



Concept Note

COP 27 Side Event: China-Africa Cooperation on Renewable Energy

Co-hosted by the Institute for Environment and Development Sustainability, China Renewable Energy Industries Association and African Energy Now

Monday, 14 November 2022, 18:30-20:00

Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, COP 27, Blue Zone, Side Event Room Khufu

Background

Renewable energy is an integral part of African countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 on affordable and clean energy. African governments are striving towards a rapid development and expansion of renewable energy systems to increase energy access and realize reliable and cost-effective energy solutions across the continent.

China is a world leader in renewable energy and has been working closely with many African countries to advance the generation, transmission and distribution of energy from renewable sources on the continent. There is a renewed commitment from China's renewable energy industry, financial institutions and knowledge partners to support the accelerated proliferation of renewable energy technologies in Africa.

Objectives

This side event will demonstrate a **high-level commitment of African countries and China on renewable energy cooperation**, showcase concrete results and opportunities in this area and identify specific ways for enhanced cooperation with China's renewable energy industry. The side event will also feature the **launch of African Energy Now**, a new grant-funded programme that connects African governments with investors to realize renewable energy projects.

Expected outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of **China-Africa cooperation on renewable energy** and of how to deepen cooperation on the establishment of **renewable energy industries in Africa**;
- Awareness of African Energy Now as a **new support mechanism for African government** to secure renewable energy project financing;
- Possibilities for cooperation on the realization of **renewable energy projects in Ethiopia and Tanzania**.



Agenda

Co-Moderators: Nobantu Modise , Communications & Outreach Manager, African Energy Now and Alexander Demissie , Director of Development, African Energy Now		
High-level Opening		
18:30-18:35	Opening remarks	H.E. January Y. Makamba , Minister of Energy, Tanzania
18:35-18:40	Opening remarks	H.E. Dr. Ing. Habtamu Itfa , Minister of Water and Energy, Ethiopia
18:40-18:45	Opening remarks	Li Junfeng , President of the China Renewable Energy Industries Association (CREIA)
Launch of African Energy Now		
18:45-18:55	Presentation of African Energy Now	Moritz Weigel Executive Director, African Energy Now
18:55-19:00	Signing ceremony	
Keynote Speeches		
19:00-19:10	Overview report on China-Africa renewable energy cooperation	Wang Weiquan , Deputy Secretary General, CREIA
19:10-19:20	Case studies of Chinese renewable energy companies in Africa	Benedikt Dönhoff , Manager Market Intelligence & Business Development, CSI Solar
19:20-19:25	Opportunities for renewable energy investments in Tanzania	Maharage Chande , Managing Director, Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd.
Panel Discussion and Q&A		
19:25-19:50	Cooperation on renewable energy projects and the development of renewable energy industries in Africa	<p>Moderator: Wang Weiquan, Deputy Secretary General, CREIA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abera Endeshaw Senior Advisor to the Minister and Lead International Affairs, Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia - Maharage Chande, Managing Director, Tanzania Electric Supply Co. Ltd. - Li Xia, President, Power Solution - Benedikt Dönhoff, Manager Market Intelligence & Business Development, CSI Solar - Albert Nyakujarah, Manager, Project and Asset Based Finance, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) - Ryan Wang, General Manager for Africa, LONGi Group
Closing		
19:50-20:00	Closing Remarks	Eng. Ngosi Mwiha , Energy and Environment Expert, Institute for Environment and Development Sustainability (IEDS)



Institutional Websites & Twitter

- African Energy Now: <https://aen.finance> & [@AENFinance](#)
- China Renewable Energy Industries Association: <http://en.creia.net> & [@CREIA China](#)
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