Transformational Energy Access
Through a Social Lens

Energy for structural transformation and sustainable development in the least developed countries

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UNRISD Flagship Report

- Unpacks the concept of transformative change
- Features policy innovations in different country contexts
- Calls for an “eco-social” turn

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Climate injustice
Lowest emitters face highest risks; climate policies can reinforce inequalities and trigger triple injustice
Triple injustice
Arises for example when green economy policies lead to “land grabbing” or exclusion
Shifting perspective

Economic activities as a means to reach equity and environmental sustainability
What makes a policy transformative?

- Economic and political empowerment
- Equality and well-being
- Active citizenship and agency
- Changes in global power relations and governance
- Eco-social norms guiding markets & politics
Renewable energy and development

Access to sustainable energy improves livelihoods, tackles harmful indoor air pollution and time poverty
Solar Sister
Network of female entrepreneurs
Increasing incomes
Reaching rural poor communities
Energy cooperatives

Driver of rural electrification in Bangladesh, positive pilot experiences in Cambodia, South Sudan, Uganda
Resilient City Dakar

Improving energy efficiency is part of comprehensive strategy for inclusive development and resilience
Challenge of scaling up

Share of both ODA and climate finance going to LDCs must increase along with private sector investment
Thank you for your kind attention!

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