

## LIGHTING AFRICA

### ***NEXT STEPS IN 2010 AND 2011***

Lighting Africa will continue advancing work with particular focus on:

- **Networking:** Organize the second Lighting Africa conference in Nairobi, May 18-20, 2010.
- **Quality assurance:** Establish a quality seal, form closer partnership with manufacturers and distributors adhering to quality standards, and launch a comprehensive consumer education campaign.
- **Policy:** Complete a study on the main policy barriers followed by a workshop with government and private sector representatives discussing the roles of governments in the development of the off-grid lighting market by creating an enabling environment and reducing price barriers.
- **Financing:** finalize an access to finance engagement plan for the entire supply chain, including growth-capital for manufacturers, distributor finance, and microfinance to enhance consumers' ability to purchase off-grid products and unlock a significant demand opportunity. The plan will leverage IFC's own resources with other financiers.'
- **Continuity:** Launch an industry association, which will start assuming some of the tasks currently being carried out by the Lighting Africa team.

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