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The Renewable Energy Sector in North Africa : Current Situation and Perspectives

Preliminary Work Programme

**Expert Meeting
January 12-13, 2012
Rabat, Morocco**



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Thursday 12 January

08h30 – 09h00 Participants registration

09h00 – 10h30 **Opening and introduction**

- Address by Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Sultane, Director of the ECA Office for North Africa and the representative of the Executive Secretary of ECA
- Address by M. Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU)
- Address by the Representative of the Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment
- Introduction: presentation of the project, its objectives and the experts meeting program (ECA-NA)

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 – 13h00 **Session 1: Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) development situation in North Africa : issues, progress, constraints and perspectives**

Presentation of the study's main results (M. Khennas Smail, consultant)

- Presentation of country experiences to support the RE and EE development: instructions and perspectives
- The development of RE and the EE strengthening in Morocco (Mrs. Zohra Ettaik, Ministry of Energy and Mines)
- The perspectives of renewable energy in Libya (M. Mohamed Ali Elkhlat, REAOL)
- NEAL, Technologies entrepreneur linked to new and renewable energy. Presentation of the first hybrid solar power / gas from Hassi R'Mel (Sokhal Ali, Business Development Director -NEAL, Algeria)

Debate upon major challenges, instructions and opportunities.

13h00 – 14h30 Lunch Break

14h30 – 16h00 **Session 2: Renewable energy funding**

Introduction (M. Khennas Smail, consultant): Current trends in funding, challenges and best practices.

Presentation of a few country experiences:

- Pattern of Tunisian solar program funding: thermal and photovoltaic industries (Mr. Moncef Njeim, Director-PROSOL ANME, Tunisia)
- Overview of financing options and lessons learned from rural electrification projects by the RE (Cheikh El Moctar, DED-APAUS, Mauritania)
- Role and investment strategy of the Energy Investment Company (EIC)- (Ahmed Baroudi, CEO, EIC, Morocco)
- Dynamic entrepreneurial on renewable energy development. (M. Tahar Achour, President of the RE Chamber of Trade Unions, Tunisia)

16h00 – 16h30 Coffee break

16h30 – 18h00 Discussions and recommendations aiming to remove barriers to finance and stimulate private and foreign investment.

Friday 13 January

08h30 – 10h30 Session 3: Knowledge sharing and capacity building

Role of regional centers in capacity development and overview of key institutions as well as initiatives for capacity building in NA (Khennas M. Smail, consultant)

Capacity building in renewable energy and energy efficiency in the MENA region (Mrs. Amel Bida, RCREEE, Cairo)

The capacity of Research and Development sector of Renewable Energies Research Centre and energy technologies (Mr. Brahim Bessais, CRTEn, Tunisia)

Discussions

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee break

11h00 – 13h00 Session 4: Integration and regional energy cooperation

Introduction (M. Smail Khennas, consultant): comparative advantages and cooperation opportunities

Presentation of the AMU initiatives as to promote RE and EE development (M. Lahoual Kouider, AMU)

The European project “Paving the Way for the Mediterranean Solar Plan” (M. El Habib El Andaloussi, Deputy Team Leader)

Discussions and recommendations upon strategic objectives and a regional road map development, favoring cooperation in terms of RE and EE.

13h00 – 14h30 Lunch Break

14h30 – 15h30 Session 4: Integration and regional energy cooperation (continuation)

Discussions and recommendations for the development of a regional road map favoring cooperation of RE and EE.

15h30- 16h00 Coffee break

16h00- 17h00 Main recommendations

Workshop synthesis and adoption of key recommendations

17h00- 17h30 Closing of the workshop



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