



**Energy Sector Group meeting; February 25-26 Feb, 2016,
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Key summary Conclusions:

The AEEP steering group (SG) meeting which included other participants was held on 25th and 26th February 2016 in the context of the Infrastructure Reference Group meeting hosted by the African Union Commission (AUC). All the AEEP SG members (Egypt, Italy, Germany, COMESA, AUC and EC) were represented, in addition to the EU Delegation to AU, some African Member States, specialised institutions in Africa as well as representatives of non-state actors (private sector, civil society and academia). The meeting was co-chaired alternately by Egypt, Italy and COMESA.

The points summarized below are the key messages to IRG and College to College (C2C):

1. Response to IRG

- **Coordination and Mapping:** the SG would like to bring to the attention of the IRG on an important AEEP output on [Mapping of Energy Initiatives in Africa Study](#). The study provides an opportunity to input directly into the proposed AUC pan African coordination of energy initiatives in Africa. The study has been identified by actors across board as an important tool to inform possible synergies and identify gaps. This exercise puts AEEP at a central role as **an agenda setter** in the global energy scene and feeding its work to other international actors, like SE4ALL, AREI, among others.



- **Monitoring and tracking:** the members of the energy sector group informs the RG on the **need to update the AEEP's political targets** for multiple reasons: 1) the adoption of the SDG 7 and the current discussions on the indicators 2) **significant progress made** in particular on the renewable energy and energy access targets, and 3) **Multiple high-level international initiatives that have since been launched** that include similar targets and hence need to align the AEEP's targets with other ongoing international processes.
- **Stakeholder forum:** the SG call upon the RG to highlight a major event – the high level second Africa-EU Energy Stakeholder Forum to take place in Milan, Italy on 16-17 May 2016. The Forum is a key stepping stone in **delivering results post COP21** and will focus on **Business and Science**. The respective Commissions would use the opportunity to convey results of the Joint Annual Forum and the **AU-EU College-to-College** into the Forum. The forum will involve and closely engage with private sector, civil society and academia. This forum will further bolster energy relations between Europe and Africa.

2. **C2C contribution:**

Following significant developments in the energy sector in the past year, the Africa-EU Energy Partnership has continued to enhance joint efforts in achieving sustainable energy in Africa. In particular, the outcome of the Paris COP21 has identified energy as a top priority contributor to climate change objectives. Energy and Climate are interlinked sectors. In addition, the Partnership has contributed through the work of additional initiatives for instance



Africa-EU Energy Partnership

- support on energy regulatory environment in Africa at continental level supported by the EU Technical Assistance Facility to the AUC
- Covenant of Mayors for Sub-Saharan Africa with the objective to work with African cities on energy efficiency, urban planning and transportation issues
- Enhanced private sector participation in energy projects through innovative financing initiatives such as ElectriFI

In addition, there has been a reinforced political dialogue to improve ownership of partner countries and commitment from both EU and African countries to which the joint declarations on reinforced energy cooperation have contributed in a number of partner countries.

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