

Joint declaration between the European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany,  
the French Republic and the Republic of Uganda  
on reinforced cooperation in the field of Sustainable Energy

1. Considering 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;
2. Acknowledging that energy has been identified by the Republic of Uganda in under Vision 2040 as a fundamental tool for the promotion of economic and social development in an environmentally sustainable manner;
3. Recognising that the energy sector is fully integrated in the five year National Development Plan covering the period up to 2020, with objectives of:
  - i. increasing power generation capacity to drive economic development,
  - ii. expanding the electricity transmission grid network with a specific attention to the peri-urban and rural areas,
  - iii. promoting Energy Efficiency,
  - iv. promoting use of alternatives sources of energy,
  - v. strengthening the policy, legal and institutional framework,
  - vi. building capacity in the energy sector;
4. Welcoming the development by the Government of Uganda of the Rural Electrification Strategy and Plan 2013-2022 that intends to provide energy access to a significant part of the population;
5. Building on Uganda's Energy Policy (2002), renewable Energy policy (2007), Renewable Energy Investment Plan (2011), Power Sector Investment Plan (2011), Biomass Energy Strategy (2013);
6. Noting that these strategies are in line with the objectives of Sustainable Energy for All Initiative and that the Government of Uganda, with the support of the EU, has completed a Sustainable Energy For All Action Agenda that intends to align all these strategies;
7. Considering that the "Agenda for Change" (COM(2011) 637 final, endorsed by Council conclusions of 14/05/2012) adopted in 2011 by the European Commission encourages the European Union to assist partner countries in poverty reduction and to accompany them on a path to sustainable growth and the other key issues addressed in the Agenda for Change include good governance, inclusive and sustainable growth, agriculture, food security, clean energy, and improving resilience to natural disasters and to the consequences of climate change;



8. Noting that the European Union, through several financial instruments, supports the increase of power and modern energy access in rural Uganda, supports the development of renewable energy power generation, enhances transmission capacity and provides technical assistance within the Sustainable Energy For All Initiative;
9. Considering that France provides through the French Development Agency Group (AFD-Proparco) support for the development of the energy sector in Uganda, particularly through funding of projects intended to increase production, transmission and rural distribution lines capacity, or through bank credit lines financing renewable energy and energy efficiency investment projects plus technical assistance for strengthening training in electrical and procurement program;
10. Noting that Germany, through financial and technical cooperation implemented by KfW Development Bank and GIZ Cooperation Agency, supports the increase of power generation, enhances transmission capacities, increases access to electricity (promotion of power connections in rural areas; policy advice on small-scale off-grid projects) and promotes energy efficiency in the private sector;
11. Taking into account the complementarity of the actions of the European Union and its Member States with those of other partners and the need to leverage limited public sector funds to more significant amounts of financing partnerships, and to put the right sustainable technologies to the benefit of as many citizens as possible;
12. Recognising that a reinforced cooperation between the Republic of Uganda, the European Union, the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany can help to create the necessary framework conditions for increased investment, avoiding duplication and dispersion of funding and increasing leverage of individual efforts;
13. Confident that a reinforced cooperation can accelerate national energy objectives, substantially increase sustainable energy access, achieve reliable and cost effective electricity generation and help to supply affordable and modern energy services to the population while improving the efficiency of energy infrastructure and use;
14. Considering that energy supply and energy accesses have been integrated into the East African Community (EAC) Development Strategy, to supply of sufficient, reliable, cost effective and environmentally friendly energy through promotion of renewable energy sources;
15. Acknowledging that an optimal exploitation of energy resources and securing power supply at the lowest possible cost need to be considered in a regional context;



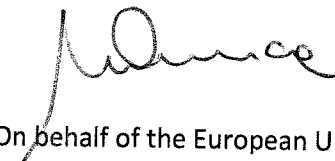
16. Recognizing that this joint effort, in both a national and regional context, will substantially contribute to the revitalization of the economy, bringing financial, social and environmental benefits, and contributing to increased resilience to crises and disasters;
17. The European Union, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic, each within the limits of their capacities, will endeavour to:
- a. contribute to an improved sector dialogue on energy together with all relevant actors in the energy sector;
  - b. provide technical assistance to the Government of Uganda to promote and prepare relevant projects and provide technical knowledge transfer between the European Union, France and Germany through bilateral agreements with Uganda;
  - c. help to identify and bring forward potential energy projects that could be financed with the assistance of the Development Partners in order to achieve all objectives of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, i.e. Increased access to modern energy, Increased renewable energy, and Increased energy efficiency;
  - d. assist in the development of access to off grid solutions that are contributing to the overall objective of the sector, in the implementation of the regionally agreed actions and to ensure energy security and diversification of the Uganda 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, industrial attachment programs, and other strategic capacity building interventions to inform and attract the private sector and financing institutions towards sustainable energy investments in Uganda;
  - f. support the Government of Uganda in achieving sustainable energy development goals by considering capacity building where clear capacity constraints are identified.
18. The Government of Uganda will endeavour to:
- a. Promote sector reforms and take appropriate steps in order 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.a. by supporting economically viable business models;



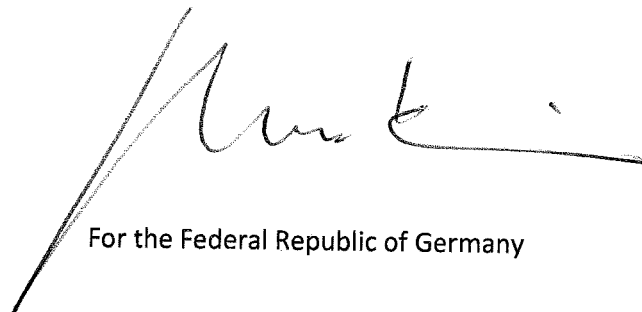
- d. promote the use of sustainable energy technologies and solutions with a view to limiting the negative climate and environment related impacts of energy generation and use;
  - e. implement its national Sustainable Energy for All Action Agenda.
19. An indicative Roadmap will outline possible actions with a view to increase the provision of modern, secure, competitive and sustainable energy services to the Ugandan population and enterprises, with a provisional timeline for implementation. This Roadmap will as well aim at mutually strengthening the individual efforts of the signatories of this Declaration, bearing on the existing programming exercise in national, regional and thematic allocations.

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 20 May 2015 in New York



On behalf of the European Union



For the Federal Republic of Germany



For the French Republic



For the Republic of Uganda

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