AEEP Energy Talks

Rolling out Africa´s Continental Masterplan at Scale: The Role of Energy Tendering Systems

11 September 2024, 11:00 – 13:00 (CET); 12:00-14:00 (EAT)

The 16th AEEP Energy Talks on 11 September 2024 (11:00-13:00 CET/12:00-14:00 EAT) will delve into the role of energy tendering systems in Africa's energy landscape, highlighting their growing importance in the continent's pursuit of sustainable energy solutions.

Africa's energy tendering systems are instrumental in accelerating the deployment of renewable energy, fostering competition, encouraging innovation, and promoting advanced technologies in the continent. These systems lead to the selection of the most efficient and cost-effective energy projects by driving competition. With the addition of private investment, auctions have gained prominence due to their potential to provide lower technology costs and align with environmental imperatives and market demand. Additionally, these systems ensure transparent procurement processes by minimising corruption and awarding projects based on merit, thereby enhancing the credibility of the energy sector. By focusing on renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower, energy tendering systems harness Africa's vast renewable resources. This approach supports Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) by increasing energy access, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting sustainable economic growth.

A report titled **Driving Growth: Effective Renewable Energy Tendering** highlights renewable energy auctions as a powerful tool in accelerating renewables deployment, fostering competition, and enhancing project realisation rates. The report was jointly prepared by the University of Cape Town's Power Futures Lab, GET.transform and the Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI) of the World Bank's ESMAP programme. While renewable energy auctions hold promise in addressing Africa's power shortages, GET.transform's report underscores the need for substantial investment and tailored strategies to navigate the continent's diverse challenges and opportunities. It delves into the intricate interplay between country-level policies, programme design, and project-specific factors influencing the success of renewable energy auctions. By analysing success factors and auction design best practices, the report provides valuable recommendations for stakeholders, including governments, policy-makers, and industry players.

The 16th AEEP Energy Talks will showcase key findings from the "**Driving Growth: Effective Renewable Energy Tendering**" report and the growing importance of the collaborative efforts between Africa and the EU, which can leverage financial resources, technical expertise, and policy frameworks to enhance the effectiveness of energy tendering systems.

AGENDA

#	Item	Presenter
1	**Welcome and introduction**	**Mr Johan van den Berg** Moderator, Head of Secretariat Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)
2	**Opening Remarks**	**AUC (TBC) & Marion Schiller-Probst,** International Relations Officer, DG ENER, European Commission
3	**Keynote Speech**	**Dr. Amine Idriss,** Senior Director at the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA - NEPAD) *"From planning and political acceptance to action – the rapid and efficient implementation of Africa´s electricity blueprint"*
3	**Presentation**	**Olakunle Alao,** Research Consultant, Power Futures Lab (PFL) **Ene Macharm,** Head of Global Partnerships, GET.transform, Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.Pro) *"Driving Growth: Effective Renewable Energy Tendering in Africa - Success Factors for Private Power Investment and Procurement"*
4	**Panel Discussion incl. Q&A**:	
	• **Olakunle Alao,** Research Consultant, Power Futures Lab (PFL) • **Antony Karembu,** Principal Investment Officer and Renewable Energy Specialist, African Development Bank (AfDB) • **Ene Macharm,** Head of Global Partnerships, GET.transform, Global Energy Transformation Programme (GET.Pro) • **Claire Nicolas,** Senior Energy and Climate Change Economist, Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP), World Bank (WB)	
5	**Closing remarks**	**Facilitator** Summarises key takeaways

About the AEEP Energy Talks

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) Energy Talks is a bimonthly webinar series that fosters dynamic dialogue by between key stakeholders and energy players from Africa and Europe. Since its launch in November 2020 the webinars have delved into transformative energy topics at the intersection of the two continents, fostering knowledge sharing and idea exchange among experts and participants. Previous AEEP Energy Talks have covered topics such as: From ACS to COP28: Unlocking Opportunities for a Synergetic Africa-EU Climate and Energy Future, Sunlight Success: Pursuing African Development Priorities Through a Solar Economy, Utilising Renewable Hydrogen for Decarbonising Value Chains and Promoting Development in Africa and the EU, and Achieving SDG7 in Africa – The 2022 AEEP Report: European Financial Flows on SDG7 to Africa. The outcomes of the AEEP Energy Talks inform the AEEP's knowledge products, including Spotlights or policy briefs, and contribute to the ongoing discourse on sustainable energy development in Africa and Europe.