

## Second Stakeholder Forum of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership

### Preliminary Programme

#### 15 May 2016 - Organisers' preparation day

Set-Up of Exhibition Space, Business Matchmaking Rooms, Breakout Session Rooms, Pre-meeting of Young Journalists

**11:30 - 20:00 Accreditation Open to Participants**

Venue: Selected Conference Hotels in Milan (detailed information will follow)

**14:00 - 16:00 Steering Group Meeting**

*(Upon separate invitation only)*

Venue: POLIMI

**14:00 - 16:00 Preparatory Meeting and Young Scientists and Entrepreneurs**

*(Upon separate invitation only)*

Venue: POLIMI

#### 16 May 2016 - Conference Day 1

08:00 Accreditation

POLIMI Bovisa Campus, Main Forum Hall

09:00 AEEP Trailer

**Official Opening**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

09:45 **Key-note Address and Inspirational Message**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

10:00 **Fostering Partnership: Progress and future of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

11:00 **Group Photo and Official Opening of Exhibition**

**Official Start of Business Matchmaking Sessions:**



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Coffee and Networking Break

11:30 **Moderated Panel 1 in Plenary**

**Innovating and investing in the energy sector in Africa**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

*Official development assistance alone will not counter the growing energy poverty in Africa. Therefore increasing energy investment in Africa particularly by the private sector remains the key to unlocking global energy poverty in a sustainable manner. Panellists will discuss the challenges and opportunities in the African business environment and assess current framework conditions for foreign investment.*

12:30 **Moderated Panel 2 in Plenary**

**Coordination and Aligning Initiatives to Meet the AEEP Targets**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

*Presentation and discussion of the AEEP Status Report, Mapping and Coordination of Initiatives such as the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), ElectriFI, the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility (GRMF), African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), SE4All in Africa and the Africa Energy Leaders' Group (AELG.)*

13:15 Lunch and Networking Break

**14:30** **Thematic Parallel Sessions; part 1**  
(Session concepts elaborated by AEEP Stakeholder Action Groups)

**Session 1 – Energy Access: Capacity building for project developers for reaching the last mile first**

Venue: Hall 1

*Panellists will present and discuss lessons learnt from successful roll-out and scale-up of energy access business models and programmes across various energy access sub-sectors with particular emphasis given to the need for capacity building of project developers to reach the "last mile". A deliberate focus will be given to research activities conducted in Africa, entrepreneurship and innovative service models.*

**Session 2 – Energy Efficiency**

Venue: Hall 2

*Energy efficiency is often undervalued in energy policy discussions in Africa and in its place generation and access emphasised. Energy efficiency remains one of the key targets European and African leaders agreed to improve. Session panellists will discuss progress made in the sector as well as the different perspectives stakeholders have, with consumers requiring lower prices, and policymakers expecting more generation. A deliberate focus will be given to research activities conducted in Africa, entrepreneurship and innovative service models.*

**Session 3 - Energy Security: Connectivity and Regional Integration**

Venue: Hall 3

*Panellists will discuss the relevance of energy infrastructure development and regional integration, particularly through cross-border transmission lines and power pools, for energy security in Africa and Europe. In addition panellists will discuss the need and progress made on developing a legal harmonised regulatory framework for the energy sector in Africa in order to improve the electricity market.*

**16:00** Coffee and Networking Break

**16:30** **Thematic Parallel Sessions; part 2 (continuation from part 1)**  
(Session concepts elaborated by AEEP Stakeholder Action Groups)

**Climate and Energy (post-COP21)**

Venue: Hall 1

*It is increasingly clear that the energy sector must play a critical role if efforts to reduce emissions are to succeed, as could be witnessed in the launch of the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) at COP21. Hence participants will delve into the discussions around the role of energy in the climate sphere and how climate and energy initiatives could benefit from synergies. Progress has been made in developing cleaner, more efficient energy technologies. COP 21 in Paris provided an excellent platform to show the correlation between energy and climate.*

**Covenant of Mayors and Energy Efficiency (Session 2 continuation)**

Venue: Hall 2

*Building on the earlier dialogue regarding links to the urgent call for incorporating energy efficiency in energy mix, this panel will discuss the implications and strong need for a local political ownership to drive energy efficiency. Covenant of Mayors as a European success story in providing sustainable and efficient energy services can serve as an example for African cities.*

**SE4ALL and Energy Access: Strengthening capacities in the public sector for reaching the last mile first (Session 1 continuation)**

Venue: Hall 3

*Building on the earlier discussion on the links between enabling environment and energy project investments, this panel will discuss the need for strengthening public sector capacities to facilitate increase of private investment and financing. The session will tap on experiences from selected SE4ALL African focus countries.*



**18:00** **Summary of the Day and Preview of Day 2**

**18:30** Departure to Hotels and Gala Dinner

**20:00** **Gala Dinner: Courtesy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Venue: Museo della Scienza e della Tecnica

## 17 May 2016 - Conference Day 2

**08:00** Accreditation continues: POLIMI Bovisa Campus, Main Hall

**09:00** **AEEP Trailer**

**Welcome and Key-note Statements**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

**09:45 High Level Segment - Moderated**

**“Measuring Success”: Achievements of Africa-EU Cooperation in the Energy Sector and implications for SDGs**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

*Panelists mention and discuss “what has been achieved”, highlighting major commitments and actions implemented by both Africa and Europe. The moderator will engage panelists in discussing the possible contributions of the private sector in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the measuring of progress of the same.*

**11:00 Group Photo Session with High Level Delegates**

**Followed by a Ministerial Press Conference with the Media and Young Journalists**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

Coffee and Networking Break

**11:30 Panel: Senior Policy and Business Roundtable**

**Catalysing Energy Investment: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Europe and Africa**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

*The Round Table will discuss options for better and closer cooperation between the policy and the business sector, allowing the acceleration of long-term business investments in the energy sector and the emergence of a new generation of African and European business leaders who can tap into their vast dynamics and creativity for the benefit of future energy sector development.*

**12:30 Call for Action: Joint statement**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

**13:15 Followed by a Stakeholders Press Conference with the Media and Young Journalists**

Venue: Main Forum Hall

Lunch and Networking Break

**14:30 Young Scientists and Entrepreneurs (Joint session in collaboration with UniPID and RECP)**

Venue: Main Forum Hall



*As a pivotal aspect of the development of countries and regions, the arena of scientific developments and entrepreneurial approaches to energy issues plays a decisive role. A look at the status of research and innovative businesses in Africa and Europe will provide valuable insights for all stakeholders. Involvement of young people who remain an anchor to innovation and new idea generation remains paramount. Up to 10 Young Scientists and Entrepreneurs will be selected and guided by leading experts forming up a scientific committee. Application process is open on the AEEP forum website. They will be invited to present their research work or business plan at the AEEP Stakeholder Forum.*

**16:00 Young Journalists – Impressions from the Second AEEP Stakeholder Forum**

*Photo-impressions and / or video prepared by the young journalists throughout the Forum*

**16:30 Concluding Remarks and Adoption of Milan Communiqué**

**17:00 Networking Reception and Departure**

Courtesy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

POLIMI Bovisa Campus

**18 May 2016 - Excursion Day – site visits for educational and cultural aspects)**

**10:00 Participants Depart to Various Pre-arranged Sites**

*(Prior registration required)*

Excursion 1: Lake Como (Lario)

Excursion 2: Milan City Tour

Excursion 3: ISPRA Scientific Site

**16:00 End of site visits**