



Accelerating the renewable energy transition in Ethiopia *Business-To-Government high level workshop*

March 7th, 2019
Sheraton Hotel, Addis Ababa

Concept Note

RES4Africa is organizing a high-level Business-to-Government (B2G) workshop focused on **the long-term strategies for integrating renewable energy into the national electric system**, attracting investments and exploiting the socio-economic benefits of renewables in Ethiopia. Furthermore, the **results of the study “Integration of variable renewable energy into the national electric system”** - carried out by RES4Africa and Enel Foundation, thanks to the expertise of CESI consultant - will be presented.

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 RE investments at scale in African countries and counts on a strong track record in high-level trainings and Executive Seminars. RES4Africa’s member network represents the **entire RE value chain** including **industries, agencies, utilities, manufacturers, financing institutions, consultancies, legal and technical services providers, research institutes, and academia**, whose experience and competences can help convey comprehensive insights on what it takes to foster RE investments and projects in the Mediterranean and Africa.

The workshop will take place in the form of a closed-door event and will involve Ethiopian key stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Ethiopian Electric Power, Ethiopian Electric Agency, Ethiopian Electric Utility, and multilateral agencies, like the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission.

Beyond presenting the results of the RE Grid Integration Study, the event will stimulate discussions regarding the acceleration of PPP’s and the development and financing of new renewable energy projects.

Since RES4Africa is a **connecting platform** of public and private sector companies, the workshop will be an important occasion for a **proactive dialogue** with local **institutions**, the most relevant stakeholders of the Ethiopian electricity market and international **companies**.

Enel Foundation is a knowledge platform that focuses on the crucial role of clean energy to ensure a sustainable future for all. By developing partnerships with pre-eminent experts and institutions across the globe, leveraging on the vast knowledge of its Founders, Enel Foundation conducts research to explore the implications of global challenges in the energy domain, develop scenario analysis, define policy and regulation opportunities and design capacity-building programs to the benefit of scientific and institutional realms.



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AGENDA

- 08:00 Introduction**
Roberto Vigotti *Secretary General, RES4Africa*
- 08:15 Welcome Speech**
H.E. Dr. Seleshi Bekele Awulachew *Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity of Ethiopia*
H.E. Dr. Ahmed Shide *Minister of Finance of Ethiopia*
- 08:45 Climate Change and access to electricity: challenges and opportunities for African sustainable development**
Carlo Zorzoli *Head of Business Development, Enel Green Power*
- 09:15 Empowering human capital for an effective and long lasting RE penetration**
Amani Abou-Zeid *Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission*
- 09:45 Policies and regulations: enhancing the enabling environment for the deployment of renewable programs**
Vera Songwe *Executive Secretary, UNECA*
- 10:15 Coffee Break**
- 10:45 Panel discussion on implementing long-term energy strategies for RE deployment in Ethiopia**
Keynote speaker: **Gosaye Mengistie** *Senior Advisor, MOWIE*
Abraham Belay Berhe *CEO, Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP)*
Getahun Moges *CEO, Ethiopian Energy Authority (EEA)*
Shiferaw Telila *CEO, Ethiopian Electric Utility (EEU)*
Moderator: **Dr. Frehiwot Woldehanna** *State Minister Electricity*
- 11:45 Integration of variable renewable energy in the National Electric System of Ethiopia**
Francesco Rizzo *Africa Area manager, CESI*
- 12:15 Social and economic benefits of renewable energy projects**
Daniele Cufari *Open Economics*
- 13:45 Renewable energies and system resilience**
Carlo Papa *Director, Enel Foundation*
- 13:15 Closing remarks**
Roberto Vigotti *Secretary General, RES4Africa*