

## Knowledge Sharing amongst South Asian Regional Renewable Energy Associations and Networks: a workshop to initialise a South Asia Network for Clean Energy (StANCE)

10<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## IRENA: Introduction

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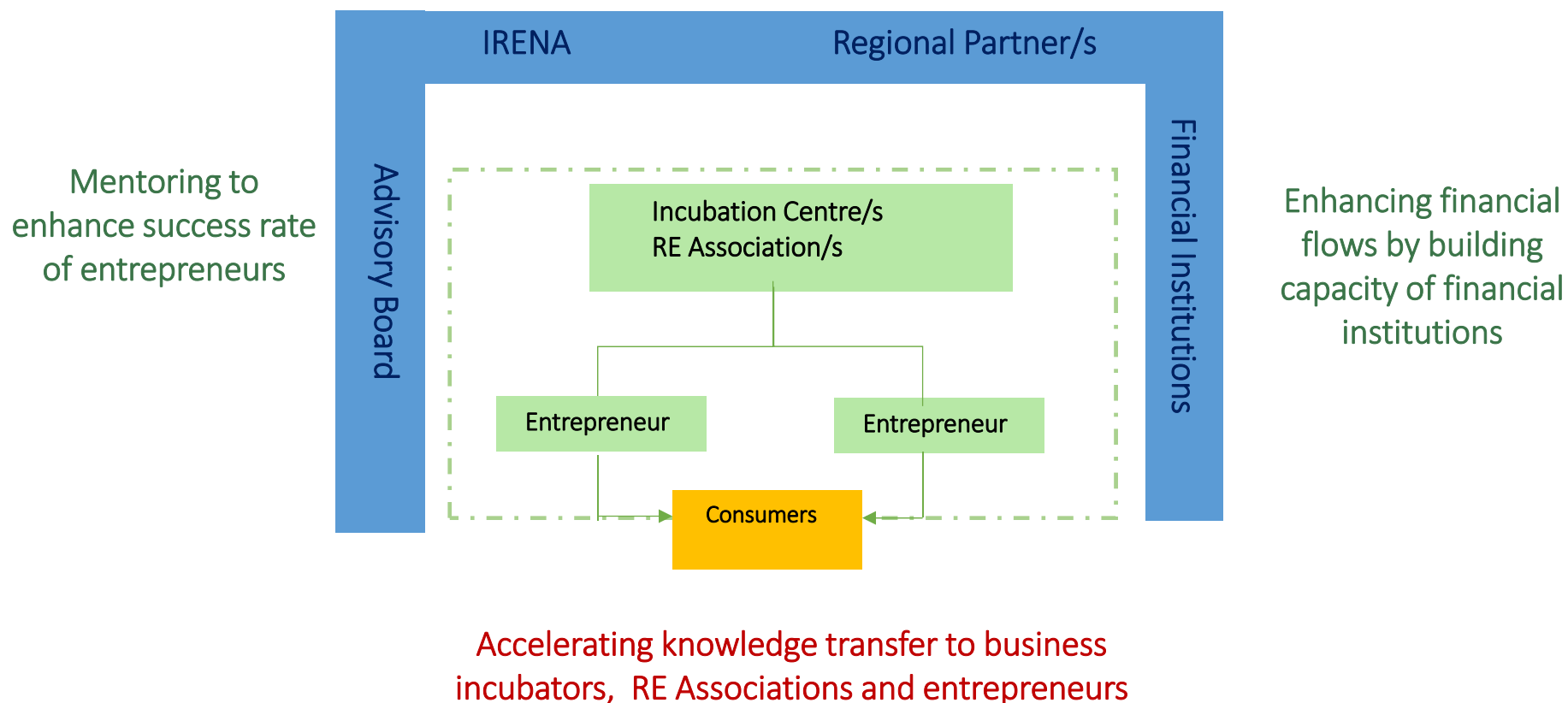
- Intergovernmental renewable energy agency, headquarters in **Abu Dhabi**, United Arab Emirates. Innovation and Technology Centre (ITC) in **Bonn, Germany**
- **Established:** April 2011
- **Mandate:** Biomass, Geothermal, Hydro, Ocean, Solar, Wind
- **Membership:** 135 Members; 34 Signatories/States in accession (as of 10 November 2014)

**Mission: Accelerate deployment of renewable energy**

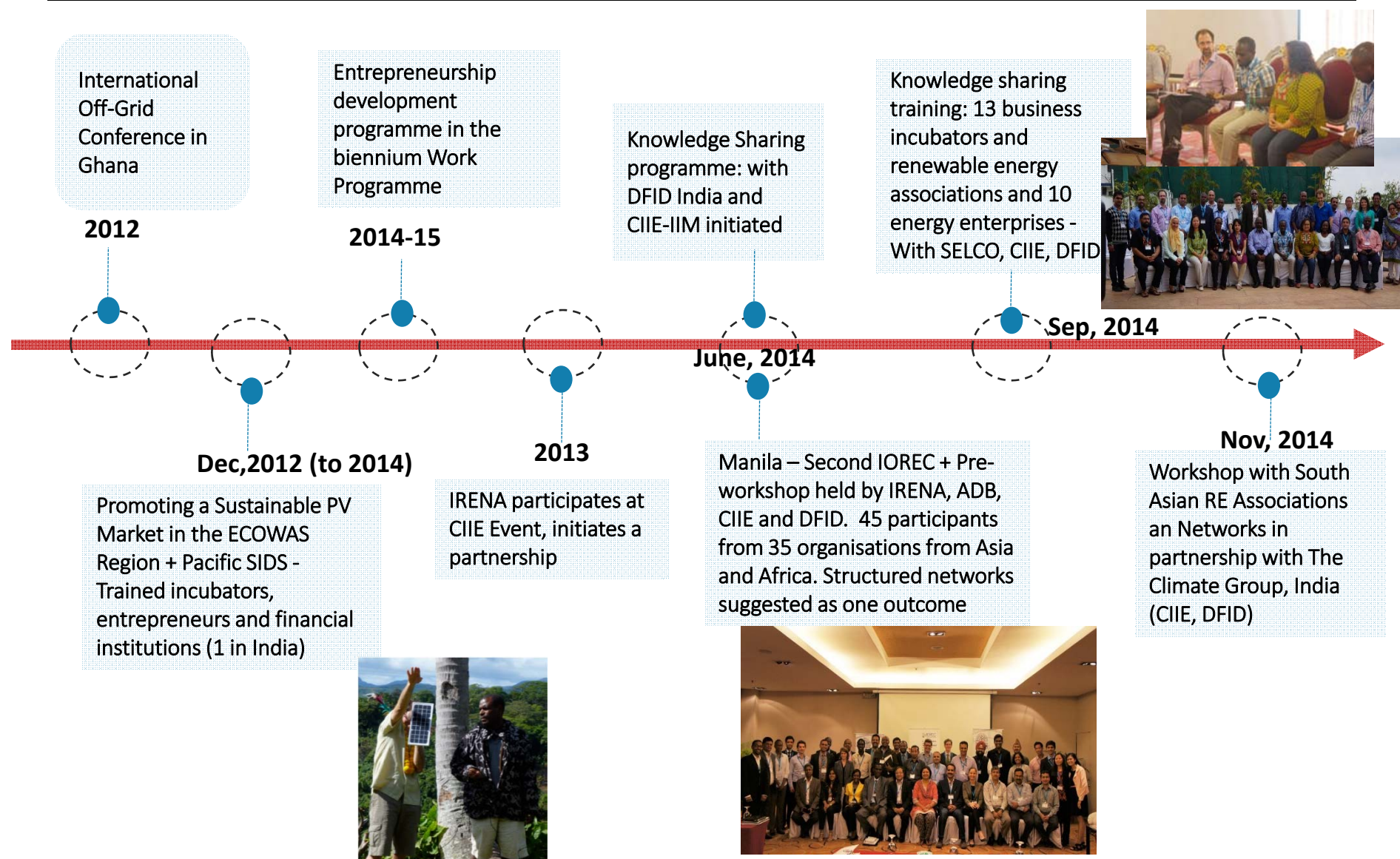


● Members of the Agency  
● Signatories/applicants for membership

## Capacity Building - *Enterprise development*



# IRENA: Entrepreneurship development and energy access



# Knowledge Transfer - business incubation and entrepreneurship

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## Key partners

UK Aid (DfID India) - The Knowledge Partnership Programme (KPP) funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and managed by a Consortium led by IPE Global Private Limited under its Knowledge Initiative.

The Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) - one of India's leading technology business incubators and has supported 100 new companies/projects over the last few years. [www.ciieindia.org](http://www.ciieindia.org) and [www.infuseventures.in](http://www.infuseventures.in)

SELCO Incubation Center - Set up in August 2012, with support from the Small Scale Sustainable Infrastructure Development Fund (S3IDF). The Centre leverages SELCO's shared resources, management expertise, intellectual capital, and combined 25 years of on-the-ground learning to expand access to vital energy services. [www.selco-india.com](http://www.selco-india.com) and [www.selcoincubation.org](http://www.selcoincubation.org).

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## Knowledge Transfer - business incubation and entrepreneurship

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Focus regions –Asia and Africa

- ✓ Creating a knowledge sharing platform
- ✓ Twinning of incubation centers between Asia and Africa, ‘shadow’ entrepreneurs as they grow in their businesses.
- ✓ Networking and sharing of best practices with cross-border industry associations – signing of MoUs amongst regional renewable energy associations, business incubation centers to share capacities and best practices.
- ✓ Developing new models for financial innovation, such as exploring blended capital funds, tapping into corporate social responsibility funds, and setting up crowd funding platforms.

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Progress so far....

- ✓ Business incubation centers – shared space for sharing information created, A declaration made in Bangalore to work together; attendance in existing workshops organized by the centers; and twinning of centers in regions and between regions
- ✓ Entrepreneurs to set up a LinkedIn sharing group
- ✓ The East Africa RE Associations meeting in Tanzania in November 2014 on the sidelines of an Industry meeting to discuss a regional network. Both networks will share experience with each other.
- ✓ Entrepreneurs participated in an IRENA webinar. Other webinars will be arranged in the near future.
- ✓ The Climate Group initiating the South Asia Alliance for Clean Energy (StANCE) with first meeting in Kathmandu, November 2014

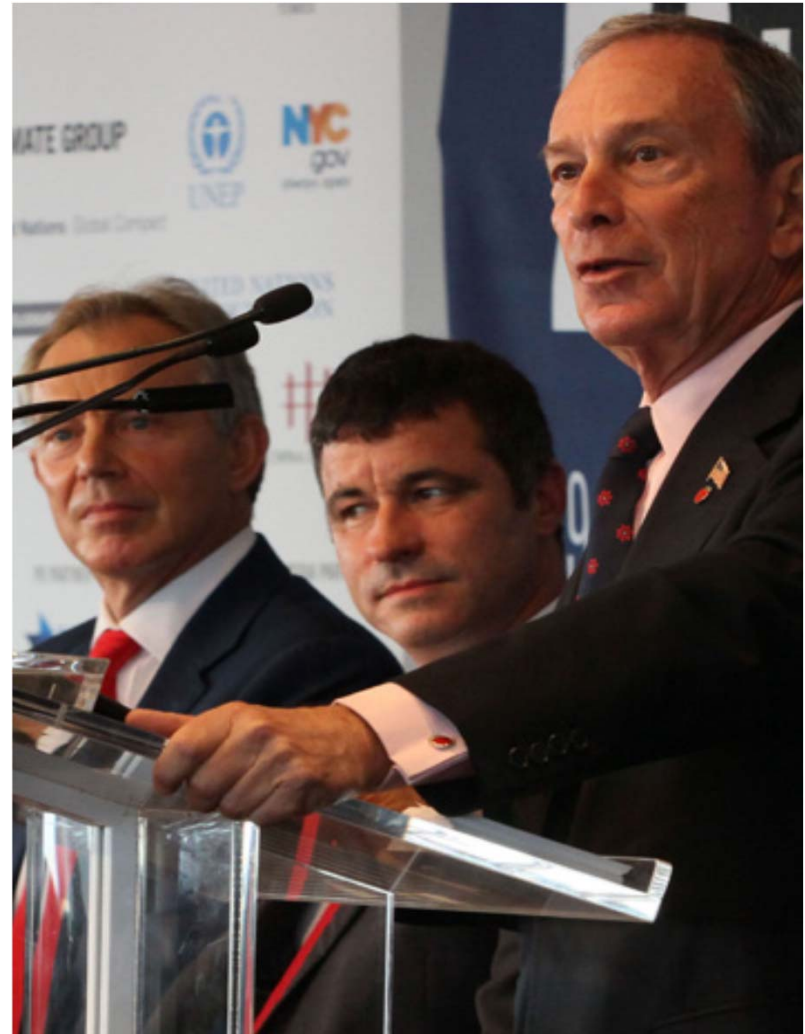


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## Introduction

**We work with leaders from governments and corporates in three ways:**

- We **convene key decision makers** to inspire leadership and innovation;
- We **provide evidence of low carbon success** that enables ambitious action;
- We **develop practical projects to scale up and replicate** transformational low carbon solutions.



**We operate from offices in  
North America, Greater  
China, India and Europe.**





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### VISION

Our vision is a prosperous low carbon future for all

### MISSION

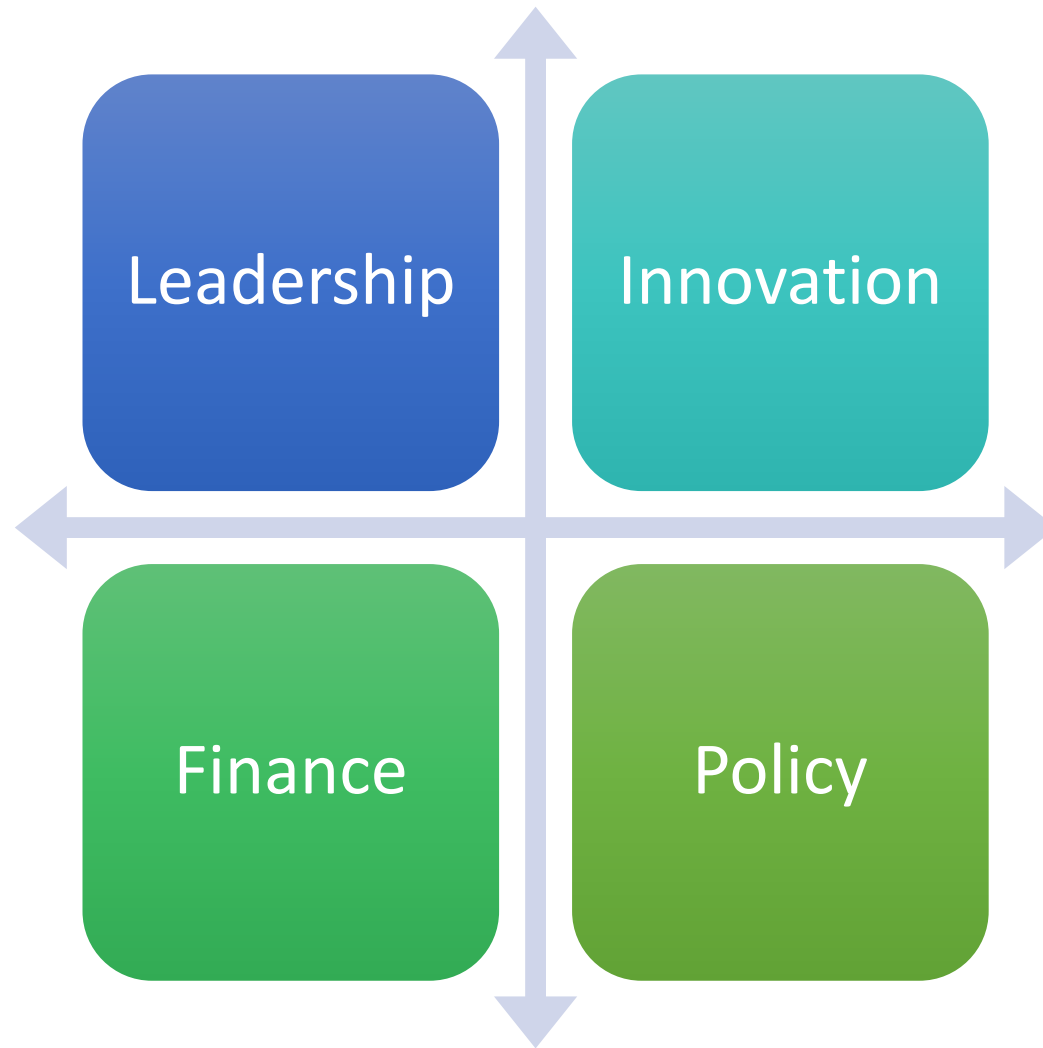
Our mission is to inspire and convince leaders at the top of government, business and society to reduce carbon emissions now and accelerate the transition to a vibrant low carbon economy.



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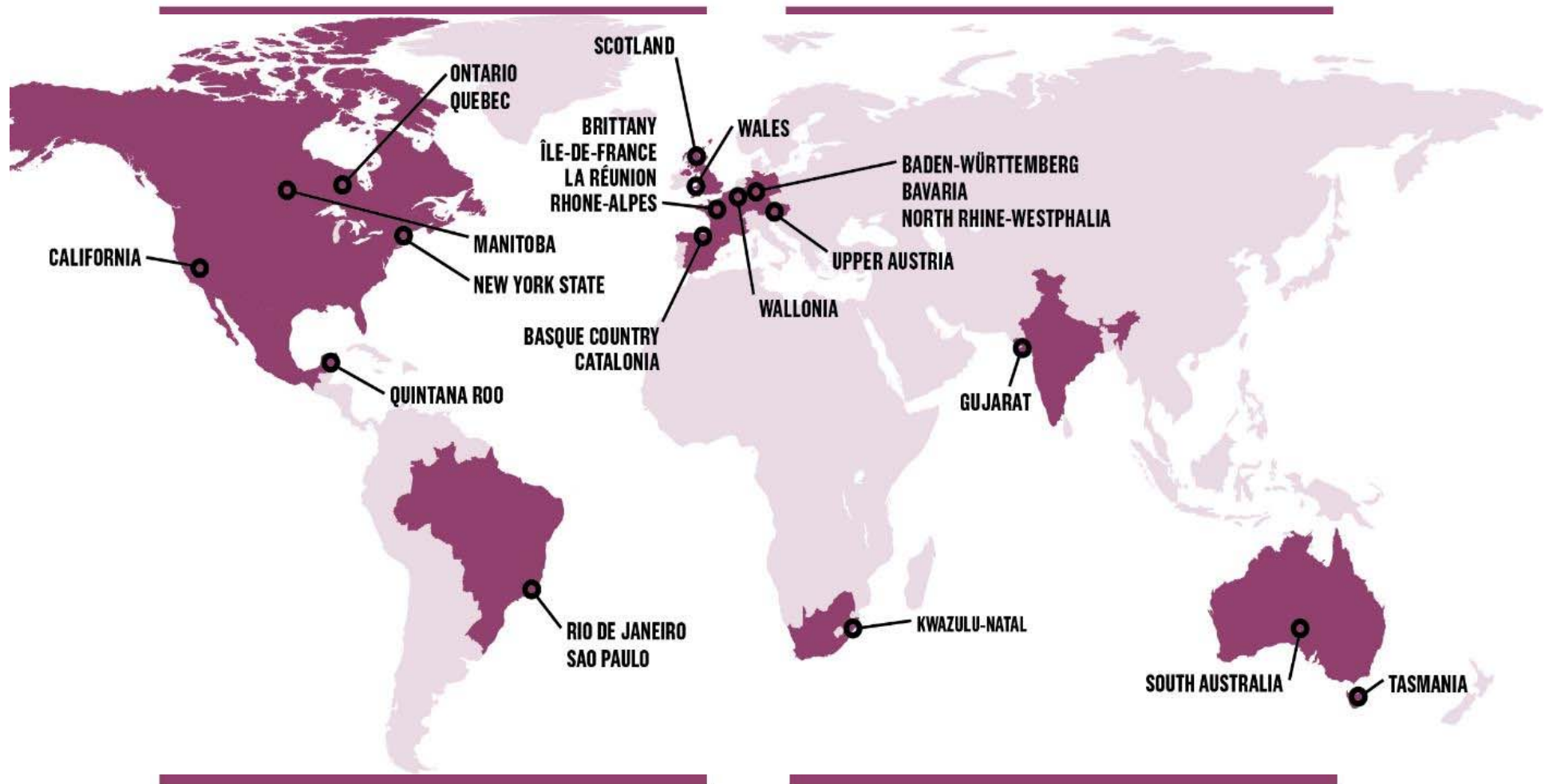
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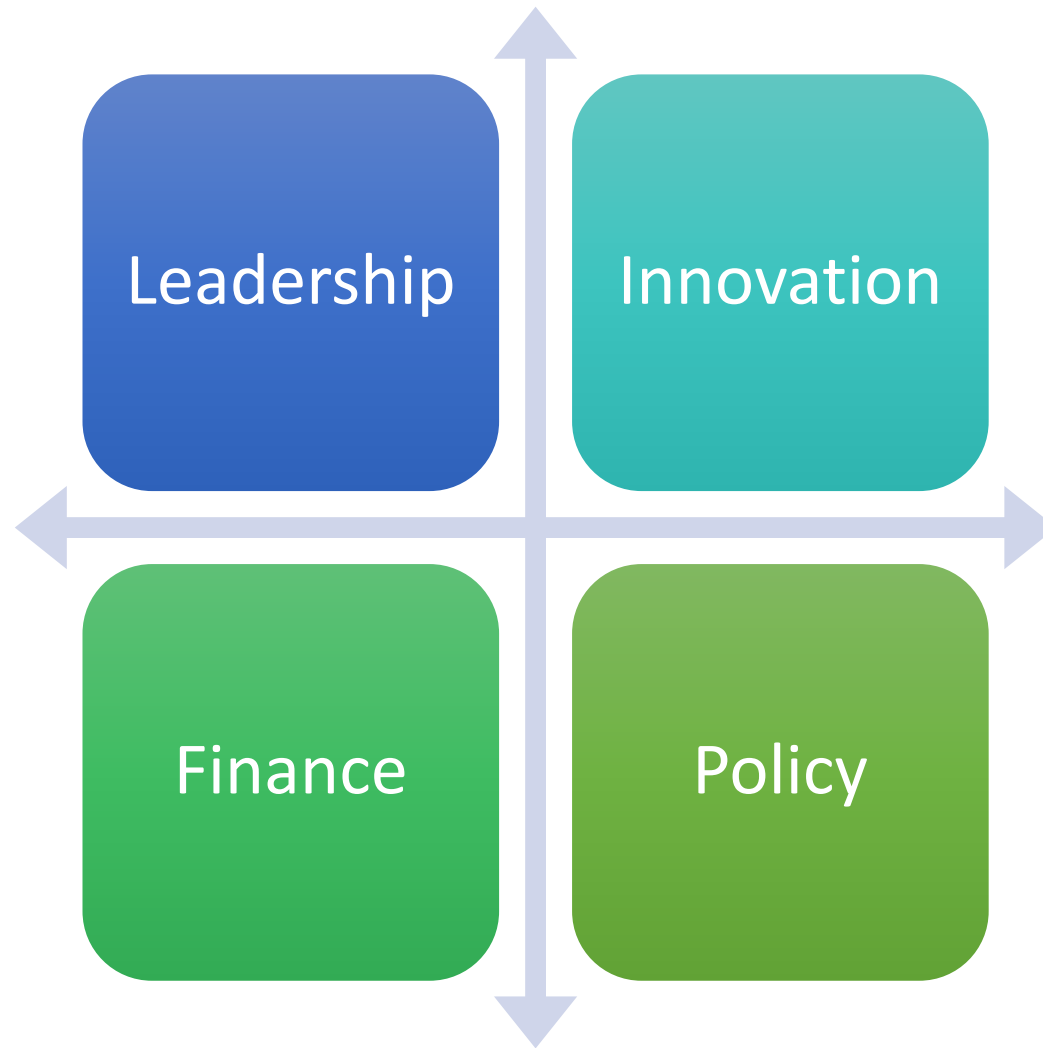
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# South Asia Network for Clean Energy [StANCE]

StANCE is proposed to become a formal Network of Networks within the clean energy sector of South Asian with a participatory governance structure. Key benefits:

- Promote techno-economic cooperation and enterprise development by convening the private sector including industry alliances and business houses, governments and civil society
- Facilitate development of innovative financing instruments and work towards a Regional Clean Energy Financing Mechanism through SAARC
- Knowledge sharing among the network members and build institutional capacities for the clean energy sector
- Communicate and disseminate globally the resulting thought leadership work to promote North-South and South-South collaboration
- Contribute to an enabling environment through regional collective working in close collaboration with governments, business and civil society to promote clean energy in South Asia





# Expected Outputs of this Workshop

- Share the knowledge of existing networks, particularly from India and to strengthen regional ties within South Asia and to other regions, such as East Africa where similar effort is being initiated
- Develop a charter, interim governance and organizational structure and secretariat responsibilities
- Identify key stakeholders and develop a logical framework of activities and outputs
- Discuss the communications strategy for the network including the launch, website etc.
- Discuss and finalize a concept note along with letters of support from key core networks

