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the framework paper for a regional policy
for the development of renewable energies in North Africa***

Presentation of the meeting and thematic workshops



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Draft framework paper for a regional policy for the development of renewable energies in North Africa

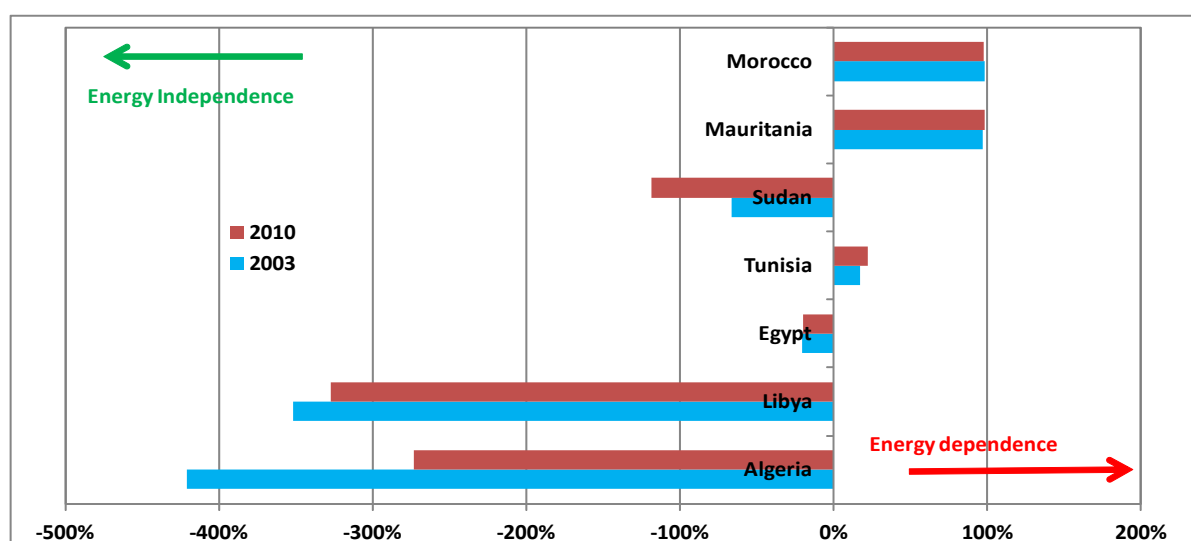
Introduction to the expert group meeting

General context

North African countries: a variety of situations, but common challenges

The region of North Africa, comprising Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Tunisia, Egypt and Sudan, has a diversity of energy situations. Some countries, such as Morocco and Mauritania, are highly dependent on external markets for their energy supply, whilst Tunisia and Egypt are in a transitional phase to become net energy importers. Meanwhile, Algeria, Libya and Sudan are very important energy exporters, with an economy essentially based on hydrocarbons.

However, as shown by the following graph of the energy dependency rate¹, even energy-producing countries (except Sudan) are experiencing a rapid degradation of their energy independence.



This dependence is due to the high growth in domestic energy consumption, triggered mainly by a huge increase in the electricity demand, which will be a crucial challenge in the future for the region's countries. In fact, even countries with rich hydrocarbon resources are now overwhelmed by the rapidly growing electricity generation needs in to cope with the additional power demand, especially regarding the peak of electricity load.

At the economic level, subsidizing conventional energies weighs increasingly on public finances. In Tunisia and Egypt, for example, these subsidies amount nearly to 20% of the public spending, be it respectively 3.2 and 17 billion dollars in 2012. Similarly, in Algeria and Morocco, the cost of the conventional energy subsidy has increased to 10.6 and 5.4 billion dollars in 2011.

This pressure on the public budgets is more likely to increase in the future, for several reasons:

- The expected rise in energy prices at the international level;
- The growing deficit in the energy balance of the net energy importing countries;
- The difficulty to significantly increase the energy tariffs in the short term, taking into account the specific socio-political situation in the majority of the countries of the region.

To sum up, the countries of this region face three major common challenges:

- Ensuring the security of the energy supply in the medium and long term, through the reduction of energy dependence;
- Facing the additional huge electricity demand, both in energy and power;
- Reducing the public subsidies on conventional energy to unburden the public budget and to redirect these funds to other priority sectors for economic development.

¹ Dependency rate = 1 – (energy generation / Primary energy Consumption)

In addition to these energy challenges, the other major common challenge is the economic growth and job creation, in a context where youth unemployment rates have become increasingly unbearable and socio-politically sensitive. Thus, the region's countries have to seek new sources of economic growth; and every new energy policy should take this dimension into consideration.

The necessary energy transition

Given these common challenges, the transition of the energy systems of the region's countries into a more sustainable energy consumption and production mode is essential for the whole region.

This energy transition requires a substantial improvement in energy efficiency and in the use of renewable energies which in turn offer a common inevitable solution for all the countries of the region. Focusing on the renewable energy component, the implementation of this energy transition for the countries of the region involves a number of requirements at the national level:

- Establishing a clear, ambitious and long-term strategic vision for renewable energies;
- Creating a regulatory and institutional environment promoting the emergence of an attractive market for renewable energy users and investors;
- Establishing sustainable support mechanisms for renewable energies to remove the current tariff distortions triggered by the conventional energy subsidies, which are likely to persist in the short and medium term;
- Improving national competences to support the implementation of the development goals in the medium and long term.

A long term collective political vision to support national strategies

Today, each country in the region have outlined medium and long term ambitious goals for the development of renewable energies, as shown in the table below:

Country	Target year	% of RE in the electricity production	Objective regarding installed RE capacities
Algeria	2030	40% (37% solar and 3% wind)	- CSP : 7200 MW; PV : 2800 MW ; wind : 2000 MW
Egypt	2020	20% (of which 12% wind and 8% hydro and others)	- Wind : 7200 MW ; Biomass : 1500 MW
Libya	2020	10%	- Wind 1500 MW ; CSP : 800 MW ; PV : 450 MW - Water solar heaters : 1 million m ²
Morocco	2020	42% of the installed power, of which 28% wind and solar and 14% hydro.	- Wind : 2000 MW ; CSP/PV : 2000 MW ; - Water solar heaters : 1.7 million m ²
Mauritania	2020	20%	
Tunisia	2030	30% (15% wind, 10% solar PV and 5% CSP)	- Wind 1760 MW ; CSP : 460 MW ; PV : 1500 MW ; Biomass : 300 MW - Water solar heaters : 1.5 million m ²
Sudan	2030		- Wind 500 MW ; CSP/PV : 2000 MW

Most of these strategies aim also at promoting the industrial integration, the competences development and the technology transfer.

However, these strategies have all been established using an individual approach, without consideration of the regional dimension of the renewable energy market, nor of the neighboring countries' strategies.

Experiences from other regions especially that of Europe show that a sustainable and large scale development of the renewable energy market requires a common strategic vision and a regional implementation approach in order to mitigate risks and take advantage of the complementarities and synergies between the countries of the region.

Unfortunately, there is currently no real regional policy framework for the common development of renewable energies, despite the initiatives of some regional organizations such as the Arab League and AMU. Most of the efforts made in this regard have come through the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation (initiatives like MEDREG, MEDGRID, Mediterranean Solar Plan, etc.), rather from the initiative of the region's countries.

It is thus necessary that each country develops its own strategies and programs, but within a regional perspective and in a consistent and common strategic framework allowing optimization of national efforts. This strategic framework should be structured, from our point of view, in four key Axes, namely:

1. Accelerating the emergence of an attractive regional market for renewable energies, mainly for electricity generation, to overcome economic constraints relating to the small size of domestic markets, and the technical constraints relating to the low absorption capacity of national electric networks;
2. Increasing investments through mobilization of financial resources from the private sector and the international, regional and national financial institutions;
3. Promoting the development of a competitive regional industrial network and developing common technical and scientific techniques. The aim is to maximize the socio-economic impacts of the development of the renewable energy regional market, by increasing the region's industrial added value and the creation of green jobs.
4. Establishing adequate institutional mechanisms to support the adoption, implementation and monitoring of the common regional policy.

An expert group meeting: working together on a regional policy for the development of renewable energies

Objective and expected results of the meeting

This expert group meeting organized by the ECA Office for North Africa, involving various institutional and non-governmental stakeholders of the region of North Africa, falls into this context. The main goal of the meeting is to draw up concrete recommendations on the main orientations for a regional policy for the development of renewable energies, especially electricity generation.

This expert meeting group will be an opportunity to:

- Discuss the abovementioned strategic axes, better specify and validate them;
- Identify obstacles to be removed for the implementation of the common regional strategy axes;
- Define the technical, economic and institutional measures required for the implementation of these common regional policy axes.

It is worth mentioning that these recommendations must focus on the regional dimension, rather than on the specific national context. It must also take into consideration the existing regional and sub-regional political frameworks, such as the Directive of the Arab League for the development of renewable energies, the initiatives of the Arab Maghreb Union, or the Euro-Mediterranean initiatives, etc.

Concretely, it is expected that the discussion and exchange of opinions between the experts participating to this meeting, will lead to the collection of ideas and the information necessary for the elaboration of the framework paper for a common regional policy for the large scale and sustainable development of renewable energy. Once finalized, this paper will be communicated to the relevant regional institutions and to political decision makers in the region.

Organization and methodology of work

The expert group meeting will be organized in plenary sessions and thematic workshops, as outlined in the program.

The first plenary session aims at understanding the challenges and determinants of the regional policy for the development of renewable energy.

Four thematic workshops will be organized and coordinated by specialized moderators in order to further discuss and elaborate concrete recommendations to implement the following strategic axes.

- Thematic workshop 1: Development of a regional market
- Thematic workshop 2: Financing the common regional policy
- Thematic workshop 3: Industrial integration and competence development
- Thematic workshop 4: What governance for a common regional policy?

Thematic factsheets describing objectives, expected results and the methodology of the organization of each workshop will be distributed to the participants for each relevant workshop.

The results of these thematic workshops will subsequently be presented in plenary sessions and consolidated to elaborate the general recommendations of the expert group meeting.

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

Framework paper for the activities of the workshop N°1

Theme: Development of a regional renewable energy market	Workshop moderator: Sami Marrouki/ECA-NA Consultant
Date: September 24, 2013 14h30- 17h30	Duration : 2 hours and 30 minutes

Background

In order to accelerate the emergence of an integrated regional market for electricity generated from renewable sources, there is a need of a specific regional legal system supported by harmonized technical standards and rules, aiming at developing interconnection networks and cross-border infrastructure. This means, in fact, to establish an appropriate legal environment and a stable and attractive tariff system allowing access to electricity grids and helping operators and investors sell renewable energy production.

This thematic workshop falls into the context of the strategic axis on «*accelerating the emergence of an attractive regional market for renewable energies, mainly for electricity generation, to overcome the economic constraints relating to the small size of domestic markets, and the technical constraints relating to the low absorption capacity of national electricity networks*».

The participants in this thematic workshop will have to discuss arrangements to be integrated into the national strategies and programs, within a regional vision and in a consistent approach allowing optimization of national efforts aiming at developing a regional market for renewable energies.

Objective of the thematic workshop

The aim is primarily to identify technological, economic and institutional determiners of this strategic axis, but **from a regional perspective**, rather than from a national approach. Such determinants may include in particular:

- The concerted choice of the renewable energy sector to be developed in the region, taking into account the characteristics of each country, on the one hand, and complementarities between the countries of the region on the other;
- Continuing national efforts aiming at the liberalization of the electricity sector and the integration of renewable energies in the electricity market;
- Accelerating ongoing efforts to create an open and competitive Maghreb electricity market;
- Defining the rules of cross-border trade of renewable energies, especially for green electricity;
- Integration of the region's electricity networks with other regions of the world.

Each determinant will be further discussed in order to identify difficulties and obstacles hindering the emergence of the regional market, and then articulate collective measures to remove them.

At the end of the thematic workshop, the organizers would like to identify recommendations relating to common measures needed to stimulate the emergence of an attractive regional market for renewable energies, taking into account the progress and lessons learnt from ongoing initiatives. These measures should be institutional, regulatory, economic or technical to their nature.

Subsequently, the recommendations will be presented and discussed in a plenary session, in order to be finalized and validated.

Approach of the workshop proceedings

Operational rules

A specialized moderator will coordinate the working group by ensuring the management of the workshop, the monitoring of allocated time and the conduct of discussion to bring forward the expected recommendations.

During the thematic workshop, participants will have to respect the following requirements:

- To respect coordination rules introduced by the moderator at the beginning of the workshop;
- To participate actively by introducing a clear idea per card, using the pin boards;
- To write legibly and use concise sentences;
- To discuss the idea when appropriate.

Proceedings of the workshop:

- Time allotted to the workshop is 2h30;
- The group will designate a reporter who will take notes of the workshop, then presents its results at the plenary session;
- The moderator will make an introductory presentation of the theme;
- Discussions will be focused on key questions asked by the moderator;
- A summary of findings and recommendations will be made by the group at the end of the workshop.

Key questions to be addressed during the workshop:

To facilitate and guide the debate, the discussion will focus on the following key questions:

- What are the renewable energy sectors to be chosen for the region, for the medium and long terms?
- What are the difficulties and obstacles to the emergence of a regional market?
- Which reforms and legal adjustments are needed at the regional level to establish a common electricity market, in particular a renewable electricity market?
- Which regional instruments are needed to support the regional market of renewable energies (including electricity generation)?
- What is the status of electric grids and what are the requirements for their upgrading to ensure a regional integration of the electricity market?
- What are the expectations and needs of the private sector for the development of a regional market?
- How can the initiatives of the relevant regional actors be coordinated (Arab League, Comelec, Med-TSO, Medgrid ...)?

Expected results from the workshop

At the end of the thematic workshop, a summary of findings and recommendations will be identified by the group and presented by the reporter in the plenary feedback session. This presentation will contain suggestions regarding:

- ✓ A proposition of a set of renewable energy sectors for the medium and long term for the region, taking into account the strategic guidelines and ongoing national programs in each country, as well as the regional initiatives' goals;
- ✓ The obstacles and constraints hindering the development of the regional renewable energy market through examining the following aspects:
 - Strengthening the infrastructure for the integration of the region's electricity networks (e.g. Tunisia – Libya – Egypt interconnections);
 - Defining a framework and rules for electricity trade between the countries of the region.
 - Establishing an appropriate and harmonized legal system promoting the free and non-discriminatory access to electricity networks, at competitive prices for producers who exploit renewable energy sources.
 - Reducing subsidies on fossil energy and adopting an appropriate pricing system.
- ✓ Legal reforms and adjustments at the regional level to establish a common electricity market, especially for renewable electricity, through paying specific attention to the particularities of the sub-region and the role of private sector in this region. These measures are of technical, regulatory, institutional and economic level.
- ✓ Monitoring the implementation of the adopted measures and coordinating the initiatives of the relevant regional actors (Arab League, Comelec, Med-TSO, Medgrid, ...).

Framework paper for the activities of the workshop N°2

Theme: Financing the common regional policy	Workshop moderator: Rafik Missaoui/ECA-NA Consultant
Date: September 24, 2013 14h30-17h30	Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Background

This thematic workshop falls within the context of the strategic axis on *“increasing investments through the mobilization of financial resources from international financial institutions and industrial and banking private sector”*.

Up to now, investments allocated to renewable energy in the region's countries are mainly financed by governments and official development assistance (ODA). Specific risks related to renewable energy, unattractive market conditions and the narrowness of domestic markets are all factors that limit the contribution of the private sector. The development of investment in renewable energy depends on the country's capacity to implement innovative and flexible funding mechanisms and partnerships to obtain funding from the private sector, development banks and international and regional financial institutions.

Objective of the thematic workshop

This thematic workshop aims at identifying the joint measures to be undertaken at the regional level:

- ✓ Facilitating the mobilization of financial resources from financial institutions and the private sector at the international, regional and national level;
- ✓ Assisting the countries in the implementation of innovative and flexible financing mechanisms that promote non-conventional financing sources (public savings, investment funds, venture capital, etc.);
- ✓ Implementing common mechanisms to mitigate the economic and political risks relating to renewable energy projects, as well as improving the competitiveness of the region in this area.

The debate will cover the following areas in particular:

- ✓ The opportunities to promote Public Private Partnerships (PPP) as a tool with high leverage effect on the public finance (a combination between industrial public and private funds and the banking sector will serve as an efficient stimulus to boost the dynamics of the renewable energy sector);
- ✓ The measures needed for the implementation of an attractive system based on long-term policies and a transparent business environment suitable to attract private investors;
- ✓ The opportunities of the new market mechanisms implemented as part of the efforts to fight against climate change.

Each area has to be further discussed with the aim to identify the difficulties and obstacles that impede investors and industrial operators to fund renewable energy programs and projects. Through this review, the participants will formulate recommendations on the joint measures to be implemented for a cost effective financing of the renewable energy development in the region.

All recommendations will be later presented and discussed in plenary session, in order to be finalized and adopted.

Approach of the workshop proceedings

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Proceedings of the workshop:

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- Discussions will be focused on key questions asked by the moderator;
- A summary of findings and recommendations will be made by the group at the end of the workshop.

Key questions to be addressed during the workshop:

To facilitate and guide the debate, the discussion will focus on the following key questions:

- ✓ What financing instruments and models for the renewable energy projects in the region?
- ✓ How to mobilize regional and international private sector resources for the investment in the region?
- ✓ How to increase the financing of research and innovation?
- ✓ The role of donors and regional and international financial institutions in the financing of the common policy and the regional projects.
- ✓ How to promote bankable projects?

Expected results from the workshop

At the end of the thematic workshop, a summary of findings and recommendations will be identified by the group and presented by the reporter in the plenary feedback session. This presentation will contain suggestions regarding:

- ✓ Financing opportunities offered through the cooperation with international financial institutions for the financing of regional investment projects;
- ✓ The need to mobilize funds to strengthen electricity interconnection networks in the sub-region;
- ✓ The opportunity of creating regional investment Funds dedicated to renewable energies that will allow the mobilization of national, regional and international financial resources;
- ✓ The ability of the countries to promote public private partnerships;
- ✓ The need to harmonize investment policies and procedures and to reform the business climate in order to stimulate the participation of the private sector;
- ✓ Suggesting adequate tax and financial incentive measures to attract investors and the private sector;
- ✓ The usefulness of creating a regional financial structure dedicated to renewable energies. This structure will be in charge of:
 - Identifying large renewable energy projects;
 - Analyzing projects according to financial risks criteria, and
 - Suggesting bankable projects to the financial institutions and investment funds.

Framework paper for the activities of the workshop N°3

Theme: Industrial integration and skills development	Workshop moderator: Sami Marrouki/ ECA-NA Consultant
Date: September 25, 2013 11h00-13h00	Duration: 2 hours

Background

This thematic workshop falls within the context of the strategic axis on “*promoting the development of a regional competitive industrial network and developing common technical and scientific skills*” in order to maximize socio-economic impacts of the development of the renewable energy regional market, through the increase of regional industrial added value and the creation of green jobs.

To achieve this strategic goal, there is a need of a consistent common policy focusing on the following aspects:

- Strengthening industrial partnerships between the countries of the region and with other regions of the world;
- Promoting scientific research and innovation, as well as the pooling of assets in this area;
- Accelerating knowledge and expertise sharing between the countries of the region and with other regions of the world;

Objective of the thematic workshop

This thematic workshop aims primarily at analyzing the current situation of the region in terms of industrial supply and technical and scientific skills. It also aims at assessing cooperation between the countries of the region in this field.

The group will then identify major obstacles to accelerate industrial, technical and scientific cooperation in this field.

Finally, based on this review, recommendations will be formulated for:

- ✓ A better understanding of the needs of the private sector to increase industrial integration and thus create a competitive industrial network in the field of renewable energy technologies;
- ✓ Promoting technology and know-how transfer between the region's countries and with other regions (EU, etc.);
- ✓ Strengthening the skills and qualifications of the region;
- ✓ Improving coordination of research efforts to extend their scope to regional goals.

Subsequently, the recommendations will be presented and discussed in plenary session, in order to be finalized and validated.

Approach of the workshop proceedings

Operational rules

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Proceedings of the workshop:

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- Discussions will be focused on key questions asked by the moderator;
- A summary of findings and recommendations will be made by the group at the end of the workshop.

Key questions to be addressed during the workshop:

To facilitate and guide the debate, the discussion will focus on the following key questions:

- ✓ What is the current status of the industrial integration in the region?
- ✓ What are the constraints and difficulties to the development of a regional industrial integration?
- ✓ How to promote innovation and build common R&D skills in the region?
- ✓ Which common policy of standardization and harmonization of technical standards and rules?
- ✓ Which strategies and mechanisms for the industrial partnership and technology and know-how transfer?
- ✓ What are the challenges facing private companies and what are the investment opportunities offered to these companies to invest in the whole value chain?
- ✓ What roles for North African economic operators within a regional strategy for renewable energies?

Expected results from the workshop

At the end of the thematic workshop, a summary of findings and recommendations will be formulated by the group and presented by the reporter in the plenary feedback session. This presentation will contain suggestions related to:

- ✓ The constraints and difficulties impeding the industrial integration of renewable energies, through the study of :
 - The technology and service offer and the analysis of the value chain of renewable energies;
 - Regulations of the trade exchange between the countries, mainly in terms of custom tariffs and taxation.
- ✓ The common policy for the standardization and harmonization of technical standards and rules;
- ✓ The creation of exchange platforms to facilitate access to information on the latest technology advances and their development prospects;
- ✓ The need to better exploit and capitalize on successful technological experiences in the region;
- ✓ The usefulness of establishing and implementing a regional plan for the technological and industrial development;
- ✓ The expectations of the private sector to explore the possibilities of creating new SMEs by identifying the regional opportunities offered by the entire value chain;
- ✓ The need to agree upon and adopt a policy for industrial partnership and technology and know-how transfer;
- ✓ The roles of North African economic operators in the development of the industrial integration, within a regional strategy for renewable energies.

Framework paper for the activities of the thematic workshop N°4

Theme : What governance for a common regional policy?	Workshop moderator: Rafik Missaoui/ECA-NA Consultant
Date: September 25, 2013 11h00-13h00	Duration: 2 hours

Background

Any regional development policy of renewable energy should be accompanied by “appropriate institutional mechanisms to support the adoption, implementation and monitoring of the common regional policy”. The establishment and management of these mechanisms fall within the role and responsibility of the States and the regional political and technical institutions, such as Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), Arab League, etc.

The group discussions should focus on the institutional aspects trying to answer the key question “What governance for a common regional development policy of renewable energy?”

By governance we mean all of the following aspects:

- The process of setting long-term goals of the common policy at the regional level;
- The legal framework and regional agreements for the adoption of a common policy taking into account the existing framework (the Directive of the Arab League in the RE field, the Euro-Mediterranean agreements etc.);
- Monitoring and follow-up of national efforts and achievements made by States under the common policy;
- The states' reporting system to the regional steering body of the common policy;
- The assessment of national policies using relevant pre-defined indicators;
- Framework and mechanisms for dialogue, exchange and cooperation between concerned national structures in the region;
- Cooperation framework and mechanisms with other parts of the world, particularly Europe.

Objectives of the thematic workshop

The thematic workshop aims primarily at analyzing the current mission of the main existing regional institutions and structures, and assessing their predisposition and ability to play an active role in monitoring the regional efforts in renewable energy.

The next step is to identify the obstacles which may affect the establishment of an appropriate governance framework for the implementation of a common regional policy.

The group should then make proposals on the governance framework and the appropriate institutional mechanisms for the steering of the common policy and formulate them as recommendations to be presented and discussed in a plenary session, with the aim to have them finalized and validated.

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- A summary of findings and recommendations will be made by the group at the end of the workshop.

Key questions to be addressed during the workshop:

To facilitate and guide the debate, the discussion will focus on the following key questions:

- ✓ How to define common objectives and strategic priorities?
- ✓ How to establish a permanent platform for dialogue and exchange at the regional level?
- ✓ What common framework for the implementation of a regional policy? (Coordination, regulation of the electricity market, customs policy, etc.).
- ✓ How to promote the coordination of efforts between the regional institutions (AMU, Arab League);
- ✓ What common policy of cooperation with Europe?

Expected results from the workshop

At the end of the thematic workshop, a summary of findings and recommendations will be made by the group and presented by the reporter in the plenary feedback session. This presentation will contain suggestions related to:

- ✓ The review of the existing frameworks and institutional mechanisms in terms of capacities to be promoted and the strengthening of regional dialogue on policies, programs and reforms;
- ✓ Measures to strengthen existing institutional mechanisms;
- ✓ The role of AMU and the Arab League to coordinate and support the implementation of the regional policy;
- ✓ The need to promote the coordination of efforts among the various regional institutions, by suggesting working methods;
- ✓ The determiners of institutional mechanisms for the monitoring and assessment of the common policy;
- ✓ The strengthening of dialogue and exchange of experiences on good practices in the region through:
 - The creation of a regional platform for political dialogue and exchange of experiences involving all public and private stakeholders and partners from the renewable energy sector;
 - Improving availability and access to reliable and consolidated information on the potential of renewable energy resources;
 - Spreading the policies and legislation's good practices of the countries in the field of renewable energy;
- ✓ The joint cooperation method with other regions and especially with Europe.



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