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# Memorandum of Understanding

Between Dr. Kandeh Yumkella of the Energy Nexus for Africa, and the Global Energy Justice initiative, University of Colorado, School of Law

1. The Global Energy Justice Initiative (GEJI) will form an integral part of the Energy Nexus for Africa (ENA), headed by Dr. Kandeh Yumkella. The GEJI will help in delineating and crafting the legal, policy, and institutional dimensions and contours of the ENA. The GEJI will seek to substantiate the fundamental premise of the ENA that access to energy remains a predicate and foundation of sustainable development in Africa. For example, many of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) especially SDG 1 (Poverty), SDG 2 (Hunger), SDG 3 (Health), SDG 4 (Education), SDG 5 (Gender) and SDG 6 (Water & Sanitation), 9 (Industry), 11 (Sustainable Cities) cannot be achieved without access to energy.
2. Many energy based development priorities such as alleviation of poverty, food security, gender equality, access to water sanitation and jobs have been dissociated from access to energy, and pursued as goals independent of access to energy. The result is a fragmented, in contrast to an integrated approach to development and energy. It is imperative to restore the balance and ensure that access to energy be integrated with these developmental priorities.
3. The GEJI will. Endeavor to the best of its ability, to research and delineate the legal, policy and institutional dimensions of an integrated approach to development and energy, under the direction of Dr. Yumkella. The results will augment and fortify the efforts of ENA to create an integrated approach to development and energy
4. GEJI will consist of interdisciplinary faculty and students from the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado State University, Colorado School of Mines, and the University of Denver. GEJI will work with the assistance of an Advisory Group.
5. GEJI will seek to best of its ability to generate grant proposals, supported by Dr. Yumkella, to a cross section of grant giving organizations around the world. Each of these grant proposals will identify specific problems being addressed by Dr Yumkella. Any grants received will further enable GEJI and ENA to identify and create networks, that will work to formulate practical responses based on an integrated approach to development and energy. GEJI and ENA will also convene periodic physical and virtual meetings to take stock of the extent to which these networks have moved forward in creating solutions

## Signature of Dr. Kandeh Yumkella

Signature of Dean James Anaya