



# 8. Financing

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# **Training Overview**

## 8. Financing and Implementing Municipal EE projects

**Scenario:** There are ambitious targets but seemingly little funding available to realise energy efficiency projects.

**Question:** What are the financing options that you can take?

# **Training Overview**

**Activity: Barriers** 

20 mins

- 1. Generate interest
- 2. Build capacity
  - Learning Energy efficiency networks
- 3. Unlock financing options
  - Revenue-base raising, financing and execution models, creditworthiness

Better EE policymaking by integrating finance and investment

30 mins

5 mins





# **Activity: Barriers**





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**Raise hands** 





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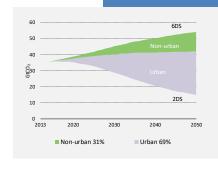
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Communicate
Benefits of
Energy Efficiency





2

Examine possible hidden split incentives

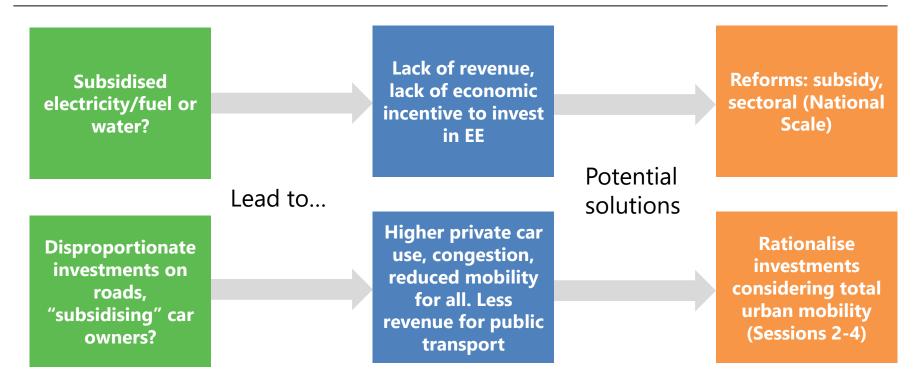
Subsidised electricity/fuel or water?

Disproportionate investments on roads, "subsidising" car owners?





# 1. Generate interest: split incentives







# 2. Build capacity



# How to build capacity?

# Train

- Find and fund training opportunities
- Establish learning networks

# Outsource

Use Energy
 Savings
 Performance
 Contracting





# How to build capacity: Train and then build networks



https://olc.worldbank.org/content/energy-efficiency-cities-self-paced



**IEA Energy Efficiency Training Weeks** 

https://www.iea.org/topics/energyefficiency/e4/trainingweeks/

# How to scale up the knowledge from training?

**Build Learning Energy Efficiency Networks (LEEN)** 





# Spotlight: Learning Energy Efficiency Networks in Mexico



#### **LEEN FOR WATER OPERATORS**

Undertaken: 2015

Champion: State of Coahuila, Mexico

#### **CHALLENGE**

Rising electricity bills leading to 40% of operation costs of water operators.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To develop capacity to identify EE measures and implement them effectively

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**

- Network of different operators was established aided by BECC and GIZ, based on experiences in Germany and Switzerland
- Identification of common problems such as old equipment and lack of good management schemes
- Systematic energy audits and piloting, regular meeting and studies, leading to widespread adoption of EnMS in water sector

# BORDER ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION COMMISSION



#### **RESULTS**

- 40% reduction of costs
- Less than one year payback periods

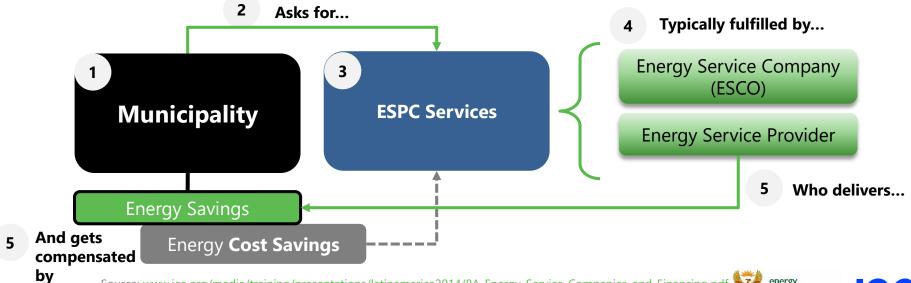
#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Baseline data sharing and transparency among network participants allow better understanding of common challenges
- Non-competitive nature of municipalities help in maximum uptake of information and subsequent solutions



# How to build capacity: outsourcing

- We could also outsource energy efficiency works to specialists through Energy Savings Performance Contracts
- **ESPC acts as** implementation/financing mechanism to deliver energy savings



# Spotlight: Performance Contracting for Street Lighting EE



## AKOLA ENERGY EFFICIENCY STREET LIGHTING

Undertaken:

Champion: Akola Municipal Corporation

#### CHALLENGE

Rising electricity bills for street lighting, water and sewage pumping, and public buildings, with priority of investment in roads, health and education infrastructure over EE projects

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To secure investments for street lighting retrofits using an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) approach

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**

- Through a competitive bid process, AEL were selected as ESCO to implement the project
- AEL financed the project, replacing 11,518 street lamps within a 3-month period
- AEL also carried out the O&M and M&V processes over the 6-year duration of the contract
- As per the contract, AEL accrued 95% of the energy savings

#### RESULTS

- Annual energy savings of 2.13 million kWh (55.7% reduction)
- Financial savings of USD 133,000 per year
- GHG emission reduction of 1.830 metric tons of CO2 per year

#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Leadership by Akola Municipal Corporation to implement an ESPC was an important factor in the project's success
- The availability of energy efficiency products and presence of local ESCOs were also critical success factors
- In the absence of an independent M&V agency, AEL's undertaking of baseline energy measurements enabled energy savings calculations



Payment based on obtained savings

**AEL** 

















# Spotlight: Performance Contracting for Water Leak Management



#### **EMFULENI WATER LEAK MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Undertaken: 2005

Champion: Municipality of Emfuleni

#### **CHALLENGE**

- In Emfuleni, the public water utility was experiencing leakage loss of 80% potable water through broken pipes and plumbing fixtures, due to deteriorating infrastructure.
- The municipality lacked the financial resources and technical expertise to carry out infrastructure and EE improvements.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To engage an energy service provider to implement a project for water loss reduction and accrue energy savings

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**



#### Bank





#### **ESCO**



ESCO implements project

Payment based on

obtained savings

### Client



PPP B-O-O-T Shared Savings ESPC

#### **RESULTS**

- Water savings: **7-8 million cubic metres per year** (30% of former supply saved)
- Energy savings: US\$ 3.8 million per year
- Financial savings: 14,250 MWh per year
- GHG emission reduction: 12,000 tonnes per year
- Payback period of initial investment: 1 year





# Check out IEA's webpage on ESCOs





## International Energy Services Conclave 2019

On March 6-8, 2019 the Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy (AEEE) and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) jointly organised the International Energy Services Conclave 2019 – Energy Efficiency for Business Competitiveness in New Delhi. The Conclave was a flagship event that brought together key decision makers to discuss scaling up energy savings through digitalisaion, policy and innovative business models.





# 3. Unlock financing options



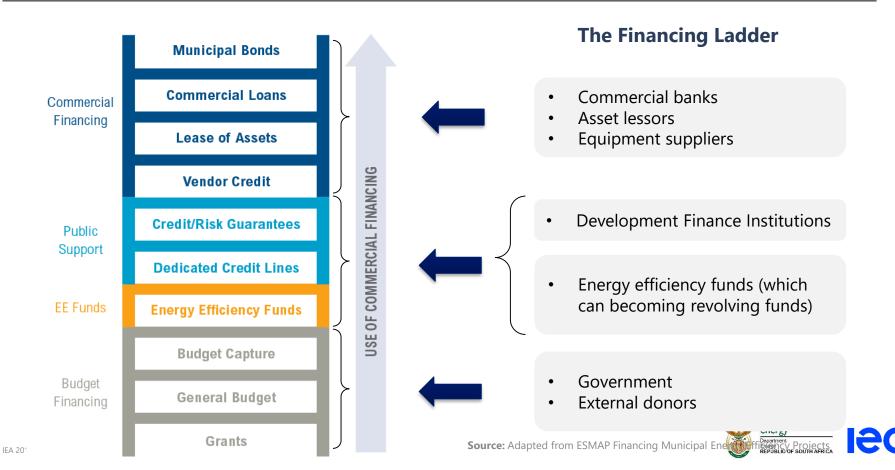
# Unlock financing options: what are the challenges for Municipalities

#### Low spending Low revenue power / creditworthiness **Limitations on** Could be due spending to: Less attractive financing Poor tax Weak fiscal Restrictions on options collection management spending Insufficient transfer from Restrictions on Lack of central/state borrowing administrative governments / technical capacity to utilize funds

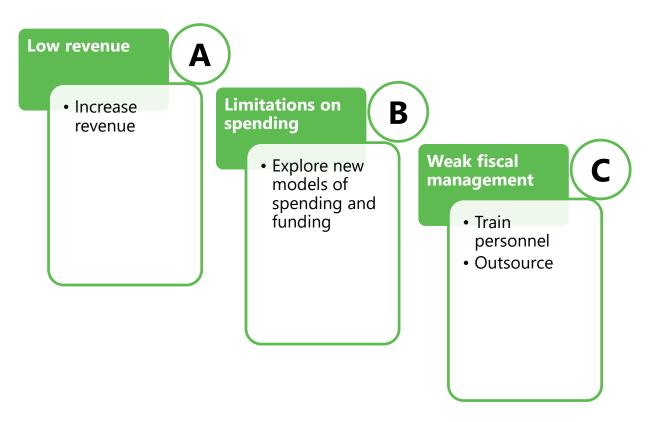




# Unlock financing options: how the challenges effect access



# Unlock financing options: potential solutions







# Unlock financing options: are fees fair and sustainable?

## Internal revenue sources:

Land revenue

- Land fees
- Property tax

Non-land revenue

- License fees for businesses, etc.
- Taxes on households, vehicles, etc.

User charges

- Services (water, sewerage, parking, etc.
- Administrative fees (building permits, business registration, market fees)

## External revenue sources:

Intergovernmental transfers

- Conditional grants
- Unconditional grants or shared transfers

Borrowing

- Governmental
- Private sector borrowing

Development assistance

- International development assistance
- Domestic assistance (e.g. disaster relief)





# Spotlight: Creditworthiness by first increasing own-source revenues



#### DAKAR MUNICIPAL FINANCE PROGRAM

Established: 2011 (officially launched 2012)

Champion: City of Dakar

#### **CHALLENGE**

Insufficient funding to meet local needs; limited technical capacity; perception of low creditworthiness

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Position itself as a creditworthy issuer that could attract funding from investors in regional capital markets

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**

- Increased own-source revenues by almost 40%
- Established Dept. of Planning and Sustainable development
- Partnered with several development finance institutions to boost technical capacity
- Institutionalised a participatory process for citizens









- Awarded BBB+ investment-grade credit rating by Bloomfield Investment in 2013
- Enabled the structuring of a municipal bond for the City of Dakar\*

#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- · Dakar showed an active, innovative approach to its funding requirements
- It demonstrated the importance of addressing institutional & structural issues that impact revenues & municipal fiscal health
- It demonstrated the importance of developing technical capacity programs to position cities to leverage their revenue base & to use financial instruments





# Unlock financing options: aggregating projects

risk

Low credit – Lack of Individual Single worthiness, higher documentation transaction, loan, high interest rates or stats high costs risk Aggregation of different projects from different municipalities Increased Higher average Multiple Aggregated credit – worthiness, transparency, varied loans, transaction, higher credit lower ave. interest diversified lower perworthiness rates





project costs

# Spotlight: Aggregated Municipal Financing



## MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Established: 1970

Champion: regional municipalities of British Columbia, Canada



#### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide financing to regional districts and local governments of British Columbia through collective long-term debt\*

#### **STRUCTURE**

- Is 100% owned by BC local government. Governance is assured by members representing regional districts
- Oversight is provided by 39 representative members appointed from each of 28 regional districts in BC
- A Board of 10 Trustees is elected annually from the Members to exercise executive and administrative powers, including policy, strategy, and business plans

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

- All local governments, except the City of Vancouver, must borrow long-term debt through the MFA
- Long-term financing is met through the placement of debentures in the capital markets through issuing 5- and 10-year bonds
- Debt issued is backed, as a guarantee, by the revenues and assets of regional districts and municipalities
- Interest rates on debenture issues to the MFA are lower than those available to individual municipal borrowers
- MFA has a Aaa/AAA/AAA ratings from Moody's, S&P, and Fitch, respectively

#### **RESULTS**

- At the end of 2015, MFA's outstanding loans reached US\$ 3.5 billion
- During 2018 alone, roughly US\$1.3 billion was raised in long-term debt for municipal and regional projects





# Unlock financing options: Weak fiscal management; train or outsource

# Train

- Requires funds to train personnel
- **Establish** knowledge networks among different municipalities

# Outsource (via PPP)

- Efficient procurement and project delivery in a defined timeframe
- Better risk allocation of projects between public and private sectors
- Reduced costs to the public sector for energy efficiency





# Spotlight: Public Private Partnership for Street Lighting



#### BHUBANESWAR STREET LIGHTING PPP PROJECT

Established: 2011 (officially launched 2012)

Champion: Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

#### **CHALLENGE**

Streetlights on the city's small and residential streets were dimly lit or not lit at all in certain areas, raising continuous complaints from the public regarding their poor condition. Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) at the same time recognised that it did not have sufficient financial or technical capacity to see through the upgrade of its streetlights.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To upgrade and manage it's street lighting system through a public-private partnership transaction

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**

- IFC was approached by BMC to design, structure and manage a public private partnership
- Through the PPP, the services of an ESCO were acquired, through a Shared Savings Agreement (finance; implementation, mgt)













project





#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

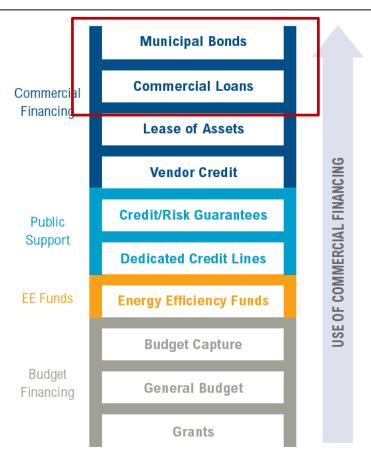
- Expected to generate USD 100,000 in annual savings
- Mobilised USD 4.8 million in private sector investment
- Expected to reduce GHG emissions by approximately 10,500 tonnes per year





# Unlock financing options: creditworthiness increases access to finance

# **The Financing Ladder**







# **Spotlight: Municipal bonds**



## **GREEN MUNICIPAL BONDS IN JOHANNESBURG**

Established: June 2014

Champion: City of Johannesburg

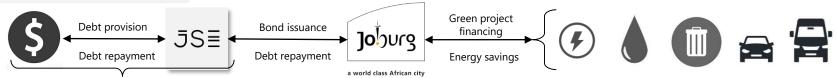
#### **PRECONDITIONS**

- Supportive political leadership of the city's pursuit of innovative finance mechanisms
- Established creditworthiness investment-grade rating helped the city take the bond to market & receive a positive response
- Benefited from international guidance in pursuing green bonds, such as support from C40

#### **OBJECTIVES**

To reduce the city's emissions through financing green infrastructure projects across the energy, water, waste & transport sectors

#### **HOW DID IT WORK?**



MARKET GREEN PROJECTS

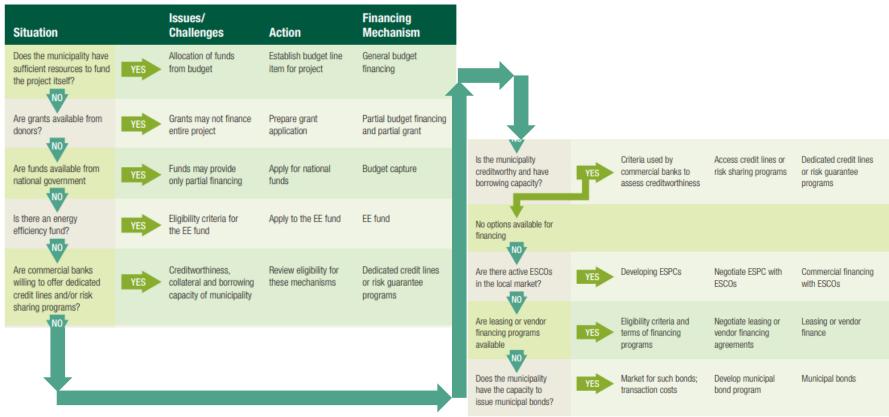
#### **RESULTS**

- The bond has provided the city with a new funding source to improve and expedite the implementation of its climate change mitigation strategy and move Johannesburg towards low carbon infrastructure
- The investment supports wider benefits such as the provision of energy efficiency lighting and solar heating to low income households in the City
- Municipal bonds offer the opportunity for creditworthy cities to access large-scale, debt finance to introduce or promote energy efficient services





# **Unlock financing options: summary**





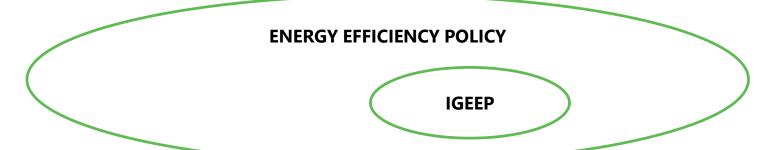


# Better policymaking with Investment-grade energy efficiency policy



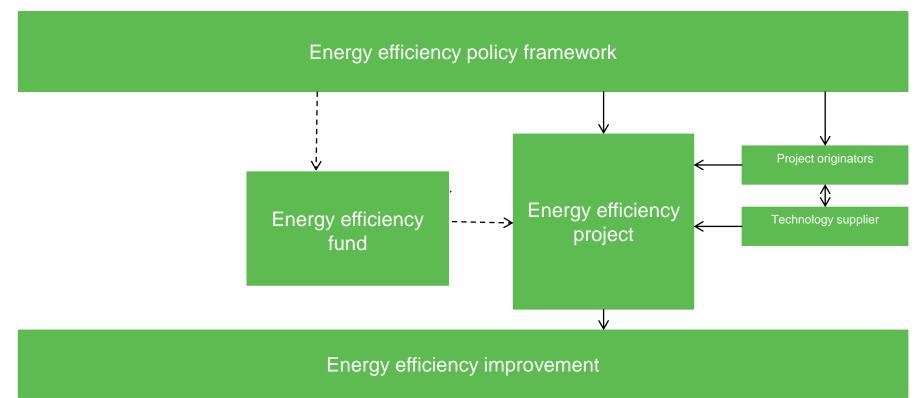
# Investment Grade EE Policy: What is it?

- What is energy efficiency policy?
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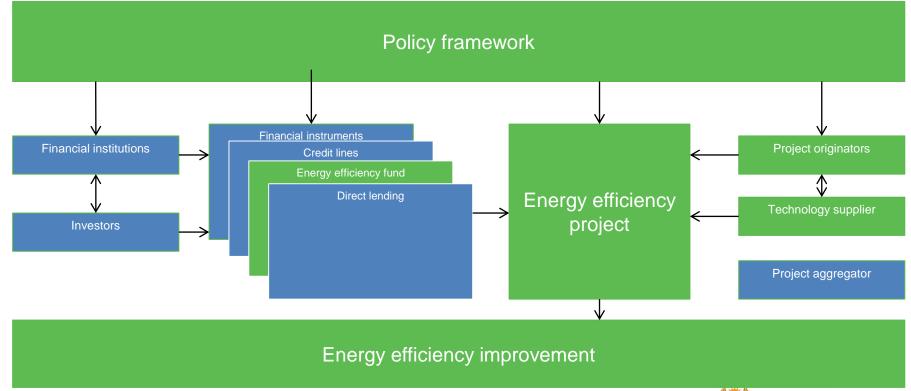




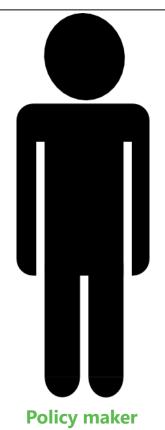
# Energy Efficiency Policy: what it looks like



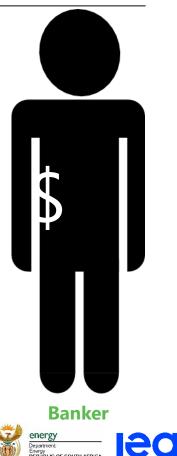
# Investment-grade EE Policy: what it looks like



# What problem does IGEP tackle: alignment of interests



Long term	Time horizon	Short term
Public good	Motivation	Revenue target
Social cost- benefit analysis	Evaluation criteria	Internal rate of return (IRR)
Political	Relationship to risk	Legal
Economic impact / Political impact	Big concerns	Risk, bankability, creditworthiness



Source: EBRD

# Investment grade policy: why is it important?

It provides **environmental certainty** in EE project investment that gives investors **greater confidence**:

- Focused goal
- Focus on specific set of barriers
- Focused group of stakeholders
- Specific criteria
- Specific types of measures

# **IGEEP**

Setting **standards** 

Applying market-based **incentives** 

Designing tailored **financing mechanisms** 



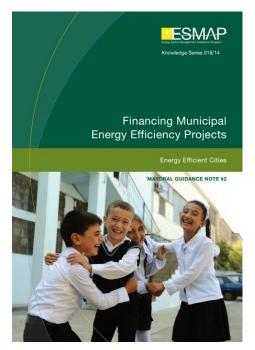


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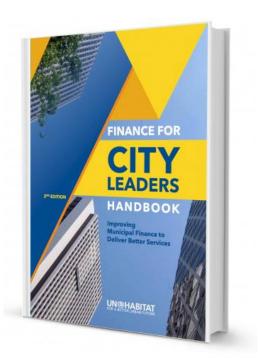




# **Key Resources**



https://www.esmap.org/sites/esmap.org/files/ DocumentLibrary/FINAL\_MGN1-Municipal%20Financing\_KS18-14\_web.pdf



http://financeforcityleaders.unhabitat.org/







