



MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

Expression Of Interest (EOI)
To Participate In The Clean
Cooking Trust Fund -Ecooking
Appliances Import Facility

In Collaboration with



Background

Uganda's clean cooking challenge lies at the intersection of energy access, public health, climate resilience, and private sector development. Despite strong government commitment articulated in the Energy Policy 2023 and the National Integrated Clean Cooking Strategy, over 90 percent of households still rely on dirty fuels for cooking.

The Government of Uganda has deliberately positioned the private sector as the main vehicle for delivering clean cooking solutions, recognizing that sustained scale cannot be achieved through public provision alone. Its role has therefore focused on provide policy and regulatory leadership to create an enabling environment, catalyze technology and market development, strengthen data and monitoring systems, and de-risk early stage interventions, thereby enabling the private sector and other actors to scale, commercialize, and sustain clean cooking transition.

However, despite these measures, enterprises still operate in a structurally challenging market defined by high upfront technology costs and relatively low household incomes, weak last-mile infrastructure and supply chain systems, and competition from low priced traditional fuels and technologies. These challenges are compounded by competition from low-priced traditional technologies, as well as a shortage of patient and affordable working capital suited to current business models.

Financing that is available is often donor-driven, or dependent on uncertain carbon revenues, leaving firms under capitalised and unable to scale. This reflects a fundamental market failure where inspite of the clean cooking solutions delivering substantial public goods, health, environmental, climate, and gender benefits, private firms are expected to recover costs almost entirely from low-income households.

In this context, Government through the Ministry of Energy and Minin collaboration with Loughborough University MECS Programme and Equity Bank Uganda have designed a Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) Trust Fund that represents a critical extension of its enabling role, providing patient, affordable, and risk-sharing finance that aligns with prevailing market realities. The Trust Fund aims to address a core gap of providing short-term, affordable, bridging working capital while developing evidence to support responsive policy design and implementation. Under this phase, the Fund will focus on the electric cooking value chain by providing working capital to private-sector companies involved in the importation, assembly, and distribution of approved electric cooking appliances, thereby strengthening the eCooking market and advancing national clean energy and climate objectives.

In line with the Fund’s Implementation Framework, the Ministry hereby invites eligible private sector companies (Energy Service Companies, ESCOs) engaged in the importation, assembly, and distribution of electric cooking appliances to submit Expressions of Interest to participate in the Modern Energy Cooking Services (MECS) Trust Fund and access financing

for the importation, distribution, and/or assembly of modern electric cooking appliances. This EOI constitutes the first screening stage for identifying companies that meet the minimum eligibility criteria for onward consideration by the Fund Manager.

Scope of Support

Successful applicants may be considered for access to short-term working capital and supply-chain financing to support in: i) importation of approved electric cooking appliances; ii) inventory financing, including taxes, import duties and taxes, or clearing and handling costs; and 3) distribution and franchise of eligible electric cooking technologies.

Eligible technologies include but are not

limited to:

- 1) Electric Pressure Cookers (EPCs);
- 2) Electromagnetic Induction Cookers; and
- 3) Low-pressure electric boilers used at household, commercial, or institutional scale.

Eligibility Criteria

Interested companies must, at a minimum meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be legally incorporated and operating in Uganda;
- 2) Hold valid trading licenses;
- 3) Hold tax registration, and tax clearance certificates;
- 4) Demonstrate prior experience in importing, assembling, or distributing electric or cooking appliances;
- 5) Supply appliances compliant with Uganda National Standards and applicable safety and quality requirements. This includes but limited to providing proof of compliance to National Standards for companies requiring importation of

approved electric appliances; and Certificates of Conformity for companies requiring inventory financing.

- 6) Demonstrate operational, financial, and after-sales service capacity in electric cooking appliances;
- 7) Be willing to maintain a banking relationship with Equity Bank Uganda Limited;
- 8) Not be blacklisted by the Government of Uganda, multilateral development banks, or other donor agencies.

Detailed eligibility and qualification requirements are provided in the **EOI Application Form**.

Application Process

Interested companies are requested to:

1. Complete the official Expression of Interest (EOI) Form issued;
2. Attach all required supporting documentation as specified in the form;
3. Submit the completed EOI within the stated deadline.

Ugandan banking regulations.

Submission deadline:
Thursday April 30th, 2026

Submission Method:
Email submissions to psmemd@energy.go.ug
with copy to ccu@energy.go.ug

Following evaluation, MEMD will generate a list of companies that meet the minimum requirements and forward them to Equity Bank Uganda Limited for detailed appraisal under the MECS Trust Fund financing process in accordance with applicable

Important Notes

- Submission of an Expression of Interest does not guarantee access to financing.
- The Fund reserves the right to accept or reject any application without obligation to assign reasons.
- Only shortlisted companies will be contacted for the next stage of the process.

Enquiries

All enquiries regarding this Expression of Interest should be addressed to:

THE PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

Email: psmemd@energy.go.ug with copy to ccu@energy.go.ug



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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SECTION 1: APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION (MANDATORY)

Registered Company Name:
Trading Name (if different):
Certificate of Registration Number:
Year of Incorporation:
Type of Company:

SECTION 2: LEGAL & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE (PASS / FAIL)

Note: All documents must be certified true copies.

Valid Trading License:
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate addressed to Ministry of Energy and Mineral
Development:
Registered TIN:
Certificate of Registration (URSB):
Memorandum & Articles of Association:
Powers of Attorney:

Proof of Membership to UNACC or accountable association:

IDs of Directors & Signatories:

SECTION 3: PHYSICAL PRESENCE & TRACEABILITY

Registered Physical Address:

District:

Town/City:

Street/Plot:

Other locations other than primary address (state all):

Proof of Premises (Attach anyone):

- Copy of Tenancy /Lease Agreement
- Copy of Title Deed
- Utility Bill (last 3 months)

Landlord Confirmation Letter

SECTION 4: TECHNOLOGY ELIGIBILITY

Technology Selected (tick):

- Electric Pressure Cookers (EPCs)
- Electromagnetic Induction Hobs
- Low Pressure Electric Boilers

For each selected technology, provide:

Product Brand(s):

Model(s):

Country of Manufacture:

Rated Power (Watts):

Certification/Test Reports (attach):

Proof of compliance to UNBS Standards/ Certification (Certificate of Conformity)

SECTION 5: TECHNICAL & MARKET READINESS

Years of experience importing cooking or electrical appliances:

< 1 year 1-3 years > 3 years

Evidence of prior imports or distribution (attach):

- Bills of Lading
- Customs Entry Forms
- Supplier Invoices

Supply Chain & After-Sales Capacity (Attach evidence if ticked yes)

Item	Yes/No
Established foreign supplier(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
Local warehousing capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
After-sales service plan	<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>

Include turnover: capacity in terms of monthly and annual turnover (quantity imported and/or distributed) for at least the past 2 years Indicate whether you're participating in any demand-side subsidy (UECCC, GIZ, etc.)

SECTION 6: DECLARATION

I/We declare that the information provided is true and correct.

Authorized Representative Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Company Stamp: