

Second High Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership
**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))