



## Invitation and Revised Agenda

### Harmonization and coordination of Pan-African and international energy initiatives

#### *How to foster coherence among key energy actors in Africa*

#### Background

As a result of the very positive, invite-only coordination meeting at the SE4ALL Forum in New York in May 2015, a high-level group of European and African energy policy makers, international donors and multilateral energy initiative representatives unanimously agreed that there is a need for coordination of the plethora of energy initiatives operating in Africa. It was furthermore proposed that the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), in liaison with SE4ALL-Africa Hub, AUC-Department of Infrastructure and Energy and NEPAD-PCA, help to undertake the coordination role. On that basis, the AEEP will make use of the framework provided by the SE4ALL to enhance and foster further coordination of interventions by African countries and donors through established systems and mechanisms, e.g. employing structured donor mapping matrix, etc. As such, the AEEP will be utilizing upcoming energy events and development conferences to bring together key actors for strategic coordination fora, beginning at the Vienna Energy Forum through to COP21 (December 2015). As an immediate follow-up, the meeting co-organised by AEEP and the REN21 in Vienna and attended by major multilateral actors working on renewable energy in Africa, underscored the challenge and called for need on concrete coordination with particular reference to renewable energy.

It is on that basis that **the AEEP Secretariat (on behalf of its Steering Group) invites key stakeholders** to a second round of what has become a series of consultative coordination fora, to concretize and initiate implementation of the actions agreed upon in New York and Vienna, namely:

- Continuing dialogue on coordination, using available settings and with an immediate view to COP21;
- Initiate a process of stocktaking and gap analysis of energy initiatives and interventions in Africa;
- Involvement of main African institutions (AUC, NEPAD Agency, RECs, AfDB) – with a possibility to play an anchor role as a coordination entity;
- Strengthening the capacity of SE4ALL Focal Points in Africa, and pushing for leadership efforts by host countries, while overcoming barriers to donor dialogue and exchange at Pan-African level.

This is with a focus on implementing coordination efforts, both among Donors and between Donors and Partner institutions, acknowledging the need for horizontal and vertical coordination as a critical component for success. **The Finance for Development Conference in Addis Ababa will offer audience to this meeting.**

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### Discussion Forum, *facilitated by:*



Wednesday, 15 July 2015, 10:00 to 12:30

Hotel Radisson BLU (Lalibella), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia





The conclusions of this meeting will further feed into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Summit in New York 25-27 September 2015, the South Africa International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC) in Cape Town, South Africa 04-07 October 2015, and eventually into COP 21 in Paris in December 2015. Moreover, it is hoped that the framework devised for coordination in Africa can be then adopted by other regions to facilitate stakeholders and coordinate efforts with the goal to achieve a global sustainable energy future.

We therefore kindly invite you or a senior representative from your organisation to these “invite-only” meeting to discuss how best to coordinate energy interventions in Africa, and possibly contribute to the FFD conclusions.

### Invited participants

- Africa Union Commission
- European Commission
- Germany, G7
- France, COP21
- SE4ALL (Africa Hub and GFT)
- Africa Power Vision
- US Power Africa
- Italy (Italy-Africa initiative)
- African Development Bank
- UN agencies: UNEP and UNECA
- World Bank
- Turkey, G20
- Private sector, Civil Society and Academia representatives
- NEPAD-PCA
- IRENA (Clean Energy Corridor)
- Selected multilateral initiatives:
  - o Energising Development
  - o Foundation “Energie pour l’Afrique”
  - o Africa 2020 Renewables Initiative
  - o RECP
  - o GEEREF, etc
- Asian partners: China, Japan (embassies)
- Arab partners: OFID, Arab donors (reps)

### Selected panelists:

- Mr. Aboubakari Baba Moussa, Director DIE, AUC
- Mr. Mohinder Gulati, Chief Operating Officer, SE4ALL GFT
- Mr. Daniel Schroth, *representing* Director for Energy, Africa Development Bank
- Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy DG DEVCO (*interchangeably with* Mr. Roberto Ridolfi, Director, DG DEVCO)
- Mr. Frank Fass-Metz, Deputy Director General Climate, BMZ, Germany
- Mr. Antoine Michon, Special representative, France COP21 presidency
- Ms. Melanie Vant, Chief of Staff, US Power Africa



**Agenda for the session on: « Harmonization and Coordination of Pan-African and International Energy Initiatives », Radisson BLU, Lalibella Room, 15th July 2015, 10:00-12:30:**

**Moderator:** Dr. Albert Butare, former Minister of Energy in Rwanda

**Meeting format:** Mini-Davos Forum style moderation

Time	Speaker	Topic
10:00	AEEP Head of Secretariat, Host	Context and moderator introduction
	Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO, NEPAD Agency	Opening remarks and Teaser: the coordination challenge
	Mr. Roberto Ridolfi, Director, DG DEVCO	Facilitating coordination: importance of clear and simple procedures
10:10	Moderator	Introduction to the discussion
10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Aboubakari Baba Moussa, Director DIE, AUC</li> <li>- Mr. Mohinder Gulati, Chief Operating Officer, SE4ALL GFT</li> <li>- Mr. Daniel Schroth, representing Director for Energy, Africa Development Bank</li> <li>- Mr. Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth &amp; Development, EC</li> <li>- Mr. Frank Fass-Metz, Deputy DG Climate, BMZ, Germany; G7 presidency</li> <li>- Mr. Antoine Michon, France COP21 presidency</li> <li>- Ms. Melanie Vant, Chief of Staff, US Power Africa</li> </ul>	Moderated Panel Discussion
<b>Continuation to part 2: running coffee (throughout)</b>		
11:00	<b>Moderated inputs from:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Energising Development (EnDev)</li> <li>- IRENA, Africa Clean Energy Corridor</li> <li>- Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)</li> <li>- G20 representative</li> <li>- EU / US Power Africa</li> <li>- SE4ALL GFT /Africa Hub</li> <li>- NEPAD Agency</li> <li>- African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>- African Union Commission (AUC)</li> </ul>	<b>Continued panel discussion with examples of coordination efforts in practice:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EnDev: experiences and lessons</li> <li>- IRENA: what can we learn going forward?</li> <li>- RECP: how does it work?</li> <li>- Energy access as a multilateral priority?</li> <li>- Concrete cooperation: EU and US agree</li> <li>- SE4ALL as coordination platform</li> <li>- Africa Power Vision</li> <li>- African Energy Leaders Group</li> <li>- Coordination of donors within GRMF</li> </ul>
<b>Short break: running coffee (throughout)</b>		
11:45	<b>Panelists final remarks:</b> AUC, SE4ALL, AfDB, EC, Germany G7 presidency, France COP 21 Presidency and US Power Africa	Expectations at and beyond COP21: what is needed, coherence?
11:55	Input from the audience and plenary discussion	Open discussion on way forward
12:15	– Mr. Aboubakari Baba Moussa, Director DIE, AUC	– Conclusions and next steps
	– Mr. Marco Marsilli, Deputy DG ( <i>Minister plenipotentiary</i> ), Global issues, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	– Closing remarks

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