

# SKYPOWER COMMUNICATION ON PROGRESS

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# INTRODUCTION

In this inaugural Communication on Progress (COP), we describe our efforts and achievements in integrating the UN Global Compact principles and the Caring for Climate commitments to climate action into our business strategy, culture and daily operations. SkyPower is proud to be part of the United Nations Global Compact, and we look forward to continuing to advance our alignment with its initiatives.



SkyPower is pleased to present our inaugural Communication on Progress (COP) report reflecting our achievements and support for the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and Caring for Climate initiative. In August 2014, the SkyPower executive team made a formal commitment to become a member of the UNGC – the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative. In September 2014, SkyPower became a Strategic Champion of the United Nations Caring for Climate initiative for business leadership on climate change.

Responsible leadership is important to us. We take steps to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainability for the regions in which we operate, generating a brighter future for all. SkyPower is committed to building relationships, promoting economic development, creating local jobs in the green energy industry, and investing in environmental literacy. SkyPower hires and collaborates with local people and organizations whenever possible –

from initial project development through to commercial operation and maintenance.

Environmental conservation and sustainability is not only part of our social responsibility, it's our business. Our renewable energy projects support the reduction of harmful emissions, and mitigate the damaging effects of fossil fuels. SkyPower also takes great care to preserve the features of the natural landscape, and minimize environmental impact when designing a project.

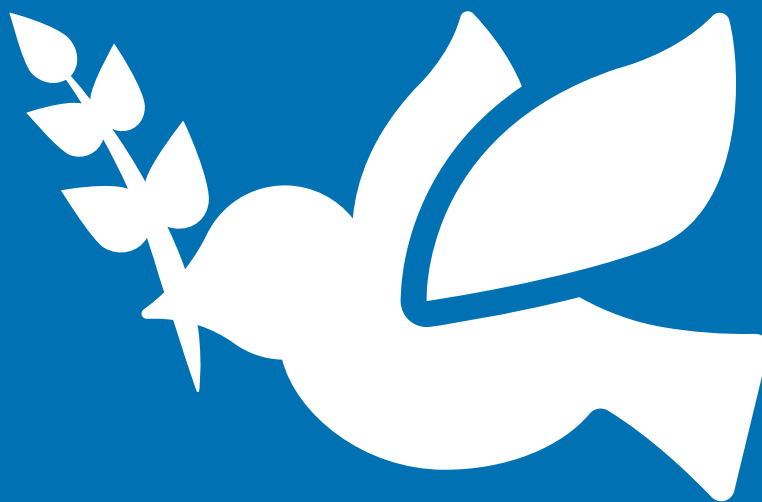
The following are the steps SkyPower has taken as a signatory of the UN Global Compact and Strategic Champion of the Caring for Climate initiative, aligning its operations and strategies with the 10 universally accepted principles of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and five commitments to climate action.





# RESPECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

# ENDORISING INTERNATIONALLY PROCLAIMED HUMAN RIGHTS



SkyPower is committed to respecting and protecting all internationally proclaimed human rights, as well as applicable laws at the local, regional and national levels. To this end, SkyPower commits to continually reviewing and updating its policies and procedures to remain in compliance with all state/provincial, national and international human rights standards for every jurisdiction in which the company is present.

Policies relating to the protection of human rights are contained within the company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is disseminated to all SkyPower employees, officers, directors and consultants at the time of hiring, and periodically redistributed company-wide, most recently in March 2015.

All SkyPower employees, officers, directors and/or consultants expressly consent to abide by the SkyPower Code of Business Conduct and Ethics'

terms, along with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to their position, in every jurisdiction in which the company operates. All employees, officers, directors and consultants must report any violations of laws, rules, regulations or the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Director of Compliance, who are tasked to assess, review and determine the best course of action followed by a report as deemed necessary by our stated rules.

To encourage the reporting of discovered or suspected violations of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, or any other rules, regulations or laws, SkyPower forbids reprisal or penalization of any kind against any employee for filing reports or complaints in good faith. It is a fundamental part of our DNA that every employee may speak openly without fear of reprisal.

## ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIRD-PARTY AGENTS, CONTRACTORS & OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

The commitment SkyPower has made to supporting and respecting the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights extends to our dealings with all third-party agents, consultants, suppliers, contractors or other business partners.

To this end, we have implemented and continue to strengthen language inserted into all contracts to ensure compliance by our suppliers. Moreover, before engaging with any third-party engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) and operations and maintenance (O&M) vendors, SkyPower requires a written certification

that such supplier complies with all internationally proclaimed human rights, as well as all applicable laws.

SkyPower would also refuse to do business with any third-party representatives if the company has any knowledge of, or if circumstances otherwise indicate, that they intend to violate any such laws. This is being implemented to reduce the risk of inadvertently becoming complicit in any human rights abuses by way of third-party activities.







# PROMOTING DIVERSITY & WELL-BEING

# UPHOLDING EMPLOYEE RIGHTS & FOSTERING DIVERSITY



As the proud employer of a diverse team spanning the globe, SkyPower is committed to continually reviewing and updating its policies and procedures to comply with all applicable labour and occupational health and safety laws in every region in which the company operates.

SkyPower has adopted a comprehensive set of policies relating to employee rights and diversity, contained within our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is disseminated to all SkyPower team members globally at the time of onboarding and updated at least once annually.

The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics outlines the SkyPower commitment to providing a workplace environment free from discrimination and harassment of any kind. SkyPower is proud of its zero tolerance policy as it pertains to discrimination, insults, threats or harassment on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, family status, citizenship

status, veteran status, age, medical status, physical or mental disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. Any SkyPower employee, officer, director or consultant who discriminates, insults or harasses another individual or group on the basis of any of the aforementioned criteria is grounds for immediate dismissal from the company.

Recognizing that a large percentage of communication occurs through electronic means, SkyPower reserves the right to monitor internet usage on company-issued devices to ensure against activities that are illegal, offensive or otherwise inappropriate in a business environment.

SkyPower is proud of the diversity of its team. To further promote and protect this diversity, SkyPower is committed to being an equal opportunity employer that prides itself on diversity, inclusion, and fair and equitable treatment of all employees.

*The diversity of the people of SkyPower is one of its greatest strengths. SkyPower prides itself on diversity, inclusion and fairness. SkyPower is dedicated to creating and fostering a diverse workplace that values and uses the contributions of people with different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. To SkyPower, diversity refers to all of the characteristics that make individuals different from one another. It is the policy of SkyPower that all of its activities should be conducted in accordance with the highest standards of equity, dignity and integrity and in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements. We take the widest possible view of inclusion and diversity, going beyond factors such as national origin, race,*

*ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, having a disability or expression to create an environment that welcomes all forms of differences. Inclusion and diversity are fundamental to our culture and core values, fostering an innovative, collaborative and high-energy work environment. By embracing an inclusive culture that supports diverse talent, our people collaborate successfully, enabling SkyPower to effectively compete in the global marketplace and stand apart from its competitors.*

SkyPower prides itself in conducting business in accordance with all requisite laws of the jurisdictions in which it operates.





## ENSURING A SAFE & HEALTHY WORKPLACE

In addition to upholding employee rights and embracing an inclusive work environment, SkyPower is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of fellow directors, officers, consultants and employees.

The company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics details our policies with respect to occupational health and safety.

All employees, officers, consultants and directors have the right to work in an environment that is safe and healthy.

Therefore, the company and its employees agree to comply strictly with all relevant occupational, health and safety laws, follow work procedures on health and safety laws, not engage in illegal or dangerous behaviours, not possess or use firearms or any type of combustible materials in SkyPower facilities or at SkyPower-affiliated functions.

Moreover, SkyPower has zero tolerance for any acts of violence, harassment or any other actions that compromise the health and safety of fellow directors, officers, consultants and employees.

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELL-BEING

SkyPower invests in the well-being of its employees by encouraging good physical and mental health through an active and healthy lifestyle.

To achieve this, SkyPower provides all employees with access to exceptional fitness facilities, premium health and dental coverage, and where practical, serves daily nutritious lunches, to foster growth and well-being while championing a healthy work-life balance for all SkyPower team members.

## ADDRESSING EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES

As a company devoted to the fair treatment of all employees, and a safe and inclusive work environment, SkyPower takes employee grievances very seriously. The open communication of issues and concerns without fear of retribution or retaliation is important to facilitate the ability to bring forward issues in good faith. Therefore, as detailed in the company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, the company is forbidden from penalizing or retaliating against any employee for filing complaints or grievances of any kind that are made in good faith.

Where complaints or grievances regarding suspected violations of company policy or applicable laws are filed, appropriate executives and/or directors are involved to ensure compliance with established best practices and applicable laws in the relevant jurisdiction.

## ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIRD-PARTY AGENTS, CONTRACTORS & OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

SkyPower is committed to complying with all applicable labour and occupational health and safety laws in every region in which it operates. This extends to dealings with all third-party agents, consultants, suppliers, contractors or other business partners. To this end, SkyPower is developing language to be inserted into all contracts before engaging any third-party EPC or O&M vendors, requiring a written certification that the countersigned complies with all applicable labour and occupational health and safety laws. SkyPower would also refuse

to do business with any third-party representatives if the company has any knowledge, or if circumstances otherwise indicate, that they intend to violate any such laws. This is done to reduce the risk of inadvertently becoming complicit in any contravention of labour laws by way of third-party activities.





# COMMITTING TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

# GENERATING A GREENER FUTURE



As a developer of clean, green, renewable energy, environmental responsibility is at the core of the company's mission, values and operations. Over the past year, SkyPower's operating projects have powered thousands of homes with clean, emission-free electricity. The green electricity produced offsets thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), mono-nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions from the atmosphere, equivalent to growing hundreds of thousands of new trees over 10 years.

Additionally, through the SkyPower Cares corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, SkyPower distributed 5,000 solar-powered lights to students in remote communities of South Africa with intermittent or no access to electricity. These lights bring 7.3 million hours of light per year

and eliminate the need for kerosene lamps, offsetting approximately 2,260 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and generating about 21,531 kilowatt-hours of renewable electricity.



# GROWING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

The SkyPower commitment to sustainability extends beyond our clean solar energy installations. In addition to emissions reductions achieved by its core business operations, SkyPower has also taken measures to reduce our environmental footprint at our corporate headquarters. These initiatives can be divided into three categories: those aimed at making

more efficient use of the office's energy and water resources, sourcing environmentally responsible options for food and office supplies, and reducing the amount of waste produced from our headquarters.

# INCREASING RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

The SkyPower central office is located in First Canadian Place, which is a LEED® EB:OM (Existing Building: Operations & Maintenance) Gold Certified building.<sup>1</sup> The LEED® Green Building Rating System is a leading program that provides third-party verification of green buildings. Through the certification process, the building has improved its energy use by approximately 24%, reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 16,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e),

improved water efficiency by approximately 66 million litres per year, and diverted 76% of waste from landfills. These energy, greenhouse gas emissions and water reductions were the equivalent of powering approximately 800 homes and removing 1,400 cars from the road for one year, and filling approximately 26 Olympic-sized swimming pools, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Brookfield Office Properties, First Canadian Place Tenant Resources: [www.brookfieldofficeproperties.com/content/sustainability/leed\\_at\\_fcp-29428.html](http://www.brookfieldofficeproperties.com/content/sustainability/leed_at_fcp-29428.html)

<sup>2</sup> Source: First Canadian Place Energy Reduction & Sustainability Program Press Release. [www.brookfieldofficeproperties.com/\\_Global/25/documents/relatedlinks/5078.pdf](http://www.brookfieldofficeproperties.com/_Global/25/documents/relatedlinks/5078.pdf)

## ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

At SkyPower, all printing, scanning and photocopying is done using ENERGY STAR® energy efficiency rated all-in-one printers that use solid ink technology, which require no cartridges and use less packaging than laser or inkjet cartridge alternatives. According to the manufacturer, its solid ink printers produce only 19 pounds of waste over a typical four-year lifespan, compared to 246 pounds of waste generated from a conventional cartridge-based toner printer.

For office catering, we use a company that sources almost exclusively from local restaurants with a preference for using local, fair trade and organic ingredients where possible. This caterer also works with food donation services that pick up leftovers on a weekly basis to share with those less fortunate in the community. SkyPower also exclusively uses a coffee supplier that provides fair trade and Rainforest Alliance Certified products.

3 Source: Xerox® Solid Ink Printer Environmental Fact Sheet:  
[www.office.xerox.com/latest/SLDFS-01U.pdf](http://www.office.xerox.com/latest/SLDFS-01U.pdf)

## REDUCING OFFICE WASTE

SkyPower has taken additional steps to further reduce the amount of waste produced within our headquarters. As of May 2015, our staff kitchens are now equipped with a full set of recycling and compost bins with signage for each, to increase the amount of recyclable and compostable waste

diverted from landfills. Each desk also has its own recycling bin for paper. Our photocopy rooms are equipped with bins for used batteries, which are periodically emptied by building staff for proper disposal as part of an e-waste program.





# LEADING CLIMATE ACTION

# COLLABORATIONS

In addition to taking practical actions and developing strategies to improve the environmental impact of its internal operations, SkyPower collaborates with partners across sectors, engages in events and spreads messages to champion climate action.

Over the last decade, the SkyPower team has proudly established long-term strategic partnerships with local, in-country developers. As well, SkyPower has consulted for and advised international leaders and Heads of State in its unprecedented approach to working in unison with these leaders to ensure a brighter future for their countries.

In the past year, SkyPower has met with various prominent Government Ministers and Heads of State from around the world through the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU), and trade missions such as those organized by the Corporate Council on Africa.

SkyPower is a proud member of several prominent, international energy associations. These affiliations enable SkyPower to actively work with other private companies, non-profit organizations and industry experts to meet the shared objective of generating clean, green renewable energy today and for generations to come.

These affiliations include:

- Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU)
- Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA)
- Corporate Council on Africa (CCA)
- Energy Storage Association (ESA)
- Initiative for Global Development (IGD)
- Mexican Association of Photovoltaic Solar Energy (Asolmex)
- Middle East Solar Industry Association (MESIA)
- Saudi Arabia Solar Industry Association (SASIA)
- ShineONtario Association (SOA)

SkyPower anticipates maintaining its current affiliations and continuing to expand its collaborative partnerships. Through these collaborations, associations and partnerships, SkyPower is effectively engaging with governments, inter-governmental organizations, civil society and other companies on a local and global scale to advance solar energy and take action against climate change.

# CHAMPIONING CLIMATE ACTION

SkyPower is an active champion for climate action through the dissemination of timely thought pieces, stories and perspectives via social media, as well as speaking roles, sponsorships and attendance at a wide range of global events throughout the past year.

SkyPower looks forward to continuing to engage and inspire audiences, enable events to happen and expand its own internal capacity in the coming year.

## ENGAGING AUDIENCES

Senior members of the SkyPower team have engaged thousands of audience members, generating thought-provoking discussion and motivating action through speeches made at numerous high-impact events.

Select highlights from the past year include:

- United Nations Private Sector Forum  
New York City, USA (September 23, 2014)
- Photovoltaica International Photovoltaic Exhibition & Conference, Casablanca, Morocco (November 4-6, 2014)

- UN Caring for Climate (C4C) Business Forum (COP20)  
Lima, Peru (December 8-9, 2014)
- World Future Energy Summit (WFES)  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (January 17-24, 2015)
- RE-Invest Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo  
New Delhi, India (February 15-17, 2015)
- 12th Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum (REFF) -  
Wall Street, New York City, USA (June 24-25, 2015)

## ENABLING FORUMS

Through support for the following events, SkyPower has helped enable forums to be held where climate action issues can be discussed and strategies advanced.

Select highlights from the past year include:

- Strategic Champion of the UN Caring for Climate 2014-2015
- Photovoltaica International Photovoltaic Exhibition & Conference, Casablanca, Morocco (November 4-6, 2014)
- Solar Qatar Summit  
Doha, Qatar (November 17-18, 2014)
- World Future Energy Summit (WFES)  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (January 17-24, 2015)
- RE-Invest Renewable Energy Global Investors Meet & Expo  
New Delhi, India (February 15-17, 2015)
- Global Compact 15th Anniversary Celebration  
New York City, USA (June 24-25, 2015)
- 12th Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum (REFF) -  
Wall Street, New York City, USA (June 24-25, 2015)
- Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)  
Nairobi, Kenya (July 23-25, 2015)
- 6th Renewable Energy Technology Congress  
New Delhi, India (August 21-23, 2015)



## CAPACITY BUILDING

SkyPower is building its own capacity as well as making connections and sharing ideas with others through participation at global events.

Select highlights from the past year include:

- Solar Energy Southeast Asia  
Bangkok, Thailand (November 25-26, 2014)
- Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA) Solar Canada Conference  
Toronto, Canada (December 8-9, 2014)
- Vibrant Gujarat Summit  
Gandhinagar, India (January 11-13, 2015)
- Intersolar Summit  
Turkey, Istanbul (March 18, 2015)
- Egypt Economic Development Conference (EEDC)  
Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (March 13-15, 2015)
- EQ Hyderabad Summit  
Hyderabad, India (April 8-9, 2015)
- Andhra Pradesh Solar Development Summit  
Tirupati, India (April 11, 2015)
- Global Renewable Energy (GREEN) Summit  
Bengaluru, India (April 23-25, 2015)
- Renewable Invest: Madhya Pradesh Summit  
Bhopal, India (April 24, 2015)
- CorpCCA Trade Mission to Madagascar  
Mozambique and Mauritius (May 10-19, 2015)
- Middle East & North Africa Solar (MENASOL) Conference & Expo  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates (May 13-14, 2015)
- UN Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Forum  
New York, USA (May 18-21, 2015)
- Business & Climate Summit, UNESCO Headquarters  
Paris, France (May 20-21, 2015)
- Africa Energy Forum  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates (June 21-24, 2015)

## SPREADING MESSAGES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

With an active social media presence, SkyPower is committed to spreading messages in support of climate action to the broader public.

Select highlights from the past year include:

- A blog post by SkyPower President and Chief Executive Officer on the World Bank website, "Carbon pricing incentivizes clean energy innovation"
- Integrated climate action messaging in our corporate social media posts and updates
- The doubling of our Twitter audience since we became a Strategic Champion of the Caring for Climate Initiative, demonstrating our capacity as an active business champion for working with peers, employees, investors and the broader public to develop a platform for getting the climate change message out



# DRIVING ANTI-CORRUPTION

# TAKING A STAND AGAINST CORRUPTION

SkyPower is committed to a strict zero-tolerance stance against corruption of any kind, and to conducting business in compliance with all local applicable laws in jurisdictions in which it operates, including Canada's Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (CFPOA), the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the United Kingdom Bribery Act (UKBA) and other laws prohibiting the offer, payment, solicitation or acceptance of bribes, kickbacks, facilitation payments or improper gratuities of any kind.

SkyPower is also consulting with Transparency International, the global coalition against corruption, to look at ways to apply augmented learning in the design and implementation of effective anti-corruption approaches.

To this end, SkyPower has put in place a comprehensive Anti-Corruption Compliance Policy, which was distributed to all employees, consultants and contractors. Under the terms of this policy, SkyPower, its employees and representatives are prohibited from giving, offering, soliciting or accepting bribes to or from any person or entity, as well as from bribing domestic or foreign government or public officials, including elected officials and government employees at the local, regional, national or international level.

Bribing is defined within the policy as providing or offering anything of value, including cash, inappropriate gifts, personal favours, excessive

hospitality or other tangible or intangible things of value for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or any improper advantage.

To reduce the risk of inadvertently exposing SkyPower to a compliance liability, employees, consultants and contractors are required to report all gifts, entertainment or other benefits in excess of US \$100.00 in value received from persons or entities doing or seeking to do business with SkyPower to the Chief Executive Officer and our compliance group in a timely manner. All staff must alert the Chief Executive Officer whenever an illegal, dishonest or unethical act, including a possible violation of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Anti-Corruption Compliance Policy or any other company policy or legal requirement of another employee or officer is discovered or suspected.

To encourage the reporting of discovered or suspected violations of the Anti-Corruption Compliance Policy, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics or any other rules, regulations or laws, SkyPower forbids retaliation or penalization of any kind against any employee for filing reports or complaints in good faith.



## ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THIRD-PARTY AGENTS, CONTRACTORS & OTHER REPRESENTATIVES



In accordance with the CFPOA, FCPA, UKBA and certain other anti-corruption laws, the SkyPower Anti-Corruption Compliance Policy also prohibits indirect payments of bribes, facilitation payments, kickbacks or illegal gratuities to public officials or private persons by third-party agents, consultants or other business partners.

As a result of the substantial compliance risks associated with third-party activities, SkyPower requires that all third-party representatives understand and comply with its Anti-Corruption Policy and applicable laws.

Prior to engaging any third-party representative who is likely to interact with public officials on behalf of the company, SkyPower is required to conduct corruption-related due diligence.



# INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

# COMMITTING TO EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

In 2014, SkyPower made a two-part commitment to the UN to help empower communities throughout Africa by promoting access to sustainable energy for all:

1. By 2020, SkyPower is targeting to develop and build a minimum of 5 GW of utility-scale solar power projects throughout Continental Africa.
2. SkyPower's goal is to expand its successful SkyPower Cares Solar Light initiative with the target of distributing 100,000 portable solar-powered lights by 2020 to students in African communities with limited or no access to electricity.

SkyPower has made notable progress against the above commitment, recently announcing 7 GW in bilateral agreements to be built on the continent of Africa over the next five years in Egypt, Nigeria and Kenya.

During the 6th annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi, SkyPower announced it will distribute two million solar kits to homes and working families across Kenya currently without access to electricity. These home kits include a solar panel and an inverter to help Kenyans harness the power of the sun and move up the energy ladder.

SkyPower has also committed to providing a brighter future to students through the creation of a new renewable energy scholarship program at three leading universities in India, to help promote innovation in solar technology and energy storage. The merit- and needs-based scholarship program will provide 10 scholarships a year, over 25 years, to benefit a total of 750 Indian students to pursue higher education in renewable energy technology.



# ADVANCING OUR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Through these commitments, SkyPower has taken steps to not only address climate change, but directly advance numerous Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- By replacing kerosene lamps with solar-powered sources of light, SkyPower is substantially reducing the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air (Goal 3.9)
- Through SkyPower's renewable energy scholarship program, along with the provision of solar lights or home solar kits to households with intermittent or no access to electricity, the additional hours of light in the evening provide students an opportunity to study and thus advance their education (Goal 4)
- Through the development of utility-scale solar PV projects and distribution of home solar kits and lights, SkyPower is helping to ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services (Goal 7.1), increasing the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix (Goal 7.2), advancing the adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes (Goal 9.4), and taking action to combat climate change and its impacts (Goal 13)
- By promoting innovation in solar technology and energy storage through its renewable energy scholarship program in India, SkyPower is enhancing scientific research, encouraging innovation and supporting research and innovation in developing countries (Goals 9.5 and 9b)
- By distributing home solar kits, SkyPower is helping equip households with safe and affordable basic electric services (Goal 11.1)
- Through local procurement, partnerships and direct and indirect job creation as a result of its utility-scale solar PV projects and distribution of home solar kits and lights, SkyPower is contributing to sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work (Goal 8), and leveraging effective public, public-private, and civil society partnerships (Goal 17.17)

With these commitments, SkyPower is not only generating clean, green renewable energy but also promoting social and economic development, including the creation of tens of thousands of local job years, boosting local economies, and empowering some of the most vulnerable members of society. Going above and beyond in the way it invests in the long-term prosperity of communities is at the core of SkyPower's business approach.

# SKYPOWER COMMITS TO PROVIDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE TO STUDENTS

## **SkyPower to grant 750 renewable energy scholarships in India**

NEW DELHI, India, August 22, 2015

SkyPower President and Chief Executive Officer announced yesterday while speaking at the 6th World Renewable Energy Technology Congress (WRETC), the company will fund the creation of a new renewable energy scholarship program at three leading universities. The scholarship program will help promote innovation in solar technology and energy storage in India.

SkyPower will provide 10 scholarships a year, over 25 years, to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), NIMS University and EMPI University. The merit- and needs-based scholarship program will benefit 750 Indian students wanting to pursue higher education in renewable energy technology.

Renewable energy jobs reached an estimated 7.7 million in 2014; 2.5 million of those jobs came from the solar industry. As India implements its commitment to bring online 100 GW of utility-scale solar by 2022, the number of jobs to be filled in the renewable energy sector is expected to grow exponentially. Yet despite the growth, the critical shortage of skilled personnel to develop, build and

operate renewable energy projects will represent one of the greatest obstacles to the rapid global adoption of renewable energy.

"If India's renewable energy targets are to be achieved, it is necessary to increase education and training in the sector," said Dr. Balvir Tomar, Founder and Chancellor of NIMS University. "We are thrilled by the announcement by SkyPower."

SkyPower also called on other industry executives to match SkyPower's initiative. "SkyPower is leading by example in India and we are proud to support local skills development and capacity building to meet the increasing demand for renewable energy," said Aviv Garten, Senior Vice President of Development at SkyPower.

SkyPower has been present in India for several years, assessing the market very carefully and building its team in India as it prepares to launch the strategic deployment of a significant number of gigawatts of solar energy. SkyPower's commitment to develop 18 GW of solar projects represents the single largest commitment in the history of solar photovoltaic in India. This recent initiative, aimed at enriching local skill development, is another step forward in SkyPower's corporate social responsibility program.

## SKYPOWER TO DONATE TWO MILLION HOME SOLAR KITS IN KENYA



NAIROBI, Kenya, July 28, 2015

SkyPower, the world's largest developer and owner of utility-scale solar projects, recently signed a landmark US \$2.2 billion agreement with the Government of Kenya during the 6th annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit to develop 1 GW of solar projects. As part of this historic moment for Kenya, SkyPower is pleased to announce it will be gifting two million SkyPower Home solar kits to people of Kenya.

SkyPower, under the guidance of the Government of Kenya, will distribute two million solar kits to homes and working families across the nation currently without access to electricity. The portable SkyPower Home solar kits include a solar panel and an inverter to help Kenyans harness the power of the sun. The home solar kits include LED bulbs, a fan, USB charging capabilities and a radio that will be powered and recharged by the sun.

"This monumental grant marks the largest single commitment in history, which provides an unprecedented solar solution to give power to the people of Kenya and communities without access to basic power," said Kerry Adler, President and Chief Executive Officer of SkyPower. "We are proud to help empower Kenya to harness the abundant power of the sun to improve the lives and economic prospects of its people, ultimately positioning Kenya to become a renewable energy hub for Africa."

SkyPower Home solar kits will help Kenya's citizens leapfrog towards greater energy access and increase

the standard of living as a whole. Kenya and its people are realizing rapid growth as the largest economy in East Africa. SkyPower is proud to play an integral role in creating new green energy jobs, advancing opportunities for skills development and training, and providing basic access to energy with its recent commitments in the country.

"We are delighted to work with the Kenyan Government in the rapid implementation of this micro-electrification initiative that will help millions of people," said Charles Cohen, Executive Vice President of SkyPower Global. "This progressive partnership is the next step in generating a brighter future for Kenya."

SkyPower has a long history of working closely with local communities to produce hundreds of millions of kilowatt hours (kWh) of clean electricity every year, while ensuring that those closest to the developments reap the rewards of renewable electrification. This initiative is another step forward in SkyPower's corporate social responsibility program, SkyPower Cares, which helps bring light to communities with limited, intermittent or no access to electricity.

"This collaboration between SkyPower and the Government of Kenya makes me proud to be a Kenyan," said Anwar Hussein, Managing Director for SkyPower Kenya. "The donation of 2 million SkyPower Home solar kits will make a positive impact on Kenyan families, and help Kenya's economic momentum."



# SKYPOWER COMMITS TO HELPING EMPOWER COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT CONTINENTAL AFRICA BY PROMOTING ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL.

September 11, 2014

## COMMITMENT TARGETS

- 2020 – Commitment #1 By 2020, SkyPower is targeting to develop and build a minimum of 5,000 MW of utility-scale solar power projects throughout Continental Africa.
- 2020 – Commitment #2 SkyPower's goal is to expand its successful SkyPower Cares Solar Light For Students initiative with the target of distributing 100,000 portable solar-powered lights to students in African communities with limited or no access to electricity. This is in addition to the 5,000 lights that were distributed in South Africa in late July and August 2014.

## SUPPORTING RESOURCES

5,000 MW of new large utility-scale solar PV projects to be developed and built in over a dozen countries throughout Continental Africa.

In addition to generating clean, green renewable energy, this commitment and its resulting economic rewards will impact the continent's energy mix while creating tens of thousands of local jobs and boosting economies around the African continent.

As well, the 100,000 solar-powered lights that SkyPower is targeting to distribute to communities with limited or no access to electricity will provide an estimated 146 million hours of light per year, and will serve to help offset the harmful polluting emissions from kerosene lanterns currently used by many.

## UN GOAL(S) AND ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED

Education & Culture; Children and Youth; Economic Prosperity & Development; Energy & Climate

## INDUSTRY SECTOR(S) THAT APPLY TO THIS COMMITMENT

Alternative energy; Electricity

## COUNTRY(S) WHERE THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

MULTIPLE

## SKYPOWER CARES CONTRIBUTES 5,000 SOLAR-POWERED LIGHTS TO EMPOWER SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES



SKYPOWER ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF ITS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVE DURING THE CANADA TRADE MISSION TO SOUTH AFRICA, LED BY CANADIAN MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, HONOURABLE ED FAST

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA AND TORONTO,

CANADA – JUNE 24, 2014

SkyPower, the world's largest solar developer, is launching SkyPower Cares, one of the company's corporate social responsibility initiatives, through an inaugural contribution of 5,000 solar-powered lights.

Through the SkyPower Cares initiative, SkyPower draws on its global success and expertise to share the gift of light to help empower communities around the world, promoting access to sustainable energy for all. Portable solar-powered lights are distributed to schoolchildren who live in remote communities with limited access to electricity, allowing them to study during the dark evening hours.

"SkyPower is proud to officially launch SkyPower Cares," said Kerry Adler, SkyPower's President and Chief Executive Officer. "This inaugural contribution is just the beginning. Our vision is to inspire and encourage other caring corporations and individuals to help us make a difference for schoolchildren in unelectrified communities worldwide and help them break the cycle of poverty through personal empowerment."

In rural regions of Africa, approximately 600 million people live without access to electricity and often rely on highly flammable, expensive and polluting kerosene lanterns as a source of light. The durable, portable solar-powered lights will provide schoolchildren with over four hours of safe lighting each evening.

These additional hours of lighting give students the opportunity to further study and read at night. The solar-powered lights will empower students to further their education and assist them in developing skills to contribute to continued economic growth in South Africa and the rest of the world.

"These solar-powered lights are a shining example of a leading Canadian-managed company's international contributions through corporate social responsibility," said the Honourable Ed Fast, Canadian Minister of International Trade. "Canada has a long-standing commitment to ensuring girls, boys and youth have access to quality basic education and I commend SkyPower on making a difference through the SkyPower Cares initiative."

"Together We Give is proud of the efforts SkyPower is making with the contribution of solar-powered lights to local youth," said Laura Catherine Marks, Executive Director and Founder of Together We Give, a Kenhardt, South Africa-based not-for-profit agency that responds to locally-identified needs of socio-economically challenged communities. "The lights will help empower the kids to study and live up to their potential."

As part of the SkyPower Cares launch, the solar-powered lights will reach 5,000 school-aged South African children and their siblings and have a considerable social impact, creating nearly 7.3 million hours of reading light each year, which will translate into productive study hours. Each light has a life expectancy of 10 years.

# ADVANCING OUR ACTIONS



SkyPower is proud of its continued efforts and progress in embracing and taking action to facilitate the 10 guiding principles of the Global Compact and five Caring for Climate commitments to climate action, which have become part of its global culture and daily operations.

In the coming year, SkyPower looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with non-governmental organizations (NGO), governments and other stakeholders across all sectors, calling for climate action. As well, SkyPower remains undeniably committed to

advancing the socio-economic development of the local communities in which it operates.

With a firm commitment to maintaining the highest international standards of ethical practice and good corporate governance, SkyPower considers its continued efforts and results to be a shining example of what others can achieve, and works to continue generating a brighter future for all.

## OUR VALUES



### Sustainability

We leverage our expertise to develop clean, green renewable solutions by harnessing the sun's abundant power to generate environmentally sustainable electricity.

### Employment Creation

SkyPower invests in people. Our dynamic projects across the world create valuable employment opportunities, providing local workers with training and hands-on experience.

### Economic Development

We're dedicated to supporting economic development internationally. Our solar projects help communities and governments build upon new or replacement power to fuel local industry.

### Credibility

Each day we work to ensure our greatest assets—our name, our brand and our track record—are upheld, communicating openly with full transparency and with respect for all our customers, suppliers, stakeholders and fellow employees.

### Solar Energy Education

We believe that basic power is critical to educate our youth and empower them to become leaders of tomorrow. At SkyPower, we have a fundamental commitment to green education for youths in the communities in which we work—generating a brighter future for all.

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