

Second High Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership
Side Event: Accelerating inclusive energy access solutions and policy
through partnerships with Civil Society
11 February 2014, 09:30 – 13:00, Medium Conference Hall

09:30 am Welcome

The UN Secretary General has recognised that if we are to achieve the SE4ALL goal of Universal Energy Access by 2030, three pillars of Government, Private Sector and Civil Society all need to play their part. This side event will explore what Civil Society is already doing to help shape policies and deliver solutions on the ground. What additional value does this add and what more could be achieved?

09:45 am Interactive panel discussion: Policy and budgeting engagement

Experiences of engaging civil society in policy processes such as SE4ALL and national energy planning and budgeting. We will explore this both from the perspective of policy-makers and civil society representatives. What are the issues that poor people want to see on the agenda? What are the challenges in getting these issues recognised? How can civil society's contribution be best used?

11:00 am Interactive panel discussion: Partnerships for delivery

Examples of how civil society has partnered effectively with the private sector or government to help deliver energy access solutions. What roles are Civil Society organisations best placed to play in reaching the remote rural poor? What are the best ways of combining viable business models with positive social outcomes? How should funding and budgets be allocated to support this?

12:15 am Wrap-Up

Feedback from the two sessions and agreement of key points to be taken forward to the overall conference

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Side Event: Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP): Presentation and Stakeholder Consultation

11 February 2014, 09:30 – 13:00, Conference Room 1

09:30 am Welcome

The Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP) is one of the most tangible outcomes of the AEEP process, with the ultimate objective of fostering sustainable market development for meso-scale renewables in Africa. This session will outline the activities of the RECP to date and those planned for the future, with the aim of informing, engaging - and gaining feedback from - stakeholders from public institutions, the private sector and civil society.

09:45 am Presentations on RECP activities to date and future plans

Outline of the RECP strategic and integrated approach to meso-scale renewable energy market development, agreed between African and EU stakeholders in 2011.

Summary of RECP support, at national and regional levels, to the development of policy and regulatory environments conducive to functioning renewable energy markets.

Outline of RECP plans for support in the field of private sector cooperation, with the aim of encouraging further renewable energy investment and increased Africa-EU private sector cooperation.

Outline of activities and future plans in support of capacity development, with a focus on vocational training and higher education.

11:00 am Interactive panel discussion:

Including representatives from the public and private sectors, civil society and academia, focusing on the RECP activities, current and planned, presented:

- Where is the greatest potential and need for RECP support?
- Are the key bottle-necks to renewable energy market development tackled by the RECP strategic approach?
- How best to integrate RECP activities into ongoing initiatives at national/regional level?
- What can the different stakeholder groups contribute?

12:15 am Wrap-Up

(Note on RECP financing: For the Start-up phase of the RECP, the European Commission provided € 5 million. The government of Germany has since contributed € 5 million to the programme, while the government of The Netherlands has contributed € 4.9 million with a focus on activities under Action Area 2. The governments of Austria and Finland have each contributed seed financing for activities under Action Area 4)

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Side Event: Minigrid Policy Toolkit Consultation Workshop

11 February 2014, 09:30 – 12:30, Conference Room 2

09:30am Welcome & Introduction to the Workshop

09:35am Presentation of the Mini-grid Policy Toolkit

- Rationale and content of the Mini-grid Policy Toolkit
- Envisaged target group and outreach approach

10:00am Tour de Table – Practitioners Views on Mini-Grids

- Participants share their respective experience, opinion and perception on the history and future of mini-grids.

10:30am In-Depth Discussion I: Operator Models

- Discussion of the operator models
- Participant's feedback on characteristics and implications

11:15am In-Depth Discussion II: Policy & Regulatory Framework for Mini-Grids

- Discussion of the policy & regulatory implications, on the basis of the operator models
- Discussion and verification of recommendations and best practices

12:00am Next Steps & Conclusions

- Toolkit finalization process
- Stakeholder involvement

12:30am End of side-event

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Side Event: Making Sound Energy Decisions: The role of data collection in Africa

11 February 2014, 14:30 – 17:30, Medium Conference Hall

14:30 pm Welcome

14:35 pm Data: Why do we need it?

We will briefly outline why we need data, what does data mean, who produces data, what it is used for, who uses it and how it is collected. The presentation will demonstrate that good information is fundamental to sound energy decision-making.

Two real world examples of how data has been used and the results will be presented.

15:15 pm Interactive discussion: Two policy questions

- How to close data gaps?
- How should a continuous process be designed? Who should be involved? What support is needed?

15:45 pm Examples of efforts that contribute to closing the data gap

This presentation will illustrate the different forms data can take in driving good decision-making. Examples from REN21's work on the Global Status Report, the Interactive Map and the production of a status report in the ECOWAS region will be used.

16:00 pm Stakeholders in the data collection process for the ECOWAS region

This open-floor discussion will focus on understanding:

- what data currently exists;
- who should participate in the ECOWAS data collection process;
- what renewable energy and energy efficiency activities are currently in place in the region;
- what other forms of "informal" data are available that could be used to generate a comprehensive ECOWAS Status Report.

Interested participants will be invited to be a part of the report process as a contributor or reviewer.

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Side Event: Attracting investment for clean energy in Africa: The Climatescope Index

11 February 2014, 16:00 – 17:30, Conference Room 1

16:00 pm Welcome

16:05 pm Indexing clean energy investment attractiveness

Climatescope is an assessment, index and practical online tool for decision-makers to understand and compare the attractiveness of countries around the world for clean energy investment. Above all, Climatescope values transparency and makes a tremendous amount of easily downloadable data available to the public.

To date, the Climatescope (<http://www5.iadb.org/mif/climatescope/2013/>) project has been conducted twice, profiling 26 nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. This year, it is being expanded to include 53 nations worldwide, including 19 in sub-Saharan Africa, thanks to funding from the UK Department for International Development and the US Agency for International Development. Primary research for the project is being conducted by Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), an energy market research division of Bloomberg LP.

Since November, BNEF has deployed researchers across the continent to examine local enabling policy frameworks, power sector structures, the availability and bankability of offtake agreements, licensing requirements and the presence of value chain players.

This session will provide an update on the project to date and examine with a panel of investors, developers and policy makers the larger questions around how to accelerate clean energy scale-up in Africa.

16:25 pm Interactive panel discussion

Mosad Elmissiry, NEPAD

Helen Tarnoy, Aldwych International

Willem Dolleman, Lake Turkana Wind Power

Sewit Aherom, Helios Investment Partners

- What role is foreign capital currently playing in the African clean energy scale-up and how can this be accelerated?
- What additional risks do private investors involved in clean energy projects in Africa face and what policy and financial tools can help mitigate them?
- What kind of data resources would be most useful to investors, developers, and policy-makers to accelerate clean energy growth in Africa?
- What such resources already exist and might get improved upon? What role does Climatescope have to play in these efforts?
- What other challenges do local players currently face when seeking to develop clean energy projects in Africa? What specific steps might be taken to address these?

16:25 pm Close

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**Side Event: Rural electrification – financial models and commercial
project examples**

11 February 2014, 14:30 – 17:30, Conference Room 2

14:30 pm Welcome

Rural electrification experts will show how to better link public and private sector objectives in their efforts to achieve universal energy access. Promising market conditions as well as smart financing models for risk mitigation will be key to attract private investments in the short term and to lead to self-sustainable business solutions.

14:35 pm Interactive discussion: Rural electrification financial models

- What are the market conditions like for financing rural electrification solutions?
- Are available financing models sufficient to make investments happen?
- What are the next steps forward to close the gap between public and private sector cooperation possibilities?

16:20 pm Interactive discussion: Rural electrification commercial project example

- How to make upcoming projects and projects-in-the-pipeline commercially and financially feasible?
- What are the relevant criteria to be met in order to achieve commercial viable projects?
- What lessons can we learn from the presented models and what could be improved?
- To step forward successfully what support is needed?

Interested participants will be invited to be a part of the on-going work carried out by ARE (contact: Marcus Wiemann, ARE Secretary General – [mailto: m.wiemann@ruralelec.org](mailto:m.wiemann@ruralelec.org))