



Innovative approaches for accelerating the implementation of AREI for economic prosperity and regional integration in Africa

Africa's energy landscape presents both challenges and opportunities for low carbon development. Multiple programmes aimed at addressing the challenges exist, but the most notable being the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI). AREI recognizes that energy is a fundamental requirement to drive the productive sectors in both local and national contexts. This means addressing the needs of enterprises of all scales, both in terms of quantity and quality of access. At the same time, the SE4ALL envisions Decentralised Renewable Energy (DRE) systems as most effective for delivery of development benefits to the most unserved and underserved populations. As such, localizing AREI to ensure that it delivers the intended development benefits will thus require high levels of planning and execution. Additionally, effective financing, as well as informed decision making, particularly regarding where to allocate such investments will need to be given prominence if last mile populations are to benefit, and more if AREI is to deliver meaningful development where it's needed most. Energy Access Explorer (EAE) - an online geospatial energy access platform, would effectively help in such levels of planning.

As such, this session will seek to achieve the following:

- i. Present an overview of AREI, the role of stakeholders in advancing its objectives, as well as practical opportunities for localizing its delivery
- ii. Explore how AREI can be harnessed to deliver socio-economic development in Africa's most unserved & underserved regions
- iii. Present an analysis of current trends in renewable energy financing in Africa (with a particular emphasis on AREI)
- iv. Present the Energy Access Explorer (EAE) - an online regional geospatial energy access platform, and explore how it can be used to bring regional integration in planning for delivery of AREI
- v. Develop & agree on recommendations to the AREI through the Independent Delivery Unit (IDU).

Come Join Us!

Date: 8th May 2019

Time: 10:30 – 12:30 pm

Venue: TBC

Moderator

- Augustine B. Njamnshi, Coordinator, ACEA

Panel Discussants:

- *Mohammed Adow* – Global Advisor, Climate Change – Christian Aid
- *Dr. Daniel Schroth* – Ag. Director, Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency & Advisor to the Vice President in charge of Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth - AfDB
- *Benson Ireri* – Africa Lead, Energy Access - World Resources Institute (WRI)
- *Thuli Makama* – Africa Senior Advisor, Oil Change International (OCI)
- *Jacqueline Kimeu* – Coordinator, Alliance Of Civil Society Organisations for Clean Energy Access

