

Topic: Financing County-level Planning in Kenya

Overview

Kenya's national government has mandated all counties to develop their own energy plans, including a county integrated development plan, a spatial plan, and a sector-specific County Energy Plan (CEP). Each county's CEP is intended to give the national government (i.e., the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum) a better understanding of energy demand and an idea of projects to prioritise funding within the Integrated National Energy Plan (INEP). Whilst this is a great way to understand energy needs from the bottom up, it is currently unclear how the production and implementation of these CEPs will be financed in the long term—current efforts have relied heavily on donor funding.

Thus, in anticipation of the impending need for financing of the CEPs, the CCG programme is calling for research to better understand how to adequately finance an equitable and clean energy transition in Kenya which aligns with both county needs, as expressed in CEPs, and national government energy plans.

Research Questions

The CCG programme seeks interdisciplinary research that can provide evidence-based insights for the design and implementation of Kenya's CEPs and INEP. Research funded under this call must also consider Kenya's economic, political, and institutional framework. We particularly welcome proposals that consider case study counties in Kenya. Research proposals should focus on a minimum of two the following research questions:

1. What are the appropriate financing mechanisms to fund Kenya's county and sub-county priorities? Potentially considering how would these interact with a Data-to-Deal pipeline?¹
2. What are the mechanisms of governance for financing these priorities?
3. Who are the key actors, within Kenya and internationally, that can support the financing of CEPs? How should each actor be engaged with this process?
4. How should funders assess projects that come from the CEPs?
5. What are the key pieces of information that potential funders require from CEPs in order to invest?

Key Stakeholders

An essential requirement of research funded on this topic is that it is carried out in close cooperation with key stakeholders both at the county and national level. Expressions of

¹ [Data-to-Deal \(D2D\): An Emerging and Effective Approach to Financing the Climate Transition](#). The D2D pipeline provides a series of actions to help countries unlock investment potential for the climate transition, and a means to analyse successful examples of this process. It encompasses seven key elements: politics, preparation, vision, modelling, consultation, operationalisation, and finance.

interest should also include a clear plan for consultation with stakeholders, working with them from the start to discuss assumptions and methods and to communicate results clearly. Research for this project will align with the CCG's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in Kenya, including those on both county- and national-level energy planning. Applicants should note that CCG's activities in Kenya are led by the Kenya CCG Network team based at Strathmore University's Energy Research Centre in Nairobi, and awardees of the funds will be connected with this team. Proposals could also include plans for capacity building when appropriate.

Stakeholders may include:

1. Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
2. Council of Governors
3. County governance, including energy directors
4. Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority
5. Strathmore University
6. World Resources Institute
7. Kenya National Bureau of Statistics