



Side Event G7 Planet Week

"A sustainable, prosperous and just energy future in Africa"

Gallerie d'Italia, Piazza San Carlo, 156 - Turin (Piemonte)

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BACKGROUND

Starting from the Summit Italy-Africa held In January 2024 and in view of the G7 Summit to be taken place In June 2024, it is evident that Africa has a central role in Italian vision of foreign policy and economic diplomacy. Moreover, Italian G7 Presidency has underlined for the first time ever in the G7 context the need to ensure a sustainable and just energy transition in Africa as key G7 priority. Governments and private sector converge towards a common intent to support African-led development and growth. This alignment is key for RES4Africa to take stock of the priorities of the African continent, which stands at a crucial crossroads, with its paramount focus on sustainable socio-economic development. The urgent task at hand involves accelerating economic growth, fostering job creation, and ensuring widespread access to services, particularly universal energy access. Recognizing the pivotal role of electricity in modern societies, Africa's path to development intertwines closely with its energy journey.

Energy and development are closely related. Electricity is the energy carrier of modern economies, used for lighting, communications, transportation, cooking, heating and cooling, as well as powering a range of tools, from industrial machinery to digital technologies. Africa's energy demand will, therefore, increase rapidly in the near future and electrification will play a central role in meeting this demand.

The side event proposed by RES4Africa and GSE, with the support of Intesa Sanpaolo, becomes a pivotal platform, bringing together European industry leaders and representatives from African countries to foster trust, build public-private partnerships and shape the future of electrification on the continent. It's a call for bold collaboration and innovation to turn aspirations into a tangible and transformative reality.

Representatives from Italian, European and African Ministries, and experts from utilities, international institutions and the private sector will gather together to discuss How to scale-up a sustainable electricity transformation of Africa, as well as Financing Just and Inclusive Energy Transitions.



TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 09.00-09.30** **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 09.30-10.00** **Welcome remarks**
- Master of Ceremonies: Norah Magero, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Drop Access and Young Member of RES4Africa Advisory Board
- Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4Africa Foundation
- Alberto Biancardi, Head of International Relations, GSE
- 10.00-10.15** **Institutional welcome**
- Prof. Francesco Corvaro, Special Envoy for Climate Change of Italy
- Salvatore Bernabei, CEO of Enel Green Power and Head of Enel Green Power and
Thermal Generation, President RES4Africa Foundation
- 10.15-10.45** **Setting the Scene -Trends of energy transition in Africa**
- Paolo Frankl, Head of the Renewable Energy Division, International Energy Agency
(IEA)
- Roberto Vigotti Secretary General RES4Africa
- 10.45-11.45** **Session 1 - How to scale-up a sustainable electricity transformation of Africa**
- A renewable energy-driven future? The role of infrastructures? Managing the triple
challenge of energy, water and food? Can Africa implement a first-of-a-kind
bottom-up energy revolution?*
- Moderator: Andrea Bombardi, Executive Vice President, Rina**
- Yohannes Hailu, Private Sector Development and Finance Division UNECA
 - Daniel Alexander Schroth, Director Renewable Energy and Energy
Efficiency Department, African Development Bank
 - Amel Chadli, Gulf countries President, Schneider Electric
 - Antonio Nodari, VP AFRY Management Consultin
 - Paolo Perani, Sustainability Manager ELDS Division ABB
- 11.45-12 00** **Setting the Scene - Net Zero Will Be Harder Than You Think - And Easier**
- Michael Libreich, Chairman and CEO of Liebreich Associates Senior and
Contributor, Bloomberg NEF

12.00-13.00

Session 2 - Financing Energy Transitions

Which is the role of climate financing lending and equity? Which are the best fitting de-risking mechanisms that can unlock the huge capital availabilities on clean energies? How to boost Public-Private Partnerships?

Moderator: Marco Giustacchini, Partner PwC

- Enrico Lucciola, Head of Structured and Project Finance, Development Financing Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP)
- Luca Matrone, Head of Energy Global Corporate, IMI CIB Division Intesa Sanpaolo
- Carmelo Cocuzza*, Head of Advisory, Infrastructure & Climate Unit, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Amith Singh, Head of Energy Finance Nedbank
- Catia Tomasetti, Partner & Leader of Focus Team Energy, Infrastructure and Ecological Transition at Bonelli Erede
- Ana Hajduka, Founder & CEO, Africa GreenCo

13.00-13.15

Closing remarks: TOWARDS G7

Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General, RES4Africa Foundation

Nora Magero, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer Drop Access

13.15-14.30

Networking Lunch