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

*March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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**.

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### **AGENDA**

- 08:00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 08:30**      **Introduction**  
**Roberto Vigotti** *Secretary General, RES4Africa*
- 08:50**      **Welcome Speech**  
**Dr. Frehiwot Woldehanna** *State Minister, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy*
- 09:00**      **Policies and regulations: enhancing the enabling environment for the deployment of renewable programs**  
**Dr. Vera Songwe** *Executive Secretary, UNECA*
- 09:20**      **PPP in renewable energy projects in Ethiopia**  
**Abebe Tadesse** *Director, PPP Director General Office, Ministry of Finance*
- 09:40**      **Climate Change and access to electricity: challenges and opportunities for African sustainable development**  
**Carlo Zorzoli** *Head of Business Development, Enel Green Power*
- 10:00**      **Industrialization and local content**  
**Enrique Pedrosa** *CEO South Europe & Africa onshore, Siemens Gamesa*
- 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*  
**Dr. Abraham Belay Berhe** *CEO, Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP)*  
**Getahun Moges** *CEO, Ethiopian Energy Authority (EEA)*  
Moderator: **Dr. Frehiwot Woldehanna** *State Minister, MoWIE*
- 11:45**      **Integration of variable renewable energy in the National Electric System of Ethiopia**  
**Andrea Prudenzi** *Project Manager, Consulting, Solutions & Services Division, CESI*
- 12:15**      **Social and economic benefits of renewable energy projects**  
**Daniele Cufari** *Economist, Open Economics*
- 12:45**      **Renewable energies and system resilience**  
**Carlo Papa** *Director, Enel Foundation*
- 13:15**      **Closing remarks**  
**Roberto Vigotti** *Secretary General, RES4Africa*