

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

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

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

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**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.