

Save the Date

We are delighted to announce the **Second Stakeholder Forum of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)**, hosted jointly by the Italian Government, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the European Union Commission (EC).

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“Business and Science: Leading the Way to Sustainable Energy”

16-17 May 2016

Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI) - Milan, Italy



The Forum will build on the First Stakeholder meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012. It envisages participation of **African and European Ministers, AU and EU Commissioners**, and **more than 300 other high-level participants** representing policy-makers, regional institutions, international organisations, the banking & finance industry, the private sector, academia, the civil society and the media.

Coming at a time of **increased international attention on energy in Africa** (including post-COP21 and announcement of SDG7), the main objectives of the second AEEP Stakeholder Forum are to:

1. **Sharpen the role and contributions of a wide range of stakeholders** with a special focus to increase (private sector) investment in energy infrastructure;
2. **Enhance the engagement of non-state actors** in sustainable energy sector development in Africa with emphasis on human capital for innovation, skills and capacity development in renewable energy; and
3. **Provide a framework for dialogue** at an important gathering of African and European leaders and actors across key thematic areas for energy security and development.

The two day Forum will be split into **day one, 16 May** being a technical thematic stakeholder day, whereas **day two, 17 May** will be dedicated to high level delegates and stakeholders. Modalities will include a mix of plenary and specially structured panel discussions, targeted **networking and Business match-making events** as well as **media campaigns**. An **exhibition and fair** will be an integral part of the programme running through the entire week.

We look forward to welcoming you in Milan!

AEEP Secretariat

The **Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)** constitutes one of the initial eight partnerships under the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES), a long-term framework for cooperation between the two continents. The African Union Commission, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Secretariat, Egypt, the European Commission, Germany, Italy are the Steering Group members providing political guidance to the Partnership. AEEP Secretariat is hosted by the **Partnership Dialogue Facility (EUEI PDF)** which is an instrument of the EU Energy Initiative (EUEI).

Official invitations including more detailed information on the programme and logistics will follow soon – for now, we would like to make sure that you block the dates in your calendars for 16-17 May 2016. **Further information** can be found on: www.aeep-forum.org.

In case of any questions, please write to secretariat@aeep-forum.org

