



Report on AREI regional consultations

Regional consultations

The planning of regional consultations is a priority in the approved work plan, and will provide opportunity for interaction with governments and stakeholders in all African countries.

In accordance with the approved AREI Work plan and budget for 2017-18, five regional consultations will be organised by the countries representing the five regions in the AREI Board of Directors (Chad, Egypt, Guinea, Kenya and Namibia) together with the AREI Independent Delivery Unit (IDU) to enable increased understanding of and engagement with AREI by governments and stakeholders in all African countries.

A first consultation was held in N'Djamena, Chad for the Central Africa region on 26-28 April 2018. Consultations for the other four regions were planned for June (Nairobi, 11-12 June; Windhoek, 14-15 June; Cairo 20-21 June; Conakry 25-27 June). However, due to logistical challenges, the IDU agreed to postpone the consultations until after the Board meeting to focus on the recruitment of the permanent IDU Director and Board meeting preparations. The next consultation will be held in Nairobi for the East Africa Region on 10-11 July, 2018. Dates for the remaining meetings are being finalised.

Goals and formats of the meetings

A concept note for the upcoming meeting in Nairobi is provided as Annex 1 providing an overview of the structure, practical arrangements and objectives.

All the AREI regional consultations have the similar multiple and interrelated goals and objectives, including

- Ensure awareness of AREI by all countries in each region
- Build ownership and basis for broad-based participation in each country
- Provide direct links to key persons (AREI focal points) in each country and consolidate contacts and networks across countries, stakeholder groups, and professions.
- Pooling of information and enhanced mapping of renewable energy project pipeline in countries and in the region, including initial assessment of priorities on both country and regional basis.
- Provide opportunity for sharing of best practices and pioneering examples of policy interventions that other countries in the region may consider
- Contribute to mapping of barriers and needs, including public funding needs for accelerated renewable energy investments.

The meetings will have a similar format where both government representatives and other stakeholders from particularly African civil society, private sector and public institutions will interact over 2-3 days. The programme provides opportunity to learn more and interact on AREI and its visions, as well as opportunity for countries to engage with each other and with the IDU to present their priority interventions, situation analysis and ideas for further action how AREI can benefit them.

The budget approved by the Board of Directors allows for AREI funding of up to 3 government and 3 stakeholder participants from each country as well as funding for experts and resource persons. The

budget also includes costs for event-specific administration and costs for venue, translation and other associated services.

Report on the first meeting held in Ndjamen, Chad for the Central Africa region Goals and formats of the meetings

The first consultation was held in N'Djamena on 26-28 April, 2018. This meeting was organised on short notice and gathered 14 participants in total, including representatives of Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, and Chad; representatives of the sub-regional and international organizations AFD, ADB, BDEAC, ECCAS, and PEAC as well as participants from the public administration, the private sector (banking, commercial and financial institutions) and civil society in the region.

The meeting provided opportunity for extensive interaction on the country and regional specific conditions for renewable energy in the Region, as well as deepened understanding of AREI and its potential. This first Dialogue was structured into four phases: Opening ceremony, Plenary presentations and exchanges; Organization of Panels, and Restitution and adoption of Recommendations

The latter part of the consultations included joint deliberations of a statement of recommendations by the participants directed to countries in the region, to AREI and to the regional organisations Central Africa Power Pool (CAPP)/Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

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CONCEPT NOTE AREI REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR EAST AFRICA Nairobi, Kenya, 10 - 11 July 2018,

In accordance with the approved AREI Work plan and budget for 2017-18, five regional consultations will be organised by the countries representing the five regions in the AREI Board of Directors (Chad, Egypt, Guinea, Kenya and Namibia) together with the AREI Independent Delivery Unit (IDU) to enable increased understanding of and engagement with AREI by governments and stakeholders in all African countries.

Background to AREI

The Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) is a transformative Africa-owned and Africa-led effort to accelerate, scale-up and harness the continent's huge potential in renewable energy sources.

Endorsed by all African Heads of State and Government through the African Union, the initiative was launched at COP21 in Paris 2015. AREI will enable Africa to quickly move to modern distributed energy systems that are renewable, smart and able to both feed industry and reaching people currently without adequate access to modern energy services. The Initiative seeks to achieve at least 10 GW of new and additional people-centred renewable energy generation capacity by 2020, and universal energy access and the addition of at least 300 GW by 2030.

The initiative's primary power lies in supporting African countries move towards transformative national policies and vastly increased renewable energy ambition – and in helping mobilise the international public funding necessary to drive these efforts. AREI recognises that efforts must be country-driven, with involvement of all stakeholders. Policy programmes as well as renewable energy projects that are in line with AREI's ambitious people-centred, environment and development-oriented criteria can be attributed as AREI compliant. Currently, AREI does not have own means to directly finance such efforts.

Through AREI, African countries are taking the lead and charting a course towards Africa becoming the first renewable energy continent.

AREI was launched in Paris as one of the most significant outcomes of the climate summit. Endorsed by all African Heads of State, AREI's Africa-owned, ambitious framework and action plan concretises the transformative actions that needs to be undertaken to simultaneous deliver on the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals and national development aspirations.

AREI is now becoming fully operational through its secretariat, the Independent Delivery Unit (IDU), with direct engagement with all African countries as a top priority. The Board has hence decided that a series of consultations for each of the five African regions shall be held as an initial step towards active participation by all countries. Further information on current status, achievements so far and ways forward for 2018 and beyond are found in the AREI Chair's report to the AU Summit (January 2018) and the communiqué following the fifth Board meeting (both attached to this concept note). Extensive information material is also available on www.arei.org.

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Goals and objectives of the regional consultation

The AREI regional consultations have multiple and interrelated goals and objectives.

- Ensure awareness of AREI by all countries in each region
- Build ownership and basis for broad-based participation in each country
- Provide direct links to key persons (AREI focal points) in each country and consolidate contacts and networks across countries, stakeholder groups, and professions.
- Provide direct input to, in particular, the already initiated mapping process (AREI work area 1), policy and incentives development (AREI Work area 2), project development and support (AREI work area 5), criteria, safeguards and technology assessment (AREI Work area 6), and multi-stakeholder engagement processes (AREI Work Area 7).
- Pooling of information and enhanced mapping of renewable energy project pipeline in countries and in the region, including initial assessment of priorities on both country and regional basis.
- Set in motion processes towards translation of the AREI Action plan into national contexts
- Provide opportunity for sharing of best practices and pioneering examples of policy interventions that other countries in the region may consider
- Contribute to mapping of barriers and needs, including public funding needs for accelerated renewable energy investments.
- Provide initial basis for joint efforts towards GCF proposals and other forms of collaboration among countries in the region.
- Enhance understanding of specific country and regional needs.
- Provide a basis for a second step of larger regional consultations/conferences to involve many more government officials and stakeholders.

Participants

The consultations shall ensure broad-based participation in alignment with the AREI Framework and the approved Work plan. In this first round of consultations focus will be on a relatively small group with backgrounds from:

- African government (Officials responsible for renewable energy at ministries, renewable energy agency directors, GCF, NDC and climate focal points and others)
- Academia
- Civil society (women, energy, environment, climate etc.)
- Private sector (particularly domestic RE sector + others)
- Representatives of relevant African and international institutions
- Experts/resource persons
- IDU and technical experts

Time and place

Each consultation will be scheduled for two full days (excluding travelling), where participants are expected to arrive the day before, and leave either late in the evening of the second day or in the morning on the third day.

The East Africa consultation will take place in Nairobi on 10th – 11th July, 2018 with arrival on July 9th.

Preparations and active participation

The Consultation will be organised to encourage participation and interaction. This means participants will be asked to prepare and provide some information beforehand (survey questions + mapping of key renewable energy relevant persons and institutions in their countries). The Consultation will seek to gather information from the countries in the region regarding key issues, challenges, success stories to share through AREI, lessons learned to be

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shared through AREI, input to project pipeline, support needs/requests, inventories of cases, studies, examples and policies across the various AREI focus areas.

Venue:

The Consultation will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi.

Travel arrangements

We expect the participants to arrive on Monday the 9th of July and leave either in the late evening of Wednesday the 11th July, or during the 12th July.

The logistics around travel arrangement will be handled and paid for directly by the African Development Bank, who will issue tickets and provide per-diems. Detailed instructions of these procedures will be communicated directly with the persons appointed to represent your country.

Accommodation

Participants will need to book and pay with their per diems for their accommodation themselves, either at the venue or other accommodation of their choice.

Programme

The agenda for the consultation will provide for extensive interaction and discussion by all participants. The purpose is to enable sharing of experiences and views, and to allow for everyone to engage on how to become active, contribute to and benefit from AREI. Sessions will include plenary presentations, panel and group discussions. A provisional agenda will be shared with the participant separately.

Information and contact details

Further information about the Consultation can be provided by:

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Registration

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Report of the 1st AREI Regional Dialogue Forum for Central Africa

N'Djamena, 26 - 28 April 2018



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In September 2015, countries that met at the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Energy-related SDG N°7 aims to correct inequalities in access to energy and to guarantee access for all to reliable, sustainable and modern energy services, at an affordable cost, through both national actions and international cooperation. This goal is in line with SDG N°13 on Climate Change.

Furthermore, considering that on the one hand access to energy services is a sine qua non to good health, economic development and job creation, and on the other that Africa is most vulnerable to climate change risks, not to mention the most affected continent by the adverse effects generated by climate change, African Heads of State gave a strong global signal to COP 21 in Paris by endowing the Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) with a dual objective: Reconciling the dual challenge of expanding energy access and mitigating climate change.

It is in this context that from 26 – 28 April 2018, the 1st AREI Regional Dialogue Forum was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in N'Djamena, Chad. The meeting was organized by the AREI Independent Delivery Unit (IDU) with the support of the African Development Bank (AfDB)

Key objectives of the Forum were to: -

- ensure that all countries in the Central African region are aware of AREI and its objectives;
- strengthen ownership and the basis for broad participation in each country in the region;
- provide direct links to key persons (AREI focal points) in each country and consolidate contacts and networks between countries, stakeholder groups and professions;
- mobilise national stakeholders to contribute directly to the mapping process already initiated (AREI Work Area I), to policy and incentive development (AREI Work Area II), to project development and support (AREI Work Area V), criteria, safeguards and technology assessment (AREI Work Area VI) and multi-stakeholder engagement processes (AREI Work Area VII);
- set in motion the process of translating the AREI action plan into national contexts;
- provide an opportunity to share best practices and examples of policy interventions that other countries in the region might consider;
- map barriers and assess needs, including public financing needs for accelerated investments in renewable energy;
- build a dynamic database of renewable energy project pipelines in countries and the region, including the initial assessment of priorities;
- Identify reliable partners and initiate the preparation and submission of joint proposals to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and other funding sources;
- improve understanding of national and regional needs.



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The N'Djamena Forum brought together¹: -

- representatives from the following ECCAS countries: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon;
- representatives of the following sub-regional and international organizations: AFD, BAD, BDEAC, CEEAC, PEAC,
- government officials and representatives of financial institutions and civil society organizations.

The Forum Agenda was divided into four parts, notably; opening ceremony; plenary presentations and exchanges; group discussions; feedback sessions and adoption of recommendations.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony included; remarks by the Director-General of SNE, National Coordinator of the Dialogue, a briefing from the AREI Interim Director, a speech by the Deputy Secretary-General of ECCAS in-charge of socio-cultural integration and the official speech delivered by the Chadian Minister for Petrol and Energy.

In his opening remarks, Dr Jean-Paul M'BATNA, SNE Director-General, welcomed delegates and expressed his most sincere gratitude to the President of the Republic of Guinea, H.E. Professor Alpha CONDE, and the IDU Interim Director, for the confidence placed on his country to organize the 1st AREI Regional Dialogue Forum. In the same vein, he thanked the President of the Republic of Chad for his foresight and vision in making Renewable Energies a lever for Chad's development. He lauded the efforts undertaken ECCAS member states, experts and development partners in accompanying ECCAS member states in the Renewable Energies challenge.

Ambassador Seyni NAFO, the AREI Interim Director gave a presentation highlighting the context under which the Initiative was founded and its key objectives. He emphasized on the Initiative's support process to countries on the basis of certain criteria to be followed. He underscored the Initiative achievements in 2016 – 2017 (here below) and concluded with the pointers on the way forward for 2018 – 2020 AREI.

- Establishment of the Independent Delivery Unit, (IDU);
- Launch of a mapping process of existing renewable energy initiatives and programmes in Africa;
- Compilation of 450 existing renewable energy projects for a capacity of 50GW;
- Development of a robust criteria for African ownership of environmental and social safeguards relating to access to energy and population well-being.

In his speech, H.E. Andres Edu MBA MOKUY, the ECCAS Deputy Secretary-General in-charge of socio-cultural integration thanked and congratulated H.E. President Idriss Deby ITNO and

¹ The full list of participants is annexed to the Final Communiqué.



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the People of Chad for their warm welcome, conducive environment and leadership in renewable energy. Additionally, he reiterated the need for assistance not only in relation to surmounting the several challenges ahead, but also capacity building with regard to initiatives already being implemented by ECCAS including the creation of the Central African Power Pool the adoption of the Electricity Market Code in October 2009 and the CEMAC/ECCAS White Paper of May 2015; elements that led to the organization of a Roundtable of Donors in Brussels on the portfolio of priority projects in the Energy Sector in the Central Africa region. In closing his remarks, he defined ECCAS perspectives and urged development partners to support the implementation of the Central Africa Energy Policy.

The Minister of Oil and Energy, Hon. Bechir MADET delivered a speech on behalf of the President wishing participants from the countries in the sub-region a cordial and warm welcome to Chad. He recalled the efforts undertaken by Chad and the results achieved in terms of harnessing the country's energy potential. Hon. Madet, lauded the vision, foresight and leadership of H.E. President Prof. Alpha CONDE and H.E. President Idriss Deby ITNO in making Central Africa the space for promoting development through renewable energies.

The working session with a Bureau for the Forum being set up and the nomination of presiding officials as follows: -

- **Chairman:** Mr Abdelkerim DANGAYE Deputy Director-General of the Chad Renewable Energy Development Agency (ADER);
- **1^{er} Vice Chair :**Mr KOUTELE Jean, ECCAS representative;
- **2^{ème} Vice Chair :** Mr Mogo ATADE, PEAC representative ;
- **Moderator:** Ms Stephanie NJIOMO, Program Officer (Climate) at the Friedrich Ebert Fondation in Yaounde, Cameroon;
- **Secretary:** Mr Fleury PABANDJI Junior, Director-General of *Fonds National de l'Environnement* in Central African Republic (CAR);
- **Deputy-Secretary:** Mr Joël Célestin, MAMBOUNDOU Executive Director of the Observatory of Natural Resources in Central Africa (ORNAC) of Gabon.

The Moderator outlined the programme for the D-day forum and the expectations.

Plenary session:

The plenary session included presentations on; AREI by Amb. Seyni NAFO; Renewable energies by Dr. Mbiake; ECCAS - Central Africa Power Pool on program portfolios and project priorities by Mr Atadet Azarak Morgo; country presentations by Experts.

Following the presentation and discussions that ensued, the following expectations were met:

- Understanding of the role of AREI, its operations and what measures it is putting in place to address both energy and climate change mitigation challenges;
- Ownership by participants of the progress of the portfolio of priority programmes and projects of the PEAC;



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- Understanding of the progress of the renewable energy sector in the different countries and the difficulties encountered in financing respective strategies;
- Understanding of the mechanisms put in place by sub-regional financial institutions, including BDEAC;
- Experience-sharing and transfer of skills between member-states.

Recommendations :

To countries :

- Ensure the full participation of Designated National Authorities and Green Climate Fund Competencies in all AREI activities and in particular in the Dialogue Fora;
- Involve national and regional academic and research centres in the implementation of AREI activities in the relevant work areas;
- Involve the relevant Community institutions (ECCAS, CEMAC, BDEAC, etc.) more closely in structuring projects and mobilising funds for the implementation of their projects;
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To AREI :

- Ensure the urgent establishment of a regional technical assistance facility for capacity building, project development and resource mobilization;
- Intensify the participation of national and regional academic and university research centres in the implementation of AREI activities, and set up an ad hoc scientific and technical panel to strengthen the capacities of the IDU and AREI in general;
- Avail to countries, an online platform with the opportunities relating to the implementation of renewable energy projects (financing, capacity building, technical studies etc.)

To ECCAS and the Central Africa Power Pool:

Support national capacity building in the establishment of a conducive business environment to the full development of renewable energies, while ensuring the harmonisation of institutional and regulatory frameworks.

To the Development Bank of Central African States (BDEAC):

Within the framework of its accreditation to the Green Climate Fund, accompany the countries in the region in programme development and implementation of respective National Determined Contributions (NDC) through the implementation of a priority investment portfolio, and encourage the setting up of a network of national financing institutions for the development of renewable energies.

Done at N'Djamena, 28 April 2018, by the rapporteurs.



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