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Concept

**UNFCCC COP22 side event:**

**“Italy and Africa working towards energy access and sustainability:  
Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices in achieving SDG7”**

Jointly organized and hosted by the:

*Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

*Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea*

**General Information:**

- Date: Thursday, 17 November 2016
- Location: Italian pavilion (Pavillion 2 - blue area)
- Duration: 1,5 hours (13:15 – 14:45)
- Participants: approx. 30-40
- Language: English
- Target Group: high-level policy makers, international organizations and other stakeholders
- Methodology: short 10 minute presentations and moderated Q&A Panel Discussion

**Objective:**

- Show case best practices to achieve SDG7 as development projects, technology transfer and innovation management processes in the context of the Italy– Africa Cooperation
- Establish an understanding and facilitate discussion over the critical role of renewable, sustainable energy in Africa and other developing countries.

**Event Outline:**

Africa presents a seemingly boundless energy potential, which still remains largely untapped. According to International Energy Agency data, the continent has more than 635 million people who still lack access to electricity. Energy deficiency affects health, limits development opportunities, it reduces access to education and the potential to exit poverty status. For emerging countries, electricity represents a source of growth, a pre-requisite for wider availability of goods and services and lays the foundations for the development of people and communities.

In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and in the context of COP22 in Marrakech, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation together with the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea will jointly address the challenging topic of energy access and sustainability in the African continent. The Side Event will show best practices, technology transfer and innovation being implemented in the context of the Italy–Africa Cooperation. High level speakers, academics and private sector stakeholders will come together to discuss the critical role of developing renewable and sustainable energy to achieve SDG7 “Ensure access to affordable reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all” .

**Draft Agenda:**

**Moderation by: Kyoto Club Vice President Francesco Ferrante**

- 13:15 Opening remarks by *Francesco Ferrante*, Kyoto Club Vice President
- 13:20 Italy Africa partnership: *Tosca Barucco*, MFA Climate Change Coordinator
- 13:30 Insight on Africa from World Energy Outlook 2016: *Kamel Ben Naceur*, IEA Director of Sustainability, Technology and Outlook
- 13:45 Public & private sector experiences in the African energy market:
  - 13:45 – 13:55 *Renato De Filippo*, Climate Change Manager - Eni
  - 13:55 – 14:05 *Berardo Guzzi*, Strategy & Market Analysis, International Affairs - Terna
  - 14:05 – 14:15 *Maria Cristina Papetti*, Head of Sustainability Projects and Practice Sharing - Enel
  - 14:15 – 14:25 *Alberto Giaconia*, Solar Thermal and Thermodynamic Division - Enea
- 14:25 Q&A
- 14:30 Closing remarks by *Gianluca Galletti*, Minister of Environment, Land and Sea
- 14:45 End of Session

