



Symposium: UC Berkeley, April 10 – 12, 2014

## Innovating Energy Access for Remote Areas: Discovering untapped resources

Flying out to San Francisco, the hills look like waves of mountains, rolling toward inland California farms. In only three weeks time, prominent researchers and scholars focused on remote energy access will arrive in the Bay Area and take in this majestic scene through a similar window. A swelling interest in inclusive and sustainable energy initiatives is popping up in circles throughout the Bay. Universities, start-up entrepreneurs, financiers, technology companies and consultancies address distributed and affordable energy markets in myriad countries. Even locally in CA itself, pioneering models offer end-user financing for small-scale solar and net-zero energy products-services.

All the way from Berlin, MicroEnergy Systems (MES) entices an international energy access community back together again. This time with BREG, the Berkeley Rural Energy Group. Their jointly hosted symposium - Innovating Energy Access for Remote Areas - begins April 10th at UC Berkeley. Hosted by Prof. Dan Kammen (Renewable and Appropriate Energy Lab) and Prof. Martina Schäfer (Technische Universität Berlin), BREG and MES have invited over 50 Presenters, academics and practitioners, from around the globe to focus on the special theme of 'discovering untapped resources'. Selected papers will be published in the journal Environmental Research Letters, and will also be considered by Springer Press for addition to a special edition book. You are invited to [register](#) your attendance. For Day 3 of the symposium, attendees are also encouraged to book their ticket for an optional day of exploration and networking. A driving tour will take you across three bridges of the San Francisco Bay, including a guided visit to the California Academy of Sciences and an outdoor picnic in a Golden Gate Park museum courtyard. RSVP only (to Dmitry Gershenson ([d.gersh@berkeley.edu](mailto:d.gersh@berkeley.edu)), limited tickets available (cost: \$60/person or less depending on demand.)

### April 10th and 11th

2 days of presentation and discussion, including light workshop sessions.

30 new papers, presented in concurrent sessions and plenaries.

20+ poster topics, presented during an evening mixer at the Blum Center for Emerging Economies.

4 different venues, explored by participants across campus.

Support this good event by registering at:

<http://www.microenergysystems.tu-berlin.de/conference/registration/>

See you soon,  
with our best regards,

Sebastian Groh, MES, Dmitry Gershenson, BREG, Jonas van der Straeten, MES, Brian Edlefsen Lasch, MicroEnergy International (MEI), Liisa Andersson, MEI

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