

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