

### *What is (the aim of) JEPP ?*

The *Johannesburg Energy & Poverty Platform* is a platform for public and private parties involved in the provision of energy services to poor people in the developing world. JEPP aims to:

- bring together the key actors, discuss the role of energy in poverty alleviation and exchange information and experience on issues related to energy and poverty; and
- facilitate the initiation of commercially viable business operations which contribute to improving modern energy services for the 2 billion people in the world without affordable, clean and safe cooking energy and the 1.7 billion people without electricity.

JEPP has been established by the Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), ETC Energy, and the National Committee for International Cooperation (NCDO) and Electricité de France (EdF) at the initiative of the Dutch Government (DGIS).

### *Why a new energy platform ?*

In September 2000, the member states of the UN adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In 2002, at the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg), it was confirmed that access to reliable and affordable modern energy services is a prerequisite for achieving the MDGs. JEPP builds on this important conclusion. Furthermore, JEPP addresses the existing need for exchange of information and expertise in the field of energy and poverty.

### *What is the value added of JEPP ?*

JEPP will enable you to extend your network of parties working in the field of energy-poverty issues. Furthermore, through the exchange of information and experiences, JEPP will provide you with current and relevant information to understand the energy needs and priorities of poor communities. This will help you to identify best practice solutions and initiate concrete activities to address those needs and provide access to modern energy services for the world's poor. JEPP will give a range of options to inform its members about relevant issues in various levels of depth and frequency. The platform will facilitate the following means of communication:

- JEPP website [www.jepp.info](http://www.jepp.info): provides regular updates on recent developments in the field of energy and poverty.
- JEPP international stakeholder meeting: will take place in March 2005 and explore the possibilities for new initiatives aimed at improving the access to modern energy services.
- JEPP mailing list: can be used by JEPP members to share information, to announce new initiatives and conferences as well as to discuss specific topics related to energy and poverty. An email discussion will be arranged in early February 2005 with the aim to prepare the programme for the stakeholders meeting.
- JEPP newsletter: will present experience gained with actual projects and will inform on progress made in providing modern energy services to the poor.

### *Who should join JEPP ?*

JEPP will include energy companies, financing institutions, government, non-governmental organisations, and research institutes that wish to understand the energy needs and priorities of poor communities and will help to identify practical solutions to improve access to modern energy services. Interested parties can register as a JEPP member free of charge at [www.jepp.info](http://www.jepp.info). For more information about JEPP, please send an email to [info@jepp.info](mailto:info@jepp.info)