

The fifth Micro-Grid Academy training session begins today in Nairobi

Nairobi, 15 January 2019 – The fifth training session of the Micro-Grid Academy, the RES4Africa project developed in collaboration with Kenya Power Lighting Company (KPLC), AVSI Foundation, Strathmore University and the St. Kizito VTI technical training center and with the support of Enel Foundation, begins today in Nairobi, Kenya.

The objective of the course, which is free for participants, is to provide theoretical and practical training on access to renewable energy, with a special focus on decentralized solutions, to young technicians, entrepreneurs and engineers from East African countries. By improving access to energy in rural communities, the course aims to promote local entrepreneurship and job creation, with positive effects on the sustainable development of local rural communities.

The fifth session, which takes place between January 15 and 24, focuses on "Operation and Maintenance of Most Utilized Micro-Grid Technologies and Data Management". More than 50 participants receive training on operation and maintenance of renewable systems, as well as remote control of the plants and data analysis. The course alternates theoretical lectures on devices and use of specific software, hands-on learning in labs providing deeper insights on generation and distribution technologies, remote metering and data analysis, and field visits to mini-grid powered villages Talek and Kitonyoni and to a Schneider plant.

"The Micro-Grid Academy is a project we launched one year ago, and during this first year we've already trained 150 people, who can continue their training thanks to the e-learning platform we recently activated" explains Marco Aresti, project manager at RES4Africa, "After this first year of testing, the goal is to make the training more systematic, giving them a regular frequency and arriving to train 300 people a year".

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