

Steering Group members of the AEEP

1- European Commission



European Commission (EC) was one of the initiators and founders of the Africa EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) and formally became a co-chair of the Partnership in 2014. Previously, the EC held an observer role, but also an anchor in supporting and financing the work of the Secretariat. EC is represented in the steering group by the Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO). The day to day contact for the AEEP Secretariat lies with the C6 unit responsible for Sustainable Energy and Climate Change. Currently the following persons are contacts on Secretariat: Mr. Felice Zaccheo (Head of Unit), Ms. Claudia Boldrini (Head of Sector, Energy Policy) and Mr. Miguel Ángel Varela Sánchez (Programme Manager-EU Policy-Energy). For more information about the European Commission follow the [link](#).

2- African Union Commission



African Union Commission (AUC) was also one of the founders of the AEEP and the longest serving African co-chair in the Steering Group having started since inception in 2007. Within the partnership, the AUC is represented by the Department of Infrastructure and Energy. Currently the following persons are contacts on the AEEP Secretariat: Mr. Cheikh Bedda (Director of Infrastructure and Energy Department) and Mr. Rashid Ali Abdallah (Head of Energy Division). For more information about the African Union Commission follow the [link](#).

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3- Italy



Italy joined the Steering Group in mid-2014 after taking over from Austria who had served since 2007. Italy (representing the EU Member States in the Partnership) is represented by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Currently the following persons are contacts on the AEEP-Secretariat: Amb. Sergio Mercuri (Minister Plenipotentiary, Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), Mr. Petro de Martin (Head of Unit) and Mr. Nico Longo (Desk Officer, Energy). For more information about the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation follow the [link](#).

4- Germany



Germany was also one of the founders of the AEEP and hence the longest serving European co-chair in the Steering Group having started since inception in 2007. Additionally, Germany hosts Germany the AEEP-Secretariat and is represented in the Partnership by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The day to day contact for AEEP Secretariat lies with the Directorate Sustainable Development, Natural Resources, Economic and Financial Policy and Infrastructure. Currently the following persons are contacts on the AEEP- Secretariat: Ms. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk (Dep. Director General), Mr. Sören Dengg (Head of Division), Mr. Alexander Kauer (Deputy Head of Division and Desk Officer, Energy). For more information about the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development follow the [link](#).

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5- Egypt



Egypt took over from Mauritius following an Ambassadorial meeting hosted by the AUC. Egypt was hence appointed a Steering Group Member in October 2015. They are represented by the Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy. Currently the following persons are contacts on the AEEP-Secretariat: Dr. Mohamed Moussa Omran (First Undersecretary for Research, Planning & Authorities follow up), and Eng. Mohamed Ramadan El Sayed (Senior Engineer). For more information about the Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy follow the [link](#).

6- COMESA



COMESA was appointed to the Steering Group of the Partnership by the AUC in October 2015 eventually taking the second slot of African Co-chair. COMESA is represented within the AEEP by the COMESA Directorate of Infrastructure and Logistics. Currently the following persons are contacts on the AEEP-Secretariat: Mr. Jean Baptiste Mutabazi (Director for Infrastructure and Energy) and Mr. Mohamedain Seif Elnasr (Energy Economist). For more information about COMESA follow the [link](#).

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