



The Role of Renewable Energy: Business Empowering

May 16th, 2019 9:30-12:00

Fiera di Roma, Rome

"HORTENSIA" room, pavilion 10

Concept Note

In the framework of **EXCO2019** – The International Cooperation Expo, **RES4Africa** is organizing a conference to present the association's **flagship initiatives** created to **support sustainable development** in the African continent through **multilateral commitment** of public sector, private sectors and civil society.

RES4Africa, with over 7 years of experience in leading **policy dialogue, technical support** and **capacity building** activities, is among the only associations active in promoting the uptake of renewable energy investments at scale in African countries and proposing new models for the achievement of the SDGs.

The conference aims to present the **enabling role** that **new business models** based on the **Water-Energy-Food (WEF) nexus** approach, pairing RE solutions with the water and food chains, can play in achieving sustainable development, and the proposal of a **new financing instrument** to be applied by local regulatory frameworks to **de-risk and support RE investments** in Africa.

Since RES4Africa is a **connecting platform** of public and private sector companies, the conference will be an important occasion for a **proactive dialogue** with governments, development institutions, local and international private players and non-governmental organizations.

Preliminary Agenda

Welcoming remarks (15 minutes):

- **Luca Maestripietri**, *Ministro Plenipotenziario e Direttore dell'Agencia Italiana per la cooperazione allo sviluppo*

Session 1 (60 minutes):

renewAfrica a New Financing Scheme to Accelerate RE Investments in Africa

Key note speaker (15 minutes):

- **Lamberto Dai Prà**, *Head of Africa, Asia and Oceania, EGP*



Moderator:

- **Martina Colombo**, Head of Sovereign, Multilateral Financing and Blending Partnerships, CDP

Discussants:

- **Roberta Valenziani**, Head of Associative Services and Affairs, Elettricità Futura
- **Paloma Perez De Vega**, European Investment Bank
- **Anne Petrarque**, Head of Finance and Insurance, EGP
- **Felice Zaccheo**, Head of Unit Sustainable Energy, Climate Change, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- **Luca Matrone**, Global Head of energy, Intesa Sanpaolo
- **Paolo Gentili**, Director, PWC Italy
- **Giulio Dal Magro**, Head of Development Finance, CDP

Session 2 (60 minutes):

Water Energy Food Nexus, an integrated approach for sustainable development in Africa

Key note speaker (15 minutes):

- **Rabia Ferroukhi**, Deputy Director of the Knowledge, Policy and Finance division, IRENA

Moderator:

- **Josefina Stubbs**, Senior manager multilateral engagement, RES4MED&Africa

Discussants:

- **Romina Cavatassi**, Lead Technical Specialist and Cluster Coordinator for the Environment and Climate cluster, IFAD
- **Rosario Centola**, esperto presso Agenzia Italiana per la cooperazione allo sviluppo (AICS)
- **Francesca Oliva**, Focal Person for Energy and Social Entrepreneurship Initiatives, AVSI foundation
- **Francesco Caponetti**, Director of Business Development at Montecarlo Fruit and Chef de Project CEDIAM Mali West Africa
- **Marco Aresti**, Access2energy program manager, RES4Med&Africa
- **Olivier Dubois**, Senior Natural Resources Officer & Leader Energy Programme Climate and Environment Division (NRC) (FAO)
- **Catia Tomasetti**, Partner and Coordinator of Banking & Finance Department and Member of the Africa Committee, Bonelli Erede

Closing remarks (15 minutes):

- **Roberto Vigotti**, Secretary General, RES4Med&Africa