

9th May 2016

Press Invitation

2nd Stakeholder Forum of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)

“Business and Science: Leading the way to sustainable energy”

16 - 17 May 2016, Milan (Italy)

Venue: Politecnico di Milano – Plenary Hall, L.1.2

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), the Italian Government, the African Union Commission (AUC), and the European Union Commission (EC) are jointly organising an **international forum for the advancement of renewable energy innovation, investment and Africa-EU energy cooperation** from 16th to 17th of May 2016 in Milan (Italy).

The **Second Stakeholder Forum** expects 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 and finance industry, the private sector, academia, the civil society, and the media.

Coming at a time of increased international attention on energy in Africa, the main objectives of the **Second Stakeholder Forum** are to: sharpen the role and contributions of a wide range of stakeholders, enhance the engagement of non-state actors, and provide a framework for intercontinental dialogue. The Forum is therefore a key milestone in delivering results post COP21.

We would like to invite you to the following press conference to present you the outcomes of the gathering, including:

- *An Africa-EU Energy Stakeholder Forum Communiqué*
- *The **Mapping of Initiatives and Programmes in Africa Report***
- *The **Intermediate AEEP Status Report***
- *The launch of the **RES4Africa initiative***
- *Progress towards the **AEEP 2020 Targets through a Call-for-Action from stakeholders***

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I. Ministerial and stakeholder press conference: 17th May, 10:45

Moderator:

Ms. Lerato Mbele, Anchor and Presenter, Africa Business Report, BBC World News

Participants:

- H.E./Dr. Elham Ibrahim, Commissioner at Department of Infrastructure & Energy, African Union Commission
- H.E. Mario Giro Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- H. E. Mohamed Shaker, Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt
- H. E. Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary, Germany
- H.E. Dr. Kipyego Cheluget, Deputy Secretary General, COMESA
- Mr. Paul Smith Lomas, CEO, Practical Action
- Prof. Izael Da Silva, Associate Professor, Strathmore University, Kenya

Note: ***Please register for the press conference! Due to security regulations it is not possible to enter the press conference without registration.***

For registration, further information on the event and interview inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us via press@aEEP-forum.org.

For further details on the programme, venue and speakers please visit <http://www.aEEP-forum.org> and follow the Africa-EU Energy Partnership ([@AfricaEUEnergy](https://twitter.com/AfricaEUEnergy)) on Twitter.

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