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7.ABy 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology

7.BBy 2030, expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and land-locked developing countries, in accordance with their respective programmes of support.

This week Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) spotlighted its robust Country Programme in Sierra Leone, which is helping the country expand energy access and transition to clean energy.

Major initiatives under the programme include a newly announced project to help young women build careers in renewable energy; financing mini-grid development through the Universal Energy Facility; advising on how to improve the affordability of mini-grid electrification; managing the solar electrification of hospitals; and more.

These initiatives were highlighted during SEforALL's "Sierra Leone week," when leadership from SEforALL, government representatives, the private sector, funders, and other stakeholders came together in a series of important meetings to raise awareness of game-changing projects in the energy sector and to chart the way forward on the country"s energy sector plans.

Ngozi Beckley-Lines, Country Manager for Sierra Leone at SEforALL, said "The Government of Sierra Leone has shown great ambition for transforming its energy sector, including plans to increase household energy access to 80 percent of the population by 2030. But the country needs greater support from the international community to reach its goals. In consultation with the Government, SEforALL and its partners have designed a wide set of initiatives that will support clean energy development, powering people and key social and economic infrastructure."

The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet and the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office are among the key partners to support the development and execution of SEforALL's country programme in Sierra Leone.

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