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Editorial

Dear Reader,

Much has happened during the past few months. We held our Annual Conference in Rome, which gathered more than 200 participants and 30 speakers from many different countries. We presented our two latest publications, our flagship publication "Unlocking Value from Sustainable Renewable Energy" and our photographic book "Open Africa".

We held events and seminars in different countries – Tunisia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and so on – where we actively promoted renewable energy as the way forward together with our members and local partners. At the same time, we learnt a lot from these experiences, and the coming months will give us the opportunity to put into practice what we have learnt.

With this newsletter, which we send out every three months, we want to keep you updated on what we're doing and on the opportunities you could be interested in. As we consider this tool yours too, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us if you want to be featured in the next one.

We hope you find interesting what we've been up to, and that you continue to be on board.

Best,

Roberto Vigotti, RES4Med&Africa Secretary General

News

- **RES4Med&Africa held its Annual Conference on 22 June in Rome.** The conference, titled "A Call for Africa: Enabling Sustainable Projects", organised in cooperation with Enel Green Power and under the patronage of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was attended by more than 230 people and counted more than 30 speakers. Key institutional, private sector and international participants shared their view on sustainability and bankability of renewable energy investments and projects in the African continent. [Read more](#)

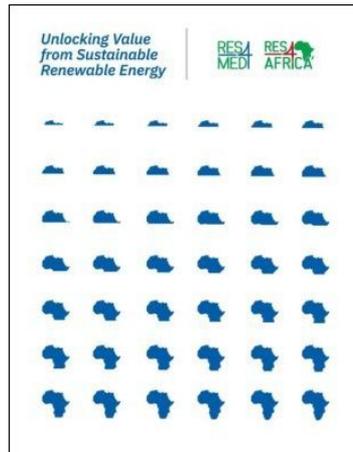


- **Renewables and infrastructure for the clean energy transition of Tunisia** was the title of the RES4Med conference held in Tunis on 27th June. Organized under the patronage of the Italian Embassy in Tunis, and in cooperation with MED-TSO, the event gathered over 90 participants and 20 speakers from across the sustainable energy value chain, serving as a platform for dialogue to present the Italian experience and best practices in the renewable energy sector. [Read more](#)

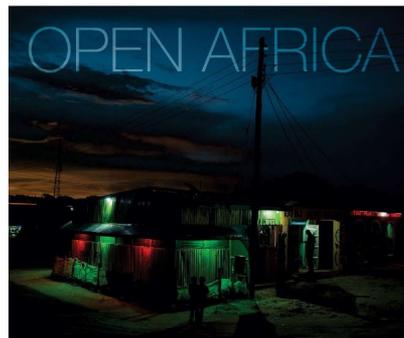


- **RES4Med&Africa's first flagship publication, [Unlocking Value from Sustainable Renewable Energy](#)**, is the first of a series of annual features that will focus on specific key priorities and themes about Africa's sustainable energy future. This edition shows how renewable energy projects can create real value in the African context: gathering insights from RES4Med&Africa's members and partners if

context, gathering insights from RES4MED&Africa members and partners, it highlights challenges and offers solutions based on multiple perspectives, as the authors share their points of view based on their areas of expertise. [Read more](#)



- **Open Africa**, RES4Africa's latest project consisting of a [photographic book](#) and a [web documentary](#), was developed by RES4Africa with the support of Enel Foundation and in collaboration with Akronos, and aims to visually illustrate how access to sustainable energy positively impacts African livelihoods. [Read more](#)



- **On 11 May 2018, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation hosted a high-level seminar organised by RES4MED&Africa** to a selected group of ministerial diplomats. The agenda focused on the role of renewable energies in emerging economies, with presentations given by RES4MED&Africa members experts in the field. [Read more](#)



- **RES4Africa attended the "Reference Group on Infrastructure Meeting" in the framework of the Joint-Africa EU Strategy (JAES) 2018-2022** from 17 to 18 May 2018 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The main topics discussed concerned the scaling-up of investments for infrastructure (Energy, Transport, Water, Digitalization), through

the implementation of PIDA and European External Investment Plan (EIP). [Read more](#)

- **The Micro-Grid Academy held its second course in Nairobi training 20 women selected by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP),** within the Africa Women Energy Entrepreneurs Framework (AWEEF). The course that took place from 4 to 13 April, hosted 40 students from East-Africa and Europe, and focused on entrepreneurship and clean energy access, with lecturers coming from KPLC, AVSI Foundation, St. Kizito VTI, Strathmore University, Enel Foundation, SIGORA and Sapienza University of Rome. [Read more](#)



- **The 2nd edition of RES4MED Algeria Executive Seminar took place in Algiers on 18-19 April.** The seminar was held in cooperation with Sonelgaz, and aimed at providing participants with a set of technical and financial tools to assess the most appropriate solutions in different energy contexts for an efficient and effective integration of solar and wind energy in the electricity system. [Read more](#)
- **RES4Med presented two new reports, [Mechanisms and Main Factors for a Successful Auction](#) and [Job Creation: the Tunisian Case](#)** (both in French, *Auction Study* also available [in English](#)), which focus on auction mechanisms and the creation of sustainable energy jobs in Tunisia. The [Morocco Country Profile](#) updated edition was also released.



Upcoming Events

- **September:**
 - September: **Assolombarda - Focus Africa** - Milan, Italy (*date tba*)
 - 25-28 September: African session at **Wind Europe Conference** - Hamburg

- 20-26 September: African session at **VIND Europe Conference** - Hamburg, Germany
- September: **Workshop on RE Integration** - Lusaka, Zambia (*date tba*)
- **October:**
 - 17-18 October: **Italia Africa Business Week** - Rome, Italy
 - 24 October: **IEA RIAB on Africa RE** - Rome, Italy

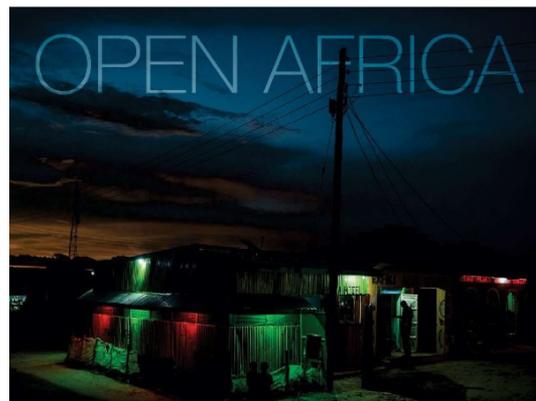
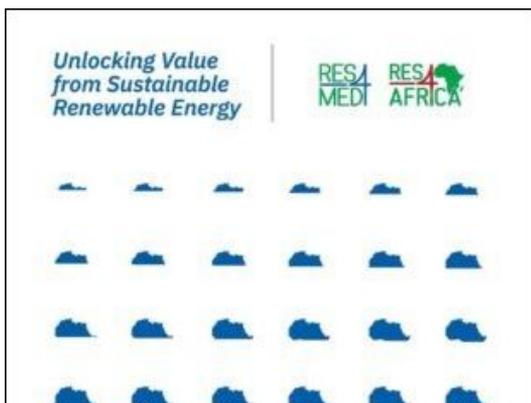
News from Members/Partners

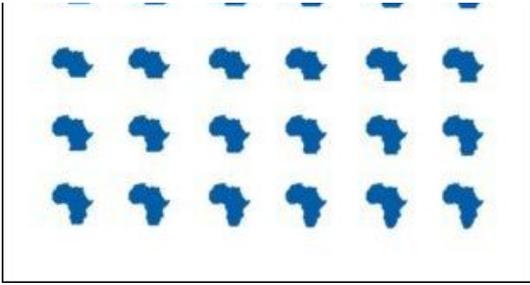
- [Pöyry awarded contract for project between Zambia and Democratic Republic of Congo](#)
- [Elettricità Futura held its annual meeting](#)
- [Enel sigla accordo di finanziamento per impianto solare in Zambia](#)
- [Irena Released the Report Global Energy Transformation 2018: A Roadmap to 2050](#)
- [Plan 2018-2022: Friem Plans to Boost Energy And Mobility.](#)

Media Coverage

- **Africa e Affari:** [Alla Farnesina con RES4Med&Africa per una panoramica sulle energie rinnovabili](#)
- **AnsaMed:** [Res4Med rilancia sviluppo infrastrutture e rinnovabili](#)
- **AnsaMed:** [Res4Med presenta a Tunisi due studi su rinnovabili](#)
- **Enel:** [video](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Rinnovabili e infrastrutture per la transizione all'energia pulita, conferenza di RES4Med a Tunisi](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Rinnovabili e infrastrutture \(2\): relazioni storiche tra Italia e Tunisia](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Rinnovabili e infrastrutture \(3\): come promuovere investimenti sostenibili](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Presentato progetto Open Africa per illustrare impatto accesso a energia](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Sostegno dall'UNEP a imprenditoria femminile con RES4Africa](#)
- **InfoAfrica:** [Sviluppata piattaforma per promuovere soluzioni decentrate energia rinnovabile](#)
- **NuovaEnergia:** [Africa: perché non accelera la transizione energetica?](#)

Our Suggestions



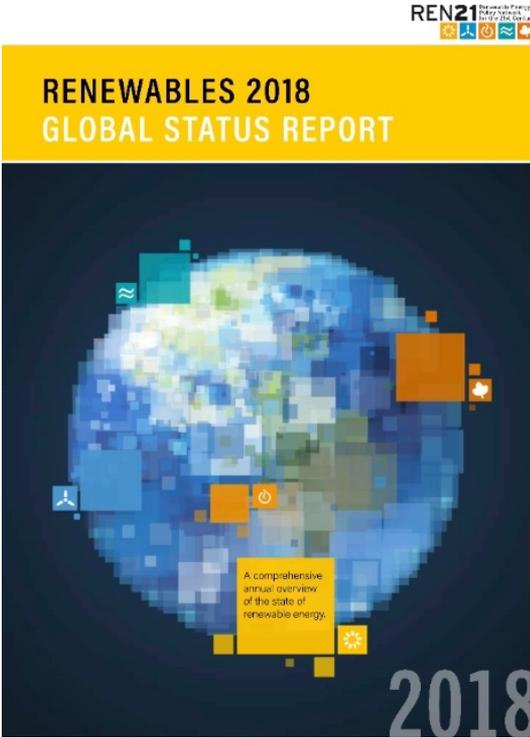


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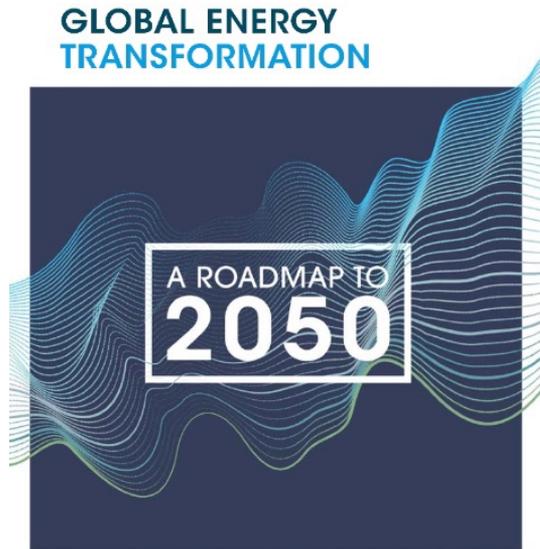


[Open Africa photographic book](#)

[Open Africa web-doc](#)



[REN21: Renewables 2018 - Global Status Report](#)



[IRENA: A Roadmap to 2050](#)

Welcome to new member



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