Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of the revisited RES4MED&Africa newsletter, which you will receive on a bi-monthly basis. The RES4MED&Africa newsletter aims to inform and engage our network on the association’s latest and upcoming activities as well as give visibility to our partners’ valuable projects; if you would like to be featured in the next issue please get in touch.

The renewable energy sector is advancing quickly, and at the same fast pace, the past two months have been filled with preparation work and achievements for RES4MED and RES4Africa. As a highlight of the past month, RES4Africa launched its program in Ethiopia at the beginning of October, while other key partnerships were formalized across Mediterranean and African regions.

The conference titled “Fostering the deployment of renewable energy in Ethiopia: A sustainable roadmap” in Addis Ababa - sponsored by Enel Green Power and organized with the support of AEEP - gathered over 300 participants including more than 90 speakers. It brought together experts from the Ethiopian government to multilateral banks, international organizations, private sector, and academia to create dialogue, share expertise and foster skills for renewable energy deployment.

In parallel along with other projects, RES4MED is worked towards the co-organisation of today’s
multi-stakeholder workshop and on the annual Advanced Training Course of next month, both in Milan.

We look forward to your critical feedback and collaboration!

Best Regards,
Roberto Vigotti
RES4MED&Africa Secretary General

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**News**

- **Aspenia Talks: l’Africa nel secolo della nuova energia** Aspenia presented its publication “Africa: lighting up the future” on September 27th in Rome. The book discusses the African Century highlighting the shared responsibilities of Africans and Europeans, of public and private sector, in the current discourse of the country’s geopolitical issues and energy development. [Read abstract](#) by Francesco Starace (CEO Enel)

- **RES4Africa Ethiopia Program launched** during a 2-day high-level conference in Addis Ababa. After launching in Kenya last year, [RES4Africa](#) expands to Ethiopia to discuss lessons learned, create dialogue, propose solutions and foster skills for renewable energy deployment. The event was sponsored by Enel Green Power, organized with the support of AEEP, and gathered over 300 participants including more than 90 speakers. [Read more](#)

- **Micro-Grid Academy (MGA): a regional capacity building program for trainees in Kenya**

  The MGA is a East-African vocational capacity building platform that aims to enhance access to energy and green jobs market through technical and entrepreneurial training
courses on decentralised renewable energy solutions. Located in Nairobi and supported by a real mini-grid for hands-on training, the Academy will train 300-400 young professionals per year on how to plan, design, build and operate a hybrid mini-grid in rural and remote areas. The first courses will start in January 2018! Video

- **African and Italian stakeholders meet in Rome at Italy Africa Business Week and ICA Annual Conference.** The IABW forum (17-18 Oct) aimed to establish partnerships between actors involved and to develop business opportunities, RES4Africa presented the association’s program in relation to the African energy development context. [Read more]
  ICA’s plenary meeting (19 Oct) focused on digitalisation, decarbonisation and mobility for smart and integrated infrastructure in Africa. [Read more]

- **RES4Africa RES-EXPO Kenya 2018 coming soon! Stay tuned for more in info**

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- **The SDGs: Experiences and progress on their implementation in Europe**
  Global Compact organised a conference in Rome on October 25th to share insights into key policy, business and civil society organizations trends on the SDGs within the European context in order to better understand the state of the play and promote collaboration at local, national and European level in facing the sustainable development challenge. [Read more]

- **Investment opportunities, internalisation and bankability of projects in MED: seminar**
  Elettricità Futura, RES4MED & Assolombarda discuss opportunities for RE investment in the Mediterranean, with focus on Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, the challenge of internationalisation faced by big Italian utilities and SMEs and more, in a high-level seminar in Milan today, October 30th. [Read more]
GE to build Egypt's first utility-scale solar power plants with 1,500-volt technology
As part of the government’s ambitious sustainable energy strategy, the landmark solar feed-In tariff (FiT) program, General Electric’s (GE) Power Conversion will provide a full turnkey contract to FAS ENERGY to build the 50-MW solar power plant for the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company (EETC), including both financing and equipment. It will be able to power 15,000 local homes. Read more

News from members/partners

- IEA releases WEO-2017 Special Report "Energy Access Outlook" in Rome
  Universal energy access by 2030 is now within reach thanks to growing political will and falling costs
- Enel Green Power group gets 100-MW solar project in Ethiopian tender - read more
- EPS signs EPC contract with Endesa to build 20MW largest electric battery in Spain - read more

Welcome to new members/partners

Renewable Energy Solutions for the Mediterranean & Africa (RES4MED&Africa) is an association that promotes the deployment of large scale and decentralized RE & EE in Southern-Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan African markets to meet local energy needs for growth. Since 2012, RES4MED&Africa gathers a member network from across the clean energy value chain and supports the creation of an enabling environment for renewable energy investments and strategic partnerships.

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