



AFRICA MINIGRIDS PROGRAM



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Africa Minigrids Program (AMP) Eswatini Project Board

BOARD SUMMARY

The Africa Minigrids has a board comprising of six members whose role is to provide direction and recommendations to ensure that the agreed deliverables for the program are produced satisfactorily and according to plan. As such the board advises on major and minor amendments to the project within the parameters set by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Environment Fund (GEF). Furthermore, they review the project progress, assess performance,

and appraise the annual work plans for the AMP among their many functions. The project board thereby includes a project executive who represents ownership of the project, a development partner representative to provide technical expertise, a nominated representative and two elected community representatives from the two communities where the project is being implemented, to represent the interests of those who will ultimately benefit from the project.

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Dorcas Dlamini (Board Chairperson)

Dorcas Dlamini is a project executive and the board chairperson of the Africa Minigrids Program. She was a board member and chairperson of the AMP during her tenure as the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy (MNRE) which lapsed in July 2024 upon her transfer to the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Her roles in the MNRE included overseeing operational activities pertaining to the energy and water sector, promoting policies for affordable and sustainable energy provision and ensuring the international competitiveness of the energy sector.



Nessie Golakai (Development Partner Representative)

Nessie Golakai is a development partner representative on the board and is a UNDP Deputy Resident Representative with over twenty years of experience in the development sector. She is skilled in sustainable development, international relations, civil society and policy analysis and is a strong community and social services professional. Before joining UNDP Eswatini, she was the Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP Lesotho and has also served as the Deputy Resident Representative for Gambia. Before she was appointed Deputy Resident Representative, she served in different roles at UNDP Liberia for over eight years as part of her vast development experience. Nessie has a Master's in Development Planning from the University of Zimbabwe and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics from the University of Ghana.



Edgar Siza Dlamini (Board Member)

Edgar Siza Dlamini is a nominated representative from the Renewable Energy Association of Eswatini (REAESWA) and is also the Managing Director of ES Projects in Manzini. He specialises in energy projects with a particular focus on solar plant design and installation, metering and energy efficiency. He has wide experience in the energy sector spanning over seventeen years, having served as a General Manager for Customer Service and Infrastructure for the Eswatini Electricity Company between 2003 and 2007. After his tenure with EEC, he also served in different roles in both Eswatini and South Africa as an energy consultant, an electrical and mechanical design engineer as well as a project manager. He has a Master's Degree in Engineering and Industrial Management from the University of Pretoria and a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Huddersfield.



Mr Siboniso Tsela (Board Member)

Siboniso Tsela is an elected Representative for the Bulimeni Community. His appointment to the AMP board is testament to the important role of community members in development programs which empower communities in projects within their jurisdictions. This promotes fairness and bottom-to-top engagement in the project dynamics.



Ms. Sithembile Vilakati-Khumalo (Board Member)

Sithembile Vilakati is an elected representative for the Mvundla Community. She represents the Mvundla community under the AMP in order to foster trust and ownership amongst the community members. Her participation in the AMP board outlines the program's inclusiveness in a sector characteristically regarded as being preserved for men.



Saneliso Makhanya (Board Secretary)

Saneliso Makhanya is the Project Manager of the AMP Eswatini and has previously worked as a Project Manager for the United Nations Development Program, the Water Sanitation and Hygiene Program (WASH) Programme Manager for the Bridge Builders International program as part of his wide industry experience. He has a Master of Science (MS) in Project Management from the University of Pretoria, a Master of Science in Integrated Water Resources Management, a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture both from the University of Eswatini. He is skilled in project management and sustainable energy.

