

d.light co-founder Ned Tozun rejoins the board of the Global Off-Grid Lighting Association

Tozun aims to drive innovation and collaboration in the off-grid energy market

Palo Alto, CA, USA - 6 June 2023 - Ned Tozun, co-founder and Director of [d.light](#), the global provider of transformational household products and affordable finance for low-income households and communities in the developing world, has rejoined the board of the [Global Off-Grid Lighting Association \(GOGLA\)](#), the global association for the off-grid solar energy industry. Tozun returns to the GOGLA board having been one of the industry body's founding members in 2012.

GOGLA successfully fosters collaboration across the off-grid energy sector through its research, advocacy work, and organising of industry events. d.light is one of the founding members of GOGLA and played an important role in establishing the industry association. Tozun aims to support the continuing evolution of GOGLA's strategy as the industry grows, with a focus on elevating the status of the off-grid energy sector and attracting more capital into the sector. Tozun will also serve on the HR committee and will support the search for a new Executive Director for the group.

GOGLA is also responsible for setting the standard for impact calculation methodologies and provides valuable research on market sizes. Recently, d.light announced that its work to provide safe, reliable and affordable solar-powered household products has transformed the lives of over 150 million people worldwide. d.light calculated this total using GOGLA's social impact methodology.

Commenting on his return to the GOGLA board, Tozun said, "I am delighted to rejoin GOGLA at what is a crucial time for the off-grid energy industry. As a company, d.light understands the value and importance of having a strong industry association to advocate on behalf of the entire sector and to enable various stakeholders to collaborate on shared interests.

"Since its inception in 2012, GOGLA has created and funded many invaluable partnerships and influenced local policy across the world by advocating for favourable tax treatment of solar products, recognising their significant social and environmental impacts," he explained.

Commenting on the announcement, GOGLA Executive Director Koen Peters said, "As one of the co-founders of d.light, Ned is an experienced and highly respected figure in the off-grid energy sector. His insight is of huge value in our efforts at GOGLA to raise the profile of our sector and ensure that influential policy makers and funders understand the significant impact of affordable, renewable off-grid energy in improving people's everyday lives and driving social and economic development as well. With Ned's help, we intend to attract new capital, including grants, subsidies, debt, and equity into the sector as well as advocating for favourable government policies to the off-grid sector."

Tozun continued, "I look forward to working closely with my other board members and GOGLA's wider membership. We all share the common goal of extending access to safe, clean, reliable and affordable renewable energy to every household and community beyond the reach of existing grids and infrastructure. With our combined, coordinated efforts, we can achieve this shared goal."

New GOGLA Board members are nominated by existing members, with each term lasting for a period of three years. d.light was elected to the board in 2019 and re-elected in 2022. Tozun will replace outgoing d.light representative Charlotte Heffer who has left the company.

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About d.light

Founded in 2007 at Stanford, California, d.light is a global leader in making transformative products available and affordable to low-income families. d.light has sold nearly 30 million products, including solar lanterns, solar home systems, TVs, radios, and smartphones, impacting the lives of over 150 million people. Our vision is to transform the lives of one billion people with sustainable products by 2030. For further information, visit: <https://www.dlight.com>

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About GOGLA

GOGLA is the global association for the off-grid solar energy industry. Our 200+ members provide millions of low-income and climate-vulnerable people with affordable, high-quality products and services; rapidly increasing customers' productivity, connectivity, and resilience. To enable sustainable businesses and accelerate energy access, we provide market insights, standards and best practice, and advocate for catalytic policies, programmes and investment. With the right support, our pioneering industry can improve the lives of one billion people by 2030.

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