

## LIGHTING AFRICA

### AT A GLANCE

- Lighting Africa is a joint World Bank and IFC program that seeks to accelerate the development of markets for modern off-grid lighting products in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Lighting Africa's goal is to mobilize and support the private sector to supply quality, affordable, and safe lighting to 2.5 million people by 2012. This will be achieved by facilitating sales of 500,000 good quality off-grid lighting products through commercial sector players by 2012, while establishing a sustainable commercial platform to realize the vision of supplying 250 million people with off-grid lighting products by 2030.
- Lighting Africa builds on the World Bank Group's efforts to expand electricity grid supplies, as well as on the pioneering work of the Efficient Lighting Initiative (ELI) and Lighting the Bottom of the Pyramid (LBOP) programs created by IFC.
- Lighting Africa specifically aims at leveraging efficient lighting technologies such as light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) to benefit households and small businesses that are currently dependent on costly, inefficient, polluting and hazardous kerosene lamps for lighting.
- The initiative is an integral part of the Investment Framework for Clean Energy and Development and the Africa Energy Access Action Plan.
- Promoting the use of improved low-cost off-grid lighting technology will provide an avenue for social, health, and economic development especially for households and small businesses that will realize significant cost savings and increases in productivity from the transition.
- Lighting Africa, which is supported by a number of donors and trust funds, including seed money from the Global Environment Facility, seeks to attract the international lighting industry as well as local suppliers and service providers to this market.
- The program is being implemented as a pilot initiative in Ghana and Kenya (since 2008); a phased expansion to Ethiopia, Senegal, and Tanzania is currently under way.

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