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FIRST ISTAKEHOLDERFORUM OF THE AFRICA-EU ENERGY PARTNERSHIP ENDS

Cape Town South Africa, 10 May 2012- The First Stakeholder Forum of the Africa-EU Energy Partnership has ended in Cape Town, South Africa with a summary of the key issues and agreement on a way forward.

The way forward was presented by Mr. Albert Butare, former Rwandese Minister of State for Energy and Water. Among the activities that make up the way forward for the AEEP are:

Prioritisation of activities and commencement of implementation

Monitoring of the working group of the AEEP

Preparation for the Conference of Energy Ministers of Africa to take place in November

Continuation and strengthening of the AEEP

Preparation for the 2nd stakeholders' forum of the Africa EU partnership

The meeting also agreed on some messages to carry to the Rio+20 summit. In this regard, the AEEP pledged it will deliver on sustainable energy for all for all i.e. ensuring access to energy for 100 million more people in Africa by 2020; it will also increase renewable energy in the energy mix, and substantially increase energy efficiency.

The forum was officially closed by Mr. Freddy Adams, the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Select Committee of the Republic of South Africa.

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