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STRONG VOICES FROM THE SOUTH: How media can enhance sustainable development

Reporting on climate change and its solutions, such as (decentralized) renewable energy and inclusiveness, is imperative in reaching our climate and energy access objectives. On the one hand, it increases the awareness at the local and national level about these issues, herewith also pressuring governments and other stakeholders to take action. On the other hand, it raises awareness in the developed countries, with policy makers, donors and the wider public, on the effects of climate change to the most vulnerable communities and the impact of climate solutions for their social- and economic development.

This session invites journalists from Malawi, Zimbabwe and Nepal that report on issues like clean cooking, deforestation, the extraction of fossil fuels and the uptake of decentralized renewable energy. They will share their experiences with writing about the topic and the way they have contributed to the debates on climate action. In addition, they will share what their work resulted in, in terms of awareness of the general public as well as policy makers. The session is complemented by experts, who will share the added value of experienced journalists for their specific programs on energy access.

Panelists

James Chavula	Journalist Malawi
Watmore Makokoba	Journalist Zimbabwe
Devine Matare	Renew'N'Able Malawi (RENAMA) - Malawi
Sylvie Bassono	Programme Nationale de Digesteur - Burkina Faso
Sahaj Man Shrestha	Media Consultant/TV Journalist Nepal

Moderator:

Sushma Shrestha	News anchor and programme producer
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