



Annual Conference 2019

OVERCOMING AFRICA'S ENERGY ACCESS GAP: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR SCALING UP RENEWABLES

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

CONCEPT

The RES4Africa Foundation hosts its 7th Annual Conference on 19 June for the first time in the African continent. Bringing the Annual Conference to Africa offers a unique opportunity to consolidate and expand RES4Africa's well-established dialogue with key public and private sector stakeholders, multilateral institutions and civil society organizations working on accelerating access to clean energy as a foundation for inclusive and sustainable development in Africa.

Africa faces tremendous opportunities for growth in the coming decades. Though individually very diverse, many African countries are reflecting encouraging macro-economic trends, such as dynamic economic and population growth, rapid urbanization and an expanding middle class with growing spending capabilities. Still, achieving universal access to energy by 2030 in Africa requires to scale up the current levels \$20 billion in 2017 to around \$30 billion p.a. for energy infrastructure between 2017 until 2030. **Bridging this financing gap will necessitate private, public and development financing actors to mobilize additional investment capital.** Universal access to electricity and a clean energy transition will not be achieved, neither at scale nor at the speed we aim unless private sector investment can be attracted.

So, how can we make it happen?

By **investing in innovative approaches and partnership**. Along with increasing generation capacity and expanding grids, closing the energy gap requires a shift from a commodity-centered to a service-provider approach enabling the increased use of renewable energy far beyond electricity supply into all end use sectors. This business-model change is happening worldwide yet holds even more promise in Africa where **electricity can truly act as an enabler of much-needed socio-economic development**. In this context, the **Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus** offers an innovative approach to address simultaneously energy access, food security and access to clean water in African countries.

By **identifying and overcoming barriers** affecting African RE market growth, preventing the deployment of clean and renewable technologies.

By **working with engaged partners and sharing international best-practices** to create an enabling environment for investment and strengthen market attractiveness, market competitiveness and market readiness.

By **promoting new instruments to bridge market** gaps and effectively accelerate and attract investments in the African RE field. Addressing all the typical risks faced by investors



and ensuring that legal, regulatory and political frameworks are in place will be key to de-risk and attract private sector investments.

RES4Africa has set the scene of its 2019 Annual Conference to be the ideal forum where these topics will be jointly discussed. The conference will be an opportunity to analyse innovative approaches, financing instruments and market barriers as the three main pillars of RES4Africa's agenda in support of closing the energy gap in Africa.

Preliminary Agenda

08:15 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome coffee
09:00 - 09:15	Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4Africa Foundation • Joy Doreen Biira, Master of Ceremonies
09:15 - 10:15	High-Level Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission • Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA • H.E. Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Ethiopia • Hon. Emanuela C. Del Re, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy • Luca Maestriperi, Director of Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
10:15 - 10:30	RES4Africa Foundation: Challenges and perspectives from the private sector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Cammisecra, President, RES4Africa Foundation and CEO, Enel Green Power
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break / Press Conference
11:00 - 13:00	Session 1 – Africa's Future Counts: Renewables, Energy Access and the WEF Nexus in Africa RES4Africa's 2019 Flagship Publication Key Note Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Rovzar, International Relations & Communication Manager, RES4Africa Foundation Panel Discussion: Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Davis, CEO, Giraffe Bioenergy Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulac Demirag, Country Director Ethiopia, IFAD • Michele Bruni, Co-founder and Technical Director, InspiraFarms • Alberto Giani, Pastoralism and Resilience Specialist, FAO Ethiopia • Karen Basiye, Senior Manager, Sustainability & Social Policy, Safaricom PLC • Lelise Neme, CEO Industrial Park Development Corporation, Ethiopia • Meseret Teklemariam Zemedkun, Program Manager, Energy, UNEP • Tiberio Chiari, Head of Office, AICS Ethiopia • Johannes Kamonga, Managing Director, Matembwe Village Company
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:15	Presentation – Renewables 2019 Global Status Report



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthouros Zervos, Chair, REN21
14:15 - 15:45	<p>Session 2 - Reaching Universal Access to Energy by 2030 – An African Agenda for Action</p> <p>Video Key Note Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, UNECA <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Nodari, Managing Director, Pöyry Management Consulting Italy <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Matthew Nkhuwa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Zambia • Hon. Kwame Ampofo, Former Chairman, Energy Commission, Ghana • Getahun Moges, CEO, Ethiopian Energy Authority • UNECA (tbc'd) • Carlo Zorzoli, Head of Business Development, Enel Green Power • Evan Wanjiru, Certified Energy Manager, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya • Paolo Di Giovanni Partner, BonelliErede
15:45 – 17:00	<p>Session 3 - renewAfrica: a New Financing Scheme to Accelerate RE Investments in Africa</p> <p>Key note Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Gattini, Head of Business Development Africa, Enel Green Power <p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonella Baldino, Director of International Development Cooperation, CDP <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker European Investment Bank (tbd) • Giulio Dal Magro, Head International Financing, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti • Valerio Gori, Senior Manager, PwC • Luca Matrone, Global Head of Energy, Intesa Sanpaolo • Teshome Tafesse, State Minister of Finance, Ethiopia • Enrique Pedrosa, CEO South EU & Africa Onshore, Siemens Gamesa • Robert Sogbadji, Director for Alternative Energy, Ministry of Energy, Ghana
17:00 – 17:15	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>Closing remarks and going forward:</p> <p>Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4Africa Foundation</p>