

Second High Level Meeting of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership

Joint action towards sustainable energy access in Africa

11-13 February, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Access to sustainable energy remains one of the key challenges for future economic and social development in Africa and Europe. The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) has therefore set itself ambitious targets in the areas of energy access, security, renewable energy and energy efficiency to be reached by the year 2020.

In February 2014, African and European key decision makers gathered at the Second High Level Meeting (HLM) of the AEEP in Addis Ababa to review progress in achieving these targets and to discuss actions to shape future Africa-EU relations in the energy sector. This Meeting brought together more than 400 African and European political and business leaders, experts from international energy institutions, civil society, private sector and academia, from more than 60 countries.

Thematic side events and a conference exhibition complemented the Meeting – enabling broad opportunities for networking and business-matchmaking. The AEEP **Call for Action and Commitments** offered stakeholders a platform to showcase their “on-the-ground” initiatives towards achieving the partnership’s targets.

AEEP Milestones

**2007
Lisbon Summit**
Framework of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) established
AEEP constituted

**2010
First High Level Meeting**
AEEP 2020 Targets endorsed
Renewable Energy Programme (RECP) launched

**2012
First Stakeholder Forum**
Way forward for the AEEP commended by 300 stakeholders
AEEP Monitoring initiated

**2013
National Energy Stakeholder Dialogues**
Events in Uganda, Djibouti, Zambia, Ghana and Cameroon help to promote the Energy Agenda

**2013
RECP projects completed**
E.g. ECOWAS Renewable Energy Strategy endorsed under the Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)

**2014
Launch of the AEEP Status Report**
Monitoring progress of achieving the AEEP 2020 Targets

**2014
Second High Level Meeting**
More than 400 leaders from governments, private sector, international organisations etc. shape the future of Africa-EU energy cooperation

**2015
Second Stakeholder Forum**
Further strengthening the involvement of academia, NGOs and private sector in achieving sustainable energy markets

2020 Targets in the framework of the AEEP

Access

to modern and sustainable energy services to at least an additional

**100
MILLION
AFRICANS**

Energy Security

2x

- the capacity of cross-border electricity interconnections
- the use of natural gas
- African gas exports to Europe

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

10,000 MW of new hydropower

5,000 MW of wind power

3x the capacity of all other renewables

500 MW of all forms of solar power

Increase energy **EFFICIENCY** in Africa in all sectors

The Ethiopian Government and the African Union Commission jointly hosted the Second HLM, which was implemented under the auspices of the AEEP Co-Chairs (Austria, Germany and Mauritius, AUC) and the EU Commission. Support to organization of the meeting was under the responsibility of the EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility (EUEI PDF), which serves as the AEEP Secretariat.

During the closing session of the Ministerial Segment participants approved the “**Addis Ababa Communiqué**”, defining the partnership’s priorities and vision for African-European collaboration on energy affairs. The **Communiqué** highlights four key messages addressed at African and EU Heads of State and Government at the EU-Africa Summit in April 2014, in Brussels:

Message to the EU-Africa Summit 2014

The AEEP calls upon the EU-Africa Summit:

1. To provide political leadership, materialized through the Africa-EU Energy Partnership, towards sustainable development and mutual prosperity in the context of the emerging post-2015 agenda, towards the Paris climate conference to be held in 2015 and the United Nations Decade for Sustainable Energy for All;
2. To take ambitious decisions that build upon the progress made under the Africa-EU Energy Partnership and accelerate future progress towards achievement of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership 2020 Targets through related ongoing and innovative new programs and instruments;
3. To interlink the most relevant natural resources – namely energy, water and agriculture – and to provide effective incentives for efficient and productive use of resources and marginal cost-recovery mechanisms as well as the mainstreaming of gender; and
4. To facilitate coordinated dialogue and cooperation between policy makers, regulators, investors and financiers, private sector, civil society and academia in order to facilitate private sector engagement, to enhance public-private partnerships and to establish an enabling business environment, key to achieving the Africa-EU energy targets.

The way forward

With highly committed partners on both sides, the AEEP remains a key contributor to the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative. Equipped with a respective mandate by the EU-Africa-Summit, the partnership is ready to move ahead into the next phase of the journey towards universal energy access.



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