



Newsletter

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Editorial

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of this year's RES4MED&Africa newsletter that you will receive every three months. This bulletin aims to inform and engage our network on the association's latest and upcoming activities as well as give visibility to our partners' valuable projects; if you would like to be featured in the next issue please [get in touch](#).

We are in a time of great momentum for the advancement of renewable energy deployment in the Southern Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa, both for what concerns on-grid and decentralized solutions towards access to energy and grid integration. This is reflected in RES4MED and RES4Africa's latest achievements and ongoing initiatives.

As highlights of the past three months, RES4Africa returned to Kenya with a [high-level regional conference and exhibition](#), presented a [market liberalization study in Morocco](#), held a [Micro-Grid Academy training pilot course](#) in Nairobi and co-organised the [4th ARE Energy Access Investment Forum](#) in Sicily.

The program ahead is just as exciting and we hope to have you on board.

Best,

Roberto Vigotti, RES4MED&Africa Secretary General

News

- **The 4th edition of Alliance Rural Electrification (ARE) Energy Access Investment Forum** took place in Sicily on 13-15 March. The event, co-organised by RES4MED&Africa in partnership with RECP, gathered more than 260 participants to learn more about upcoming support schemes, innovative products and new business models to accelerate rural electrification. RES4Africa and RINA announced the implementation of the [Project Origination Platform](#) to create a pipeline of bankable projects for decentralized renewable energy solution. GO-LIVE foreseen in June 2018. [Read more](#) - [view event photos](#) - [download presentations](#)
- **With the support of the Italian and Ethiopian Ministries of Environment, RES4Africa organised a 4-day training course in Addis Ababa** to over 70 federal and regional Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) sector officers to exchange insights on managerial and technology issues for the realisation of Climate Resilient Green Economy Strategies. RES4MED&Africa members [Politecnico di Milano](#), [Politecnico di Torino](#), [Bocconi University](#), [Rina Consulting](#) and [Bonelli Erede](#) contributed to the initiative. [Read more](#)



- **RES4MED presented the key outcomes of the liberalization study of the Moroccan electric market** focused on the medium voltage level, carried out in cooperation with [Poyry](#). The study was presented at the 3rd edition of **Photovoltaica international congress and exhibition “Towards sustainable development in Africa”** (Marrakech, 13-14 February), event organised with the support of the Moroccan Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development. [Read more](#)
- **RES4MED published a white paper on innovation in cooperation with IRESEN** titled *“Aggregation platforms for distributed energy resources: enabling the development of decentralized renewable energies in Africa”* which aims to assess the potential of the aggregation platforms for customers and utilities in interconnected rural and peri-urban areas in

Africa, as well as analyse the economic potential of a micro-grid monitored by the technology. [Download full paper here](#)

- **RES4MED&Africa joined the United Nations Global Compact**, the world largest corporate responsibility initiative with nearly 12,000 business and non-business participants in 140 countries. RES4MED&Africa joined the coalition confirming its willingness to engage with the UN Global Compact Ten Principles with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption. [Read more](#)



- **RES4Africa, in collaboration with the [Africa-EU Energy Partnership \(AEEP\)](#), hosted a 2-day regional conference and exposition at Strathmore University in Nairobi on 23-24 January.** The event titled RES-EXPO “Renewable Energy in East-Africa: New Frontiers” gathered more than 350 participants and over 60 speakers to assess progress made, foster further dialogue and discuss best practices for effective renewable energy deployment in the East-African region. [Read event brief & download proceedings.](#)
- On the sidelines of RES-EXPO Kenya 2018, RES4Africa and CESI delivered the first results of the study “**Integration of non-programmable renewable energy in the national electric system of Kenya**” during a [high-level meeting](#) at Fairmont Hotel on 22 January in Nairobi, which demonstrated that RE generation in Kenya increases sustainability and reliability of the electric system. [Read study abstract](#)



- **The RES4Africa Micro-Grid Academy (MGA), a new capacity building initiative, completed its first pilot course** at KPLC premises partnering with AVSI Foundation, Strathmore University, St. Kizito VTI, Enel Foundation, which included a site visit attended by 40 international

stakeholders to the future MGA venue and the certification ceremony of the first 50 MGA students. [Visit MGA website here](#) / [Watch MGA video here](#)



News from members/partners

- Enel Green Power [interviewed about RES-EXPO 2018 on KTN News Kenya](#)
- Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy joins RES4MED&Africa as ordinary member - [Read more](#)
- MedReg launches Mediterranean Energy Regulatory Outlook Report - [Read more](#)
- Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) completes the 4th Energy Access Investment Forum in Sicily, organized in partnership with RES4MED&Africa - [Read more](#)
- Gestore Servizi Energetici (GSE) releases its Annual Activities Report for 2017 (ITA) - [Read more](#)
- Enerray invests to construct three landmark MENA solar PV projects - [Read more](#)
- Pöyry awarded environmental impact assessment assignment for Kafue Gorge Lower Hydropower Project in Zambia, Africa - [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

- **May:**
 - **14-16 May:** [Vienna Energy Forum](#) - Vienna, Austria
- **June:**
 - **20 June:** RES4Africa OPEN AFRICA Photo Book & Web Documentary Cocktail Presentation - Rome, Italy (*details tbd*)
 - **22 June:** RES4MED&Africa Annual Conference "A Call for Africa: enabling sustainable projects" - Rome, Italy (*details tbd*)
 - **27 June:** RES4MED event hosted by Italian Embassy in Tunis on "The Italian journey on the renewable energies: excellency and best practices" - Tunis, Tunisia

Welcome to new members/partners

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.

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