



Renewable energy partnerships for poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa

Objectives

PARTNERS FOR AFRICA will demonstrate the role of renewable energy in poverty eradication and support to policy making activities in the following areas:

- Sustainable resource management
- Health and public health
- Enterprise development

The project will run from January 2004 until June 2005.

European Energy Initiative for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development

The action will support and stimulate the activities of the European Energy Initiative for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development. This initiative was launched at the Johannesburg World Summit for Sustainable Development to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It seeks to create a focus on better access to sustainable energy services for the more than two billion “energy poor” of our planet.

The mobilisation of partnerships / workshops

These goals are to be achieved by mobilising international and local partnerships to create an innovative forum for developing new programmes, project platforms, and policy proposals. The mobilisation of partnerships in Africa involves:

1. Identifying partners
2. Bringing them together in partnership structures
3. Supporting and contributing to their financing efforts
4. Facilitating their set-up and operation

Results of partnership activities will provide policy makers with the essential tools, results and information to allow them to develop targeted and effective policy. The partnerships shall be of three essential types:

- Policy Partnerships
- Programme Partnerships
- Action Partnerships

Policy Partnerships will support the development of progressive energy policy initiatives directly through research activities and stakeholder networking. Programme partnerships will initiate and support training and capacity building initiatives. These will provide economic and political actors with the necessary skills to support and guide the development of markets and technologies. Action Partnerships will lay the foundations for concrete projects including mainly pilot projects. These shall for example open the way for new markets, produce results that can be used for national guidelines, or produce lessons and experience for international aid and investment policy.



Tools for the mobilisation of partnerships shall include the organisation of meetings, financing of travel expenses, newsletters and other information networking services. Notably, three workshops shall be organised in three African countries:

- South Africa
- Senegal
- Zambia



Final conference

In addition, a final conference will be organised in Africa. The primary aim of this conference will be to collect and present the results from the project and to formulate final conclusions. All major European and African actors shall be invited. Additionally, this synergy conference shall serve as a high-level platform for the European Energy Initiative, from which further concrete partnerships and projects can be launched.

The consortium

In this action, the consortium has a high level of expertise and high quality contacts in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe at its disposal. The consortium comprises 6 actors, active in the renewable energy and international development fields. 3 of these are of European, and 3 of African origin. The 3 European members of the consortium are:

- WIP-ETA Consortium (WEC), Germany/Italy. (*Co-ordinator*)
- ITDG, UK
- SEI, Sweden

These players lend particular strength to this project through their experience in the coordination of the global energy and development networks:

- LAMNET (www.bioenergy-lamnet.org)
- CARENSA (www.carensa.net)
- Sparknet (www.sparknet.info)

These networks deal with local, national and international energy and development issues. These interdisciplinary networks support international dialogue and action fora, bringing together key actors and stakeholders from the energy, biomass and development sectors.

The African consortium members are highly experienced and have an established reputation in the fields of renewable energy and development from a wide range of past projects and collaborations. They are:

- Illovo Sugar, South Africa
- ENDA, Senegal
- CEEEZ, Zambia



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