Renewable Energy in Developing Countries – Options for Austrian Know-how and Technology Providers

Informal Stakeholder Meeting

Date:   June 22, 2011
Time:   2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Venue: Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs,
Herrengasse 13/3rd floor, Room Nr. 2.30.62

Agenda

- Presentations
  - Programme activities and business opportunities in developing countries
  - Business opportunities in the field of renewable energy supported by Austrian government
  - Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank (OeEB) Financing and Advisory Programmes
  - Oesterreichische Kontrollbank (OeKB) Export Programme and Soft Loan Schemes
  - Experiences of Austrian companies in developing countries - projects realised
- Roundtable discussion

Please confirm your participation by email to hannes.bauer@ada.gv.at
Objectives:

In recent years several sectoral support programmes and initiatives regarding the promotion and implementation of renewable energy projects have been set up by the European Union and/or international/multilateral donors and development agencies. The Austrian Development Cooperation is also an active donor and in this role contributing to a number of programmes, such as ECREEE (ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency), the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (especially RECP – Renewable Energy Program), or the EEP (Energy and Environment Partnership) for Eastern Africa and Southern Africa. Apart from these programmes the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the operational unit of the Austrian Development Cooperation, supports the creation of Business Partnerships through a specific funding programme.

The idea of this event is to bring together interest groups and stakeholders from the private sector to

- present relevant renewable energy programmes in Africa and relevant calls for projects/proposals
- provide information on business opportunities in the renewable energy sector in developing countries
- identify/discuss barriers for low response of Austrian project developers/investors in participation of mentioned programmes
- discuss options to remove these barriers: How can existing instruments for the private sector be improved in order to reduce poverty and contribute to a sustainable economy, including renewable energy development?
Draft Agenda:

Presentations:

1. Program activities and business opportunities in developing countries
   - ECOWAS Renewable Energy Facility (M. Lugmayr/ECREEE)
   - Presentation of ADA Business Partnerships (G. Schall/ADA)

   Other programmes:
   - RECP – Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation (W. Moser/ Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs)
   - EEP – Energy and Environment Partnership for Central America, Eastern and Southern Africa (H. Bauer/ADA)

2. Business opportunities in the field of renewable energy supported by Austrian government (L. Treppel, Ministry of Finance, tbc)

3. OeEB Financing and Advisory Programmes (OeEB, tbc)

4. OeKB Export Programme and Soft Loan Schemes (OeKB, tbc)

5. Experiences of Austrian companies in developing countries – projects realised

Roundtable discussion:

6. Strengthening the involvement of Austrian technology and service providers, project developers and operators in participation in presented programs - barriers and strategies to overcome them. Which instruments and programmes are necessary for the private sector? What are the long-term opportunities for Austrian companies and how can they be specifically supported?

After the stakeholder meeting there will be also the opportunity to participate in a Plenary Session on “Financing Universal Energy Access” (5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.).

Further Information

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Vienna Energy Forum

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