

AEEP at the Vienna Energy Forum 2015

Energy Efficiency, an essential driver for urban development in Africa

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) in cooperation with European Commission's Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) cordially invites to attend and participate in the event entitled "**Energy Efficiency, an essential driver for urban development**" on the **19th of June 2015 from 11:30h to 16:00h, at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria**, as a side event to the Vienna Energy Forum 2015.

Background

Africa is facing one of the fastest rates of urbanisation in the world, with sub-Saharan Africa leading the way. **Urban density offers a high impact opportunity** to reduce emissions through more efficient infrastructure and planning and to promote energy efficiency development policies. Provision of access to (urban) modern energy services is of uttermost importance to Africa, and energy efficiency should be considered as a cornerstone of any policy in this regard. In order to effectively promote energy efficiency, it is important to **discuss and understand viable and scalable energy efficiency policies** that can spark development and ensure a more sustained provision of energy. For further Information please refer to the **agenda attached herewith**.

Objective

The session will **present and discuss the current status of energy efficiency initiatives** in Europe and Africa in order to identify viable options that are applicable and scalable for African urban development. It will **bring together experienced high level practitioners with policymakers and financiers**. The session will also contribute to mapping stakeholders in energy efficiency, and provide valuable inputs in terms of monitoring and tracking progress in the sector. Moreover, it will support the development of the AEEP work stream on energy efficiency.

Logistical Information

As part of the Vienna Energy Forum 2015, the AEEP side event "Energy Efficiency, an essential driver for urban development" will take place on **19th June 2015 from 11:30h to 16:00h, at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria**.

In order to participate at the event, kindly register for the Vienna Energy Forum 2015 at its website (<http://www.unido.org/en/news-centre/events/vienna-energy-forum-2015.html>) and confirm your participation until the 5th of June 2015 with the AEEP secretariat at aEEP@euei-pdf.org.

If you do have any further questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the AEEP Secretariat.

We hope you can participate in the event, and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Secretariat
Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)

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Tentative Agenda

- 11:30 – 11:40** **Opening and welcome addresses**
- ▶ Europe's Contribution to Energy Efficiency in Development Cooperation
Klaus Rudischhauser Deputy Director General DEVCO, European Commission
- 11:40 – 12:15** **Session 1: Setting the Scene**
- ▶ State of play in Africa in deploying EE initiatives
Philippe Niyongabo, Head of Energy Division, African Union Commission
 - ▶ Strategies to increase the efficient use of energy in Europe
DG ENERGY, European Commission
- 12:15 – 13:00** **Session 2: EU supporting Energy Efficiency in Africa**
- ▶ EE in an urban context: empowering cities of Africa
DG DEVCO, European Commission
 - ▶ EU Member States promoting Energy Efficiency in Africa
TBD
 - ▶ Lessons from Africa: experiences with Energy Efficiency concepts in Cape Town
TBD
- 13:00 – 14:00** *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 – 15:30** **Session 3: Moderated Panel Discussion**
- Benefits of and challenges for Energy Efficiency in urban development in Africa**
- ▶ What are the "Multiple benefits" of Energy Efficiency in urban areas?
 - ▶ What are the main barriers to delivering energy efficiency?
 - ▶ Which development instruments are needed to overcome these barriers?
 - ▶ How can investments in energy efficiency be increased?
- African Union Commission, European Commission, International Partnership on Energy Efficiency Cooperation, International Energy Agency and African Development Bank*
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Way forward and conclusions**
- ▶ Introducing a new tool for efficiency planning in African cities
DG DEVCO, European Commission
 - ▶ Conclusions
AEEP Co-Chair

Moderation:
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