

Registration

New Dynamics for Renewable Energies in Africa

IRENA and the Africa-EU Energy Partnership

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Date and venue

Monday, 14th June 2010,
Dietrich Bonhoeffer Haus,
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How to get to the venue:

From Airport Berlin Tegel:

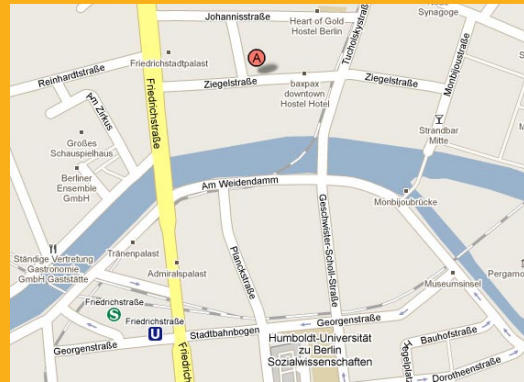
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From Airport Berlin Schönefeld:

Take the RE 7 direction Bad Belzig/Dessau or the RB
14 direction Nauen, step off at "Hauptbahnhof"

From Berlin Central Station:

Take Subway/Underground lines S 5 direction Straus-
berg Nord, S 7 direction Ahrensfelde/Mahlsdorf, step
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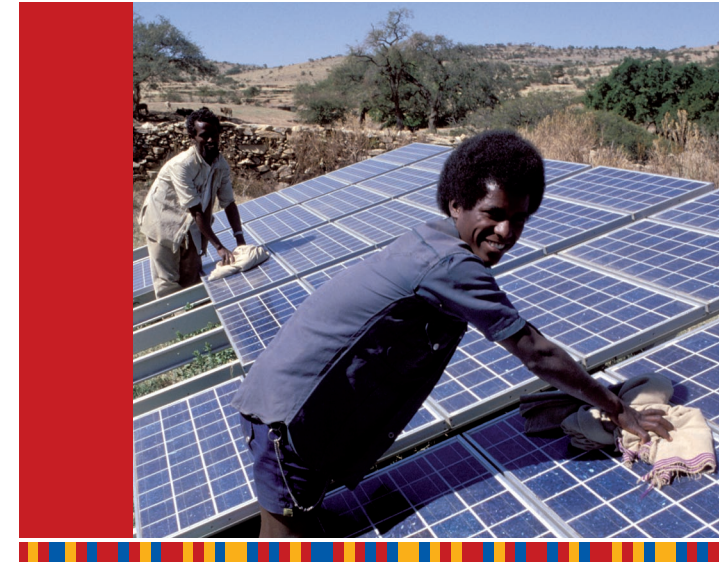
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Background

With the founding of the International Agency for Renewable Energies (IRENA) early in 2009 and the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) resolved in Lisbon in 2007, new instruments have been created to promote Renewable Energies in Africa. There, access to affordable, decentralised and sustainable energy supply is key to poverty alleviation, rural development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, but also to escaping the threat of the debt trap owing to ever more expensive imports of fossil energy.

IRENA and AEEP differ regarding their role. The Africa-EU Energy Partnership has opted chiefly for political dialogue, while IRENA focuses on imparting specialist know-how via policy consulting and experts' network.

Involving civil society plays an important role in the Africa-EU Partnership. Nevertheless, hardly any success has been achieved in a substantial involvement of NGO experts, especially on the part of Africa. In IRENA, civil society played no role so far.

VENRO, Forum Environment and Development and Church Development Service intend to make a contribution to how both institutions can promote Africa's sustainable energy supply, complementing each other. Also at the forefront is the issue of how civil society organisations from Africa and Europe can become more involved.

With the project "Prospects for Africa – Europe's Policies" VENRO seeks an active civil society contribution to the implementation of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership. The project builds on cooperation with African partners that began during VENRO's successful EU Presidency Project in 2007. VENRO member organisations then worked together with their African partners to develop statements for policy makers, the media and interested public on the main topics of the project: Energy and climate change; regional integration and trade; and gender.

Further information: www.prospects-for-africa.de

Programme

9:30 a.m.

Arrival and Registration of the Participants

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Prof. Dr. h. c. Christa Randzio-Plath, VENRO, Germany
Jürgen Maier, German NGO Forum on Environment and Development

10:15 a.m.

The Challenges of African Energy Policy in the 2010s

Dr. Ibrahim Togola, Mali Folkecenter, Mali

11:00 a.m.

IRENA – A New Player in the Global Energy Policy Setup

Hélène Pelosse, IRENA, United Arab Emirates (tbc)

11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:45 a.m.

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership – A Critical Analysis

Adeola Eleri, International Centre for Energy, Environment & Development, Nigeria
Teodoro Sanchez PhD, Practical Action, Great Britain
Hein Winnubst, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

13:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: A Complementary Approach to Promote Renewable Energies in Africa

Renewable energies so far have had a much more difficult time establishing themselves on Africa's energy markets than other technological innovations. Some analysts quote the dominant role of the state energy monopolies as a key obstacle, while other opinions blame the lack of technology transfer programmes and international aid. What are the key obstacles that IRENA and AEEP should address to promote renewable energies, and what are promising strategies and policies for this objective? What is the potential for co-operation? What does civil society need to do?

15:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

16:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: What Kind of Energy Structures Does Africa Need?

The modernisation of the national and regional energy structures should adequately reflect that large groups of the urban population and the rural communities do not have access to electricity. Heating and cooking is realized through the use of traditional biomass and charcoal. What are national strategies and do they energe development? Are there more centralised or decentralised concepts? Do these concepts promote social tariffs and micro energy finance? Are there incentives for producers of renewable energies?

Jean-Luc Ekwa Mponyom Bokete, Church of Christ (ECC), DR Congo

Claudia Hanisch, Deutsche Solar AG, Germany

Prof. Dr. h. c. Christa Randzio-Plath

Dr. Christian Ruck, Member of German Bundestag

17:30 p.m.

Conclusions:

The Way Forward for NGOs: Civil Society's Contribution to IRENA and AEEP

Adeola Eleri

Richard Brand, Church Development Service, Germany

17:45 p.m.

Come together

Facilitator:

Nicola Liebert, Journalist, Germany

Wolfgang Hofstätter, KAÏTO Projekt GmbH, Germany

Jürgen Maier

Wolfgang Moser, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

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