

## Partnership Forum 2012

### Three Stakeholder Groups – Two Continents – One Joint Responsibility

*The aim of the **Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) Forum** is to achieve progress on the AEEP 2020 Political Targets by actively involving the **European and African private sector, civil society, and research** in the partnership. The Forum will be an opportunity to bring together all relevant stakeholder groups including financial institutions to jointly explore the potential of implementing “actions on the ground” and to discuss and communicate key issues as well as recommendations to political decision-makers.*



### 1. Background

The establishment of an Africa-EU Energy Partnership Forum – including stakeholders from the private sector, civil society and research institutions – has long been an objective of the AEEP. By bringing together all relevant stakeholder groups the Forum aims to achieve progress on the AEEP 2020 targets in the field of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Energy Access and Energy Security, with the **main focus on Renewable Energy**. The Forum will provide a platform to explore opportunities and potential synergies evolving from the participation of the stakeholder groups together with key political decision makers.

The Forum will take place in South Africa from the **9-11 May 2012** and will host **approximately 300 participants** from civil society, research and the private sector, as well as policy makers, public officials and financial sector representatives.

### 2. The main topics and the AEEP 2020 Political Targets

#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

- 10,000 MW of new hydropower facilities
- 5,000 MW of wind power capacity
- 500 MW of all forms of solar energy capacity
- Triple the capacity of other renewables
- Improve energy efficiency in Africa in all sectors

#### Energy Access

- Bring access to modern and sustainable energy services to at least an additional 100 million Africans

#### Energy Security

- Double the capacity of cross-border electricity interconnections, both within Africa and between Africa and the EU
- Double the use of natural gas in Africa, as well as double African gas exports to Europe

### 3. Objectives

- Active involvement of private sector, civil society and research in the AEEP to build a **strong, motivated and active backbone** of the Partnership
- Identify **concrete contributions** of stakeholder groups **to achieve the AEEP targets on renewable energy & energy efficiency, energy access and energy security**
- **Identify synergies** among stakeholder groups, between private sector/civil society/research and the public sector as well as between European and African stakeholders in contributing to the achievement of AEEP 2020 targets
- **Address barriers** for increased investment and development assistance, effective implementation of projects etc., including implications for policy-makers.
- Provide a **platform and marketplace for dialogue and exchange** of ideas/experiences to facilitate implementation of „actions on the ground“
- Advance **knowledge and technology cooperation & transfer**

### 4. Target Groups

#### Private sector

- Business associations
- Selected members of associations (individual companies)
- Financial institutions and potential investors
- Utilities

#### Civil society

- Umbrella organisations
- Selected NGOs active in the field of development, energy, consumer, environment, gender and social issues

#### Research Institutions

- Centres for Applied Research
- Research Networks
- National Research Councils
- Regional Centres
- Joint Research Initiatives
- Universities

#### Public sector officials

- Government representatives
- Representatives of regional organisations, power pools
- International organisation