presentation by Peter Storey, Director of Investment and Strategy, REEEP – First implementation results in BGFZ and the scale to BGFA

**17:20** Panel discussion

**17:50** Q&A and conclusions

**Tuesday 9 November 16:45 – 18:00 GMT**

Location: COP26 G+len Affric (closed event) + live streaming

**Registered delegates**
Take part in the virtual discussions via the [COP26 platform](#)

**Public Viewing**
Watch it [livestreamed on YouTube](#)

**FIND OUT MORE**