



## Note from the Secretary General

---

Dear Reader,

2017 was a very exciting year at RES4MED&Africa. From the [G7 Energy Side Event](#) in Rome, our [Annual Conference](#) dedicated to Innovation and Africa, and the 3 Executive Seminar editions in [Algeria](#), [Tunisia](#) and [Brussels](#), to the RES4Africa launch in Ethiopia: RES4MED&Africa has continuously promoted the uptake of renewables in the Southern Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan African regions.

We close the year in great spirits by looking back at some of the highlights of 2017.

We thank our members and partners for the support this year, and we look forward to another exciting year in 2018.

Best wishes for this festive season,

Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4MED&Africa



## 2017 Highlights

- RES4MED&Africa Executive Seminar - Algeria, Tunisia and Brussels**

RES4MED&Africa held 3 high-level Executive Seminars: in [Algiers \(13-15 February\)](#) in collaboration with Sonelgaz, in [Tunis \(3-5 May\)](#) in cooperation with STEG and in [Brussels \(7 November\)](#) to the European Commission.

- RES4MED&Africa G7 Energy Side Event - 09 April 2017, Rome Italy**

Enel Foundation, RES4Africa and Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), hosted a side event to the G7 Energy Ministerial in Rome under the auspices of the Italian G7 Presidency on accelerating the deployment of innovative sustainable energy solutions in Africa. [Read more](#)

Within this framework, RES4Africa proposed a [white paper "Beyond the energy approach for sustainable development in Africa"](#) and a joint [Communiqué](#) with recommendations that were presented at the G7 Energy Ministerial in Rome.

- Micro-Grid Academy project launched**

The [MGA](#) is a joint regional capacity building initiative by RES4Africa, KPLC, Strathmore University, AVSI Foundation, St. Kizito VTI and endorsed by EACREEE, which consists of technical and entrepreneurial courses as well as hands-on training aiming to foster energy access, create clean energy jobs and enhance local ownership of mini-grids in East-Africa. The first training courses will take place from 15th to 25th of January 2018 with 50 participants from East Africa, Europe and USA, taught by international lecturers. [Visit MGA website](#)



- RES4MED&Africa Annual Conference – 22 May 2017, Rome Italy**

The [2017 Annual Conference](#) marked RES4MED's 5th Anniversary. Besides looking back at 5 years of RES4MED activities, the 2017 conference focused on how innovation is impacting the energy sector's strategic thinking on renewable energy deployment in African markets. [Read](#)

[more](#)

- **RES4MED&Africa Ethiopia Program Launch – 3-4 October 2017, Addis Ababa Ethiopia**

[RES4Africa was launched in Ethiopia](#) during a 2-day high-level conference in Addis Ababa. The event was organized with the support of Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) and gathered a high-level multi-stakeholder audience to discuss lessons learned, identify gaps and propose solutions for a smooth deployment of renewable energy in Ethiopia. [Read more](#)

Within this framework, RES4Africa presented [10 position papers](#) with concrete recommendations for the development of renewables in East-Africa.

- **RES4MED&Africa 4th edition Advanced Training Course 2017 – 06-17 November 2017, Milan Italy**

The 4th edition of the association's flagship [Advanced Training Course](#) gathered 35 participants from Southern-Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa to train them on the core technical, economic and regulatory competences and advanced tools to assess and deploy the most appropriate RE solutions in emerging markets, whilst fostering an international network of experts.

[Watch ATC short documentary](#)



- **White paper "Innovative business models to power Africa"**

RES4MED&Africa issued a [white paper](#) presenting the potentialities of innovative business models focused on the implementation of aggregation and trading platforms based on blockchain technology. The models aim to boost electricity consumption and provide communities with better access to electricity, storage, sustainable cooking systems and the possibility to exchange and trade energy on a peer-to-peer rewarding basis. [Download white paper](#)

## Coming up in 2018

---

- [RES4Africa RES-EXPO – 23-24 January, Nairobi Kenya](#)
- RES4MED Photovoltaica event - February 2018, Marrakesh Morocco
- [ARE Energy Access Investment Forum Event - 13 -15 Mar 2018, Sicily Italy](#)
- Annual Conference "A call for Africa: enabling sustainable projects" - May 2018, Rome Italy

**Renewable Energy Solutions for the Mediterranean & Africa (RES4MED&Africa)** is an association that promotes the deployment of large scale and decentralized RE & EE in Southern-Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan African markets to meet local energy needs for growth. Since 2012, RES4MED&Africa gathers a member network from across the clean energy value chain and supports the creation of an enabling environment for renewable energy investments and strategic partnerships.

---

**Our mailing address is:**

Via Ticino 14  
00198  
Rome, Italy

---

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>  
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)  
Renewable Energy Solutions for the Mediterranean · Via Ticino, 14 · Roma, Rm 00198 · Italy