

## Developmental Economics Economists

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*"Access to modern energy is absolutely essential for reducing poverty and promoting sustainable development."*

*"Energy is the golden thread that connects economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability."*



~**Jeffrey David Sachs**, Economist, Public Policy Analyst,  
Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at  
Columbia University and President of the UN  
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (USA)

*"The availability of cheap and clean energy is a game-changer for development. It empowers communities, drives economic growth, and enhances environmental sustainability."*



~**Michael Greenstone**, Milton Friedman  
Distinguished Service Professor in Economics,  
Chief Economist on the Council of Economic  
Advisors (USA)

*"Sustainable development is impossible without addressing the energy needs of the poorest communities."*



~**Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee**,  
Ford Foundation International Professor  
of Economics at the MIT (USA)

*"Energy is the backbone of economic development; it powers innovation, production, and progress."*

*"Without reliable and affordable energy, the potential of entrepreneurs in developing countries remains untapped."*



~**Hernando Soto Polar**, Peruvian Economist,  
President of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in  
Lima (Peru)

*"Energy is not just a commodity; it is the lifeblood of economic progress. Developing countries need reliable and affordable energy sources to unlock their full potential."*



~**Ricardo Hausmann**, Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, a former Venezuelan Minister of Planning (Venezuela)

*"Energy is at the heart of development. It is impossible to talk about economic growth without addressing energy needs."*

*"Access to modern energy services can transform the lives of millions and is a prerequisite for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals."*

*"Energy is not a luxury; it is a basic human need. Ensuring universal access to reliable and affordable energy is a fundamental step towards ending poverty."*



~**Fatih Birol**, Turkish Economist and Energy Expert, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (Paris-based autonomous intergovernmental organization) (Turkey)

*"Energy poverty is a significant barrier to economic development. Addressing the energy needs of developing countries is essential for creating jobs and improving living standards."*



~Ernest Aryeetey, Development Economist,  
Secretary-General of the African Research  
Universities Alliance (Ghana)

*"Reliable and affordable energy access is a cornerstone of poverty alleviation and economic development."*



~Yao Yang (姚洋), Director at China Center  
for Economic Research, Dean of National School  
of Development Peking University (China)

*"Investing in clean and efficient energy is not only an environmental imperative, it is also critical to economic growth and poverty reduction."*



~ Wang Xiaolu (王小鲁), A Chinese Economist,  
National Economic Research Institute in China  
(China)