

Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)

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The Africa - EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)



Mobilising additional resources for scaling up investment in energy infrastructure and mobilising private capital;

- Improved regional and intercontinental integration of energy systems and markets;
- Improved access to reliable, secure, affordable, climate friendly and sustainable energy for both continents;
- Improved institutional, technical capacities;
- Enabling environment for scaling up investments;
- Promoting of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency;
- Reduction of gas flaring





2020 Political targets

A: Energy Access

Bring access to modern and sustainable energy services to at least an additional 100 million Africans

Contributing to the SE4All





B: Energy Security

Double the capacity of cross border electricity interconnections, both within Africa and between Africa and Europe

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Double the use of natural gas in Africa, as well as doubling African gas exports to Europe

Bring the current flared gas to the market





C1: Renewable Energy



C2: Renewable Energy

Build 10,000 MW of new hydropower facilities



Build 5,000 MW of new capacity in wind farms



Build 500 MW of new capacity in Solar Energy



C3: Renewable Energy

Triple the capacity of the other renewable







C4: Energy Efficiency

Improve energy efficiency in Africa in all sectors, also electricity sector









What is the RECP?

- Long-term programme for cooperation between Africa and Europe on renewable energy
- Launched in 2010 at the First High-Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)
- Supporting the **development of renewable energy markets in Africa**
- Includes all renewable energy technologies, sources, applications
- **Meso-scale** renewable energy investments (mid-range € multi-million)
- Overall aim, contributing to the AEEP 2020 Political Targets on access and renewables



RECP Approach

Outlined in RECP Strategy 2020

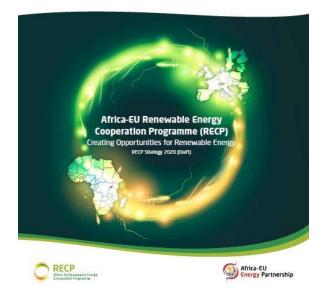
Four Action Areas:

- 1: Policy Advisory Services
- 2: Private Sector Cooperation
- 3: Project Preparation & Finance facilitation
- 4: Technology, Innovation & Capacity Development

Integrated approach

Multi-donor & multi-implementer

Coordinating with and complementing action by others



Integrated and comprehensive programme



Political Guidance by Joint Experts Group (JEG)

Increase access through accelerated use of renewable energy in Africa

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Action Area 1 (EUEI PDF): National Studies

*	Development of Electricity Strategy incl. RE and Draft Electricity Act	Ongoing (12/2012 – 12/2013)
Djibouti	 Partner: Ministry of Energy Int. Partner: EU Delegation, AFD, EIB, World Bank Inception workshop June 2013; scenarios currently under development 	
	Development of an Electricity Strategy and Renewable Energy Law	Completed (01/2012 – 12/2012)
The Gambia	Partner: Ministry of EnergyInt. Partner: GEF/UNIDO, EU DelegationFinal documents have been introduced at Cabinet level in government	
	Renewable Energy Regulatory Capacity Development	Ongoing (01/2013 – 03/2014)
Kenya	Partner: Ministry of Energy, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) Int. Partner: AFD	
	Final report draft on net metering available, training undertaken, FIT to	follow

Action Area 1 (EUEI PDF): National Studies

*	Implementing the Renewable Energy Law – Tariffs, Scenarios, Tendering, and model PPAs	Ongoing (12/2012 – 02/2014)
Senegal	Partner: Ministry of Energy, Electricity Regulatory Commission Int. Partner: AFD, GIZ, IRENA, World Bank	
	Scenarios and Tariffs workshop in December 2013	
	Support with the preparatory phase of a Household Cooking Energy Plan	Ongoing (12/2012-11/2013)
Sierra Leone	Partner: Ministry of Energy Final mission late October 2013 including Ministries and meeting in Pa	arliament
*	Geothermal Policy Support Initiative	Ongoing (11/2013 - 10/2014)
Rwanda	Partner: MININFRA Int. Partner: EU Delegation	
	RECP intervention central to Rwanda geothermal strategy	

Action Area 1 (EUEI PDF): Regional Studies

	Regional Renewable Energy Policy Guidelines	Completed (09/2011 – 10/2012)
ECOWAS	 Partner: ECREEE Int. partners: EU Commission, ADA, AECID, UNIDO Final Policy validated by Ministers in Oct. 2012 and Heads of State Follow-up through ECREEE and bilateral programmes 	te July 2013
R	Scoping study for Establishment of a Regional Renewable Energy Center (SACREEE)	Completed (01/2013 – 08/2013)
SADC	Partner: SADC Secretariat Int. partners: ADA, UNIDO, Finland Validation workshop took place July 2013	
Ø	Policy/regulatory options for Minigrids Employing Renewable and Hybrid Generation	Ongoing (01/2013 - 4/2014)
RERA/SADC	Partner: Regional Electricity Regulators Association (RERA) Work in pilot countries (Zimbabwe and Namibia) ongoing	

Action Area 1 (EUEI PDF): Thematic Studies



Policy toolkit for Mini-grids (employing renewables)

Int. partners: REN21, ARE Dissemination: through workshops in 2013 and 2014 (1st in Sept 2013) **Ongoing** (12/2012 - 03/2014)



Localisation of the renewable energy value chain

Planned (01/2014 - 08/2014)

Int. partners: IRENA

Action Area 1 (EUEI PDF): Dialogue Events

	 Four Events to share experience and knowledge on Renewable energy and hybrid mini-grid policy options Vocational Training for renewable energy Higher Education for renewable energy 	4 events in 2013 and 2014
	Africa-EU Private Sector Cooperation: Matchmaking for win-win business opportunities in the renewables sector? Vienna Austria	29 May 2013
	Roundtable: Renewable Energy Forum for Venture Capitalists <i>Brussels</i> <i>Belgium</i>	26 March 2013
- Andrew State	4th African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C4): Solution to Africa's Energy Needs?, <i>Nairobi Kenya</i>	22-23/11/2012
	ECOWAS-GFSE-GEF-UNIDO High Level Energy Forum and First International Off-grid RE Conference (IOREC), Accra Ghana	29/10-2/11/2012
	WINDaba 2012: Localisation of the Renewable Energy Value Chain <i>Cape Town South Africa</i>	22-24/10/2012

Action Area 3 (AFD): Project Prep. & Mobilisation of Funding

- AFD has adopted a pragmatic strategy, taking into account the various values chains. The technical assistance & capacity building activities focus on four areas:
- 1. Scaling up on-grid RE investments
- 2. Enhance energy access RE projects
- 3. Mobilize new financial instruments to support RE
- 4. Knowledge sharing & dissemination of best practices
- => Half of the planned activities are completed

Action Area 4 (EUEI PDF): Vocational and Higher Education

- Funding by Austria and Finland for work on vocational training and higher education
- For both components: scoping study and consultation / kick-off workshop

Higher Education

- Scoping study to be launched soon
- Consultative workshop to take place early 2014

Vocational training

- Workshop in Maputo, MOZ on 16-17 Oct 2013
- Participants: from 13 countries (training institutes, private, government, experts)

Action Area 4 (EUEI PDF): Vocational training: Maputo workshop

Main findings of study and workshop

- Skills and needs assessment prior to interventions
- Two diverse, often immature sectors
- Renewables starting to be integrated into official vocational training systems
- Linkages to private sector underexploited; Entrepreneurial skills important
- Capacities and knowledge of trainers limited
- Improving gender equality through quotas, scholarships, awareness, etc.
- Learning from project-based RE training activities in wider system
- Accreditation and certification for acceptance of acquired skills
- Further education
- Potential for regional and South-South cooperation

Action Area 4 (EUEI PDF): Vocational training: way forward

Based on main findings, activities are likely to include:

- Multi-stakeholder platforms to initiate dialogue between relevant actors
- Thorough analysis of needs in labour and renewable energy markets
- Curriculum development
- Design of new courses, course material
- Train-the-trainers programmes
- Facilitation of exchanges of lecturers and students
- Support to improvement of qualification certification schemes
- Facilitation of regional and South-South cooperation
- Support in marketing activities of training institutes

Activities to be launched with training institutes in late 2013/early 2014

Conclusions and Recommendations

- All countries in Africa have a common problem of being far away from achieving sustainable energy systems despite huge Renewable Energy potential => cont. & increase efforts.
- Developing countries with fast growing industry struggle to use cleaner forms of energy, hence emphasis on RE.
- With clearly defined, coherent and transparent **Renewable energy policies**, the energy industry will be able to mobilize the natural and human resources, finances and technologies necessary to realize sustainable energy systems.
- Renewable energy policies formulated from bottom-up are more likely to be successful than high level regulations.
- Regional integrated renewable energy policies that can harmonize regulations across nations, sectors and markets are more likely to stimulate investment support mechanisms.
- The RECP provides an integrated approach to market development, including recognition of the key role of industry and private investors.



Thank you!

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