

Joint declaration between the European Union, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Kenya on reinforced cooperation in the field of Sustainable Energy

- 1) Considering the new UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 7) to "Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy to all" by 2030 and Noting that Kenya has been one of the first countries involved in the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL)¹ initiative and that the Government of Kenya is in the process of completing the Sustainable Energy for All Action Agenda and Investment Prospectus
- 2) Considering that the result of the COP21 in Paris should confirm a global transition towards low-carbon and climate resilient economies and that, in a logic combining both Climate and Development concerns, the legitimate demand to substantially increase both access to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Sub-Saharan Africa has been identified as one of the major issues of Paris COP 21 Climate Summit 2015, in line with SDG 7;
- 3) Further considering the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative as decided at the Johannesburg African Union Summit in June 2015 (Assembly/AU/16 (XXV)) that aims to increase access to renewable energy and reducing energy poverty in Africa, with an initial goal of 10 GW of additional renewable energy capacity by 2020 and an aspirational goal of 300 GW of additional renewable energy capacity by 2030;
- 4) Acknowledging that energy has been identified by the Republic of Kenya as one of the key drivers towards achieving Vision 2030. It recognizes energy as one of the anchors for the realization of the Vision's three pillars –economic, social and political;
- 5) Welcoming Kenya's intended Nationally-Determined Contribution and noting its mitigation ambition through expanding geothermal, solar and wind energy production, other renewables and clean energy options, and enhancing energy and resource efficiency across the different sectors;
- 6) Welcoming that the Draft National Energy Policy (2015) and the Draft Energy Bill (2015) recognize the need to promote development and use of renewable energy resources;
- 7) Welcoming the development by the Government of Kenya and specifically the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum of a target of 70 percent electrification by 2018 and universal access by 2020;
- 8) Considering that the Commission communication 'Agenda for Change' (COM(2011) 637 final, endorsed by Council conclusions of 14/05/2012) encourages the European Union to assist partner countries in poverty reduction and to accompany them on a path to sustainable growth. Key issues addressed in the Agenda for Change include good governance, inclusive

¹ <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/sustainableenergyforall/home/Initiative>

and sustainable growth, agriculture, food security, clean energy, and improving resilience to natural disasters and to the consequences of climate change;

- 9) Building on the support already provided by the European Union, the Member States of the European Union (France, Italy, the Netherlands), and other partners in the energy field such as the European Investment Bank, French Development Agency Group and the Italian Development Cooperation;
- 10) Noting that the European Union, engaged in an Energy dialogue with the African Union through the Africa –EU Energy Partnership (AEEP), supports, through several financial instruments, the increase of power and modern energy access in Kenya through the generation and distribution of renewable power and provides technical assistance within the framework of Sustainable Energy for All;
- 11) Considering that France provides through the French Development Agency Group support for the development of the energy sector in Kenya, particularly through funding of projects intended to increase production, transmission and distribution capacity, or through bank credit lines financing renewable energy and energy efficiency investment projects plus technical assistance;
- 12) Noting that Italy will provide support to the further development of renewable power generation. This support will include financial as well as technical cooperation in the field of geothermal resource development;
- 13) Noting that the Netherlands is providing sector support for clean cooking solutions as well as supporting the private sector and entrepreneurship in developing and operating investable sustainable energy projects;
- 14) Recognising that a reinforced cooperation between the Republic of Kenya, the European Union, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands can help to create the necessary framework conditions for increased investment, avoiding duplications and dispersion of funding and increasing leverage of individual efforts in a common road map;
- 15) The European Union, the French Republic, the Italian Republic and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, each within the limits of their capacities, intend to:
 - a) Contribute to an improved sector dialogue on energy together with all relevant actors in the energy sector across the whole value chain (from research and innovation to market access);
 - b) Provide technical assistance to the Government of Kenya to promote and prepare relevant and innovative projects and provide technical knowledge sharing with Kenya;
 - c) Help to identify and bring forward potential, possibly innovative, energy projects that could be financed with the assistance of the international Partners in order to achieve all objectives of SDG 7, i.e. increased access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all;
 - d) Assist in the development of off grid solutions that are allowing the strengthening of energy security and diversification of the Kenyan energy mix;

- e) Promote the mobilization of the private sector and civil society in the field of energy i.e. through the organisation of business fora, public – private initiatives, and other strategy capacity building interventions to inform and attract the private sector and financing institutions towards sustainable energy investments in Kenya;
- f) Support the Government of Kenya in achieving sustainable energy development goals by considering capacity building where capacity constraints are identified;

16) The Government of Kenya intends to:

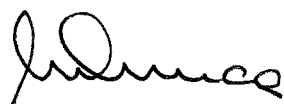
- a) Promote sector reforms and take appropriate steps to provide a regulatory environment that contributes to the development of a sustainable and modern energy sector;
- b) Lead and coordinate the sector dialogue through program steering on energy ensuring transparency of information related to funding and project preparation in the sector;
- c) Promote private sector investment and engagement in the sector i.e. by supporting economically viable business models;
- d) Promote the use of sustainable energy technologies and solutions with a view to promote low carbon technologies in energy generation and use;
- e) Finalise and implement its national Sustainable Energy for All Action Agenda

17) The Sustainable Energy for All Action Agenda will outline possible actions with a view to increase the provision of modern, secure, competitive and sustainable energy services to the Kenyan population and enterprises.

This Declaration does not, nor is it intended to create any binding, legal or financial obligations on either side under domestic or international law.

Signed on 7 December, 2015

in Paris



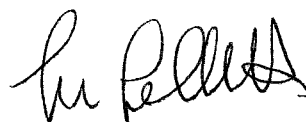
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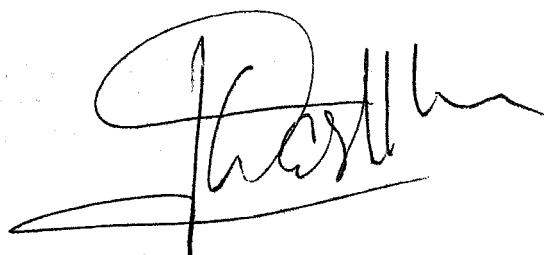
For the Republic of Kenya



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