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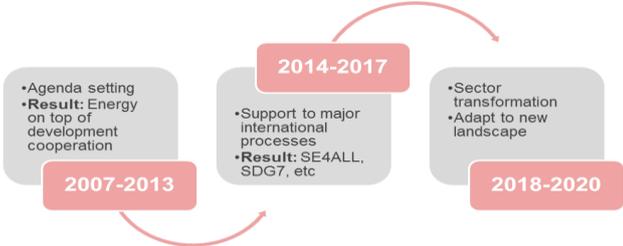
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**Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)
Concept Paper for Phase 4**

AEEP vision and objective:

Since its establishment in 2007, the Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP) has significantly contributed to emergence of various initiatives and actors in the energy and climate landscape in Africa. To date AEEP remains a relevant actor with the objective of improving the cooperation between Africa and Europe for a sustainable Energy Transformation and will now grow stronger, deeper and more action-oriented strategic partnership for more prosperity and stability across the two continents. It will continue to be guided by AU-EU Summit conclusions as well as other relevant EU and African policies and maintain consistence with international frameworks such as Agenda 2030 (especially SDG7), Agenda 2063, Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development, the Paris Agreement on climate change and the New Deal on Energy in Africa.

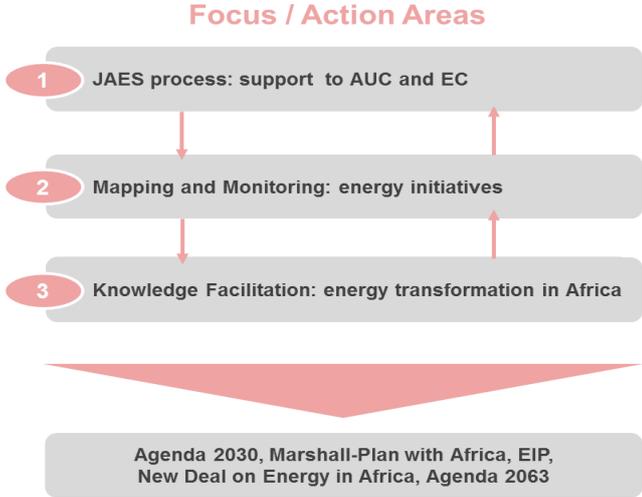
Evolution of the AEEP (2007-2020):



In line with the UN’s decade for sustainable energy reflected in the Sustainable Development Goal number 7, AEEPs overall objective will be to facilitate the achievement of universal access to affordable, sustainable and modern energy in Africa, including in rural areas, as a necessity and pre-requisite to generate inclusive development and jobs.

Action Areas:

The functions of the AEEP will focus on three main action areas to ensure that the Partnership contributes coherently and strategically to major international processes and debates that lead to concrete actions:



Outline of the Action Areas:

1. Joint EC-AUC collaboration on JAES processes

Systematically reinforcing cooperation between AU and EU to ensure a structured and coherent cooperation

The Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) is the backbone of the EU-Africa relations and the AEEP's basis as well as legitimacy source. Therefore, this action area will be the core element and central task of the Partnership Secretariat. As a reaction to the emergence of a number of new initiatives, the AEEP will focus on strategic dialogue between both continents in order to improve coherence and traction of joint African-European energy initiatives. The following activities are envisaged under this action area:

- 1.1 AEEP Secretariat management
- 1.2 Facilitate High-level EU-Africa Dialogue forums
- 1.3 Institutional and capacity support to African counterparts
- 1.4 Support to joint EU-African initiatives and instruments

2. Mapping and monitoring of energy initiatives and projects

Contributing to increased coherence and coordination of initiatives by focusing on mapping, tracking and monitoring of European and African contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Coordination of global, regional and national initiatives is a challenge for both African and EU Member States. Based on previous experience, AEEP will step up and play a strategic role in the area of mapping and monitoring of energy initiatives in Africa. It is expected that AEEP will further develop its monitoring approach, moving away from measuring quantitative energy targets only, towards a more holistic approach showcasing broader socio-economic results and impacts in reference to SEforALL established criteria. Activities under this action area would be:

- 2.1. Assessing and documenting EU contributions to an African energy transformation
- 2.2. Contribute to international processes on establishing a joint SDG7 monitoring system
- 2.3 Capacity development of African partner institutions on data management and harmonization

3. Knowledge Facilitation for a Coherent Energy Transformation in Africa:

Facilitating systematic knowledge exchange and provide coherent guidance in order to orchestrate energy sector transformation based on informed choices and decisions for a sustained energy future

To develop and anchor transformative approaches in the African energy architecture and ensure its implementation at regional and national level requires strong interdisciplinary and sectoral alliances of government, academia, private sector and civil society. Starting from its mandate to lead strategic dialogues in a multi-stakeholder context, the AEEP will establish a **network with the focus on African Energy Transformation**. Various knowledge management activities will be carried out via this network, guided by the principle that AEEP shall not create knowledge

itself, but rather empower, activate and stimulate partners to lead their own energy Transformations. Thus, actions will not be focused on knowledge creation, but knowledge sharing, transfer and dissemination to enable actors to for instance negotiate projects and make informed decisions.

In addition to **fostering regulatory/policy and technology transfer** between the EU and Africa, the **aim of the network** is to facilitate the **sharing of knowledge** between the two continents and within Africa, partnering with key players in energy development to influence international political dialogues and trigger change processes. This knowledge facilitation action area will be linked, contribute and consistently inform the above two AEEPs action areas and feed the recommendations to the JAES processes and other political discourse (e.g. G7, G20). The following activities are foreseen under this action area:

3.1 Facilitate establishment of a knowledge network for energy transformation in Africa

3.2 Support Technology and Knowledge Transfer

3.3 Promotion of capacity building and vocational training initiatives

Implementation measures:

Steering and Governance: The following structure will allow effective implementation of AEEPs action areas:

- ▶ **Steering Group:** this will be the highest organ of the energy partnership reporting to the Reference Group on Infrastructure (RGI) and thereby feeding into all other Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) processes and AU-EU summits. It will comprise of: representatives from Africa (one Regional Economic Community and one Member State) and EU (two Member States) , the European Commission and the African Union Commission. The EU Delegation to the Africa Union and the AU Delegation to the EC will be incorporated into the steering group through the respective Commissions.
- ▶ **EU and partner structures:** to report back the results of AEEPs work to the respective African and EU member states (and so to involve them in the work of the AEEP), it is proposed to make use of the Specialised Technical Committees (STCs) for the African side and the EU Energy Initiative (EUEI) member states' meetings for the EU. This will allow for close collaboration with the infrastructure steering platform of the JAES, i.e. IRG.

Implementation: In the past, the AEEP has established a functional implementation mechanism that could be re-adapted in the fourth phase. The following structure will allow effective implementation of AEEPs action areas:

- ▶ **Secretariat staff:** AEEP will be managed by a lean but experienced staff led by a Head of Secretariat who will be supported by 3 project managers who will have a responsibility of the respective action areas.
- ▶ **Secondments:** in order to complement the limited capacities of counterparts, AEEP proposes to increase capacities of African bodies by seconding a minimum of 2 experts to key continental institutions. This will allow for efficient implementation of the partnership. Emphasis will be given to the AUC including its subsidiary structures like NPCA and AREI.

- ▶ **Consultants:** The long-term experts are complemented by a range of specialized consultants. AEEP Secretariat will endeavor to make use of short-term experts on a case-by-case basis. The short-term experts are recruited amongst leading consulting companies and research institutes and shall provide highly specialized advisory services to design and implement the transformation tools.
- ▶ **Financing and grant agreements:** will be concluded with renowned international actors as strategic cooperation partners for the implementation of specific AEEP Secretariat on a case-by-case basis.

Stakeholders: the Partnership’s objectives for the coming phase will be to proactively seek collaborations with other partners to increase strategic international efforts undertaken in the energy sector. To be able to do this, an initial mapping of the AEEP stakeholders was undertaken that structures them in the following categories: AEEP Steering Group, Key Stakeholders, Primary Stakeholders and Secondary Stakeholders. AEEP will continuously update stakeholder mapping landscape and analyse the processes influencing the AEEP. Emphasis will be given to strategic collaboration with

AEEP stakeholder map

other actors who play a significant role in the African or global energy transformation.

