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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AFRICA "Making Renewable Energy Markets Work for Africa: Policies, Technologies and Financing for Scaling Up"

DAKAR, SENEGAL
16 to 18 April 2008

Jointly organized by

The African Union (AU), The Senegal Government, The German Federal Ministry Economic Development and Cooperation and The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

I. BACKGROUND

As economies for countries in Africa continue to grow, there are serious concerns that energy security and access challenges are encumbering the continent's overall growth prospects, including the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This is despite Africa being endowed with vast renewable and non-renewable energy resources that are largely underutilized.

To date, there have been various initiatives aimed at stimulating the development of renewable energy markets in Africa. In spite of lessons learned from such interventions and the potential contribution of renewable energy in addressing Africa's energy challenges, renewable energy markets in Africa have largely remained underdeveloped. Therefore, it is crucial to closely assess the bottlenecks and develop appropriate responses so that renewable energy resources could be appropriately harnessed so as to increase access to modern energy services and support sustainable industrial growth in Africa.

Against this background, the Government of Senegal, the African Union, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) are jointly organizing the **International Conference on Renewable Energy in Africa, to be held in Dakar, Senegal, from 16 to 18 April 2008.**

II. OBJECTIVES and EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Making use of lessons learnt and experience gained with renewable energy projects in Africa and elsewhere, the conference will examine how policies, technologies, financing and capacity related bottlenecks to renewable energy markets can be addressed to increase access to energy as an engine for growth and increase the competitiveness of industries and African economies. The conference will bring together high-level decision makers to provide visible leadership and political commitment to a common strategy for market based scaling up of renewable energy and energy efficiency, which is informed by lessons learnt from concrete case studies and the energy challenge or situation that obtains in Africa.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Immediate outcomes of the conference are as following:

- Visible leadership and commitment by high-level decision makers to market based strategy for scaling up of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Africa to address the continent's energy poverty and industrial competitiveness.
- Increased recognition of the importance of the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in increasing access to energy and promoting productivity and competitiveness, respectively.

Long-term outcomes of the conference will be:

- Fostering of enabling environmental and policy regulatory measures and targeted and non-market distorting incentive schemes to support broad renewable energy markets in Africa.
- Stimulating the growth of industries that use, supply, trade or facilitate renewable energy solutions on a commercial basis for the economic benefit of African countries and the global environment.
- Stimulation of innovative financial services and associated business support services for direct private and public investment in appropriate and adapted renewable energy that can contribute to an enhancement of the triple bottom line (economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and social equity) in African countries.
- Greater understanding the potential of climate change related concessionary financing for renewables.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Over 350 participants consisting of African Ministers and high-level government officials; German government officials; European Commission officials; Individual enterprises interested in renewable energy as business opportunities; African and international regional business associations; South-South Centres (e.g., China, India); Project developers; Banks and finance institutes; Civil society representatives; Research institutes, technology institutes and universities; United Nations agencies

IV. CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

A. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

The Conference will be held from 16 to 18 April 2008 in Dakar, Senegal at the Le Méridien President Hotel: Pointe des Almadies; BP 8181; Dakar, Senegal; Tel: (221) 33 869 6969; Fax: (221) 33 869 6999

B. HOTEL RESERVATION

We have reserved several rooms at various hotels that are in the vicinity of the venue of the conference and have booked it under the code "Renewables 2008". Participants are kindly requested to book their preferred hotel at their own expense and inform us accordingly for coordination purposes. Reservations have to be made without delay in order to guarantee availability of rooms.

Hotel Name	RATE
Hotel Le Lodge Tel: +221-33-869-03-45 E-mail: hotellelodge@orange.sn	Approximately € 56 10 rooms reserved
Hotel La Détente 47 routes des Almadies Ouakam, Dakar; Tel: + 221 33 8203975	Approximately € 58 24 rooms, no special reservations
Hotel Ngor Diarama Complexe Ngor & Diarama; Yoff, Dakar Tel: + 221-33-8201005 E-mail: infor@hotels-ngordiarama.com	Approximately € 85-100 100 rooms reserved
Hotel Meridien Pointe des Almadies; Tel: + 221-33-8696969 E-mail: Resa.meridian@sentoo.sn	Approximately € 150

ENQUIRIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

More information about the conference are available on: www.unido.org/renewables/dakar2008

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Conference Plan.

Time	15 April	16 April	17 April				18 April	
0900 – 1000hrs		Opening Ceremony and Exhibition.	Technologies Development				Plan of Action – Way Forward.	Ministerial Roundtable with Partners
1030 – 1230hrs		Keynote Speeches	Capacity Building and R&D.					
1400 – 1530hrs	Registration and Accreditation of Delegates	Policy and Regulatory Frameworks	Biomass and Biofuels.	Solar energy and Wind	Hydro power and Geothermal	Energy Efficiency	Ministerial Session for Adoption of the conference outputs	
1600 – 1800hrs		Investments and Financing.					Presentations from parallel Sessions	

	Plenary
	Parallel sessions
	Ministerial Segment