



**Africa 2030: Empowering the continent through innovation, green tech solutions and capacity building**  
**Under the auspices of the Italian G7 Presidency**

**Side Event to G7 Rome Energy Ministerial 2017**

**Sunday 9 April 2017**

**MAXXI – Rome, Italy**

**Agenda**

In the framework of the G7 Energy Ministerial, Enel Foundation, RES4Africa, and the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) will organize a side event under the auspices of the Italian G7 Presidency on accelerating the deployment of innovative sustainable energy solutions in Africa to enable energy access, strengthen energy supply, create job opportunities, and consolidate economic growth in rural and urban Africa. The event will host an interactive dialogue among stakeholders from G7 and African countries including governments, international and development organizations, business actors, academia, civil society and NGO's. The side event will also exhibit selected innovative showcases from G7 and African countries for public display in the venue. The outcomes of the event will feed into the G7 Energy Ministerial as well as a contribution to and synergies with the German led G20 on energy in Africa.

<b>Preliminary Agenda</b>	
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b><u>Registration</u></b>
<b>14:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Event anchor:</b> Laban-Cliff Onserio, Business news anchor, NTV, Kenya <b><u>Welcome, opening remarks</u></b> Francesco Venturini, President, RES4Africa Teresa Bellanova, Vice-Minister, Ministry for the Economic Development of Italy; Sergio Mercuri, Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, co-chair AEEP; David Otieno, Head of Secretariat, Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP).
<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<b><u>Session 1: African transition towards sustainable clean tech solutions</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Special address:</b> Motome Takisawa, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan</li><li>- <b>Keynote speaker:</b> Laura Cozzi, Head, Energy Demand Outlook Division, IEA – “<i>Energy and development in Africa: insights from the World Energy Outlook</i>”</li></ul> <b>Roundtable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Moderator:</b> Paolo Frankl, Head of Renewable Energy Division, IEA</li><li>- <b>Discussants:</b> Ahmed Baroudi, Director, Société d’investissements énergétiques; Christine Lins, Executive Secretary, REN21; Manuel Berlingiero, Senior Energy Specialist, Africa Energy Unit, World Bank; Salvatore Vinci, Deputy Head of Policy, IRENA; Crispen Zana, Senior Energy Advisor at the African Union Commission.</li></ul> <b>Output documents:</b> 8 position papers: “ <a href="#">Deploying renewable energy in Africa: What does it take?</a> ” and “ <a href="#">Mapping of Energy Initiatives and Programs in Africa. Final Report</a> ”

15:30 – 16:30	<p><b><u>Session 2: Innovative solutions for a secure and sustainable energy access.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Keynote speaker and moderator:</b> Francesco Catucci, Head of Mini-Grids, Enel Green Power;</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable:</b> Testimonials of innovative solutions <b>success stories</b> by local actors and partner organizations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Discussants:</b>  Alisée de Tonnac, CEO &amp; Co-founder, Seedstars World;  Aaron Leopold, Global Energy Representative, Practical Action;  Pierre Eyoung, Associazione Ingegneri Africani;  Virginia Taborda, Director of Business Development, Solar Kiosk;  Astria Fataki, AEEP Young Leaders in Energy Access Award winner.</li> </ul> <p><b>Announcement:</b> “Micro-grid academy” initiative in Kenya by Jeremiah Kiplagat, Director KPLC, and Marco Aresti, Project Manager RES4Africa.</p>
16:30 – 17:15	<p><b><u>Session 3: Education and multi-level capacity building</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Keynote speaker:</b> Prof. Romain Murenzi, Director for Science Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO</li> </ul> <p><b>Roundtable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Colombo, Rector’s delegate to Cooperation and Development, Politecnico di Milano, Multi-stakeholder Platform for “Energy in development”;</li> <li>- <b>Discussants:</b>  Prof. Catherine Wolfram, Director of the Energy Institute at Haas, UC Berkeley;  Prof. Romano Borchiellini, Vice Rector for Infrastructure and President of the Energy Center - Politecnico di Torino;  Prof. Fabio Inzoli, Head of Department of Energy, Politecnico di Milano;  Prof. Izael Da Silva, Vice Chancellor, Strathmore University;  Laura Frigenti, Director, Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS);  Jespers Hornberg, Founder and CEO, Givewatts.</li> </ul>
17:15 – 17:30	<p><b><u>Conclusions:</u></b></p> <p>Roberto Ridolfi, Director Sustainable Growth and Development, DG DEVCO, European Commission;  Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4Africa.</p>
17:30 – 17:45	<p><b><u>Concluding remarks:</u></b></p> <p>Carlo Calenda, Minister for the Economic Development of Italy.</p>
17:45 – 18:15	<p><b><u>Light cocktail &amp; opening of showcases and photography exhibition:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening to the public of photo-reportage of 3 African villages (Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia) powered by off-grid solutions;</li> <li>- Opening to the public of innovative sustainable rural electrification solutions;</li> <li>- Exhibitions on display from 11 – 17 April 2017.</li> </ul>

The G7 Energy Ministerial Side Event will take place with the support of Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), International Energy Agency (IEA), Practical Action, REN21 and SolarPower Europe.

