

## Exploiting Opportunities in Renewable Energy and Rural Electrification in Kenya

### Private and Development Sector Dialogue Forum

# CONCEPT

*Joining forces for Sustainable Energy*

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya**

**28 November 2014**

## 1. Background

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As the Secretariat of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), the EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility (EUEI PDF) creates a framework for structured political dialogue and cooperation between Africa and the European Union on energy issues of strategic importance. The overall objective of the AEEP is to improve access to reliable, secure, affordable, cost-effective, climate friendly and sustainable energy services on both continents. One of its tasks is thus to establish the **dialogue between and amongst relevant public and non-state actors**. Within this context, the EUEI PDF has organized a series of Dialogues in Africa enhancing the positioning of energy agenda at the global scene, and fostering government, civil society, research and the private sector active dialogue and engagement.

**Achieving the ambitious targets of energy access and at the same time ensuring energy security on the international level will need concerted action at the country level from the public, but also the private and non-profit sectors.** At a recent AEEP high level meeting in Ethiopia, both civil society and private sector stakeholders expressed the need to be more closely involved in promoting the partnership and in AEEP meetings, more particularly at national levels. It is hoped that the concerted actions will guide investments and interventions around the three major components of energy for development: access to energy services; penetration of renewable energies; and improvement in energy efficiency. These therefore

represent a tangible and strategic opportunity around which Non State Stakeholders (NSS) should engage further in the energy sector.

## 2. Scope of the Dialogue event

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In conjunction with the Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP), EUEI PDF, in liaison with Practical Action and the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) – as AEEP civil society and private sector focal points respectively – will bring together a number of regional, international and local NSS in Kenya under the AEEP with the aim to discuss recent developments in national and international energy initiatives. The Dialogue is uniquely structured to contribute to the current SE4ALL process in Kenya and is expected to identify and propose specific opportunities for strengthening partnerships in achieving the three goals of SE4ALL and meeting the needs of the energy poor in Kenya.

From a business perspective, **participants will learn about business opportunities and the framework for renewable energy and rural electrification in Kenya**, with specific reference to the identified priorities. Moreover, the event aims to raise awareness for **off-grid technologies** as a promising solution to reduce energy poverty, facilitate market and finance information as well as project partnerships. Finally, the Dialogue offers a great opportunity to **network with relevant stakeholders** such as high-level national government officials, regional, international and local private sector and civil society organizations as well as global donors.

The Dialogue event also builds on and is a follow-up to the EUEI PDF support to Kenya under the Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP). The programme's support measures include: assessing the need to establish a national renewable energy support system; fully exploiting the opportunities provided by public and private financing instruments; and promoting cooperation and exchange of best practices in renewable energy. These three elements of support measures are central to the upcoming dialogue.

## 3. Objectives

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The Dialogue aims to **boost renewable energy, rural electrification and clean cooking in Kenya** by:

- Increasing and **attracting the private sector, civil society and donor investments and operations**;
- Enhancing **engagement in policy-making and implementation** towards energy access;
- Strengthening **mutual understanding and partnerships** between civil societies, the private sector and government.

In light of these objectives, participants will share about **business, market and finance opportunities**.

Participants will also be able to agree on strategic policy imperatives to foster partnerships between the civil society and the private sector in the delivery of renewable energy, cooking and rural electrification solutions, in line with the SE4ALL agenda in Kenya.



## 4. Target Group

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The target group for this workshop comprises:

- Senior **decision-makers** in public authorities engaged in energy (Ministry of Energy and Petroleum; Energy Regulatory Commission, and the National Treasury);
- **Private companies**(including small and medium enterprises) and **project developers** with activities in renewable energy and/or rural electrification;
- **National energy private sector associations** (the Kenya Renewable Energy Association, Global Alliance for Clean Cook-stoves, Clean Cook-stoves Association of Kenya, etc);
- International, national and local **NGOs** as well as **research/knowledge institutes** with activities in the energy sector;
- Public and private **financial institutions** with activities in renewable energy and/or rural electrification;
- **Development partners**, mainly those engaging in renewable energy, rural electrification and the SE4ALL process;
- **Regional organisations** (East African Community, African Union Commission, African Development Bank, etc);
- Beneficiaries of micro generation, pico solar systems etc.

## 5. Dates and Venue

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**Date: 28 November 2014**

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi

## 6. Language

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The Dialogue language will be English.

## 7. Registration and participation

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Registration: Participation to the event will be **free of charge**. To **register**, please confirm your participation at **r.balduzzi@ruralelec.org**, **l.ng@ruralelec.org** and **Eve.Odete@practicalaction.or.ke**.  
As spaces are limited, participation is on a first come first serve basis



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