



The Africa-EU Energy Partnership (AEEP)

The Role of Civil Society and the Private Sector

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Introduction

- Purpose of this meeting
 - Share information on progress and planning for 2009 and discuss how non-state actors can contribute to the goals of the Energy Partnership
 - Discuss how to expertise and capacity of non-state actors can flow into the work of Joint Experts Group and inform the Road Map
 - A way to ID experts through feedback to your membership



Institutional Path to the AEEP

- Africa - EU Ministerial Troika suggests comprehensive energy partnership (Brazzaville, October 2006)
- Joint Presidency - Commission Background Paper. Berlin, Maputo and Accra meetings in March 2007
- Council conclusions in May 2007 support the Energy Partnership and outline the key elements
- Agreement with AUC in June 2007 on the key elements
- Adoption of the Energy Partnership as part of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, December 2007



Overall Objectives

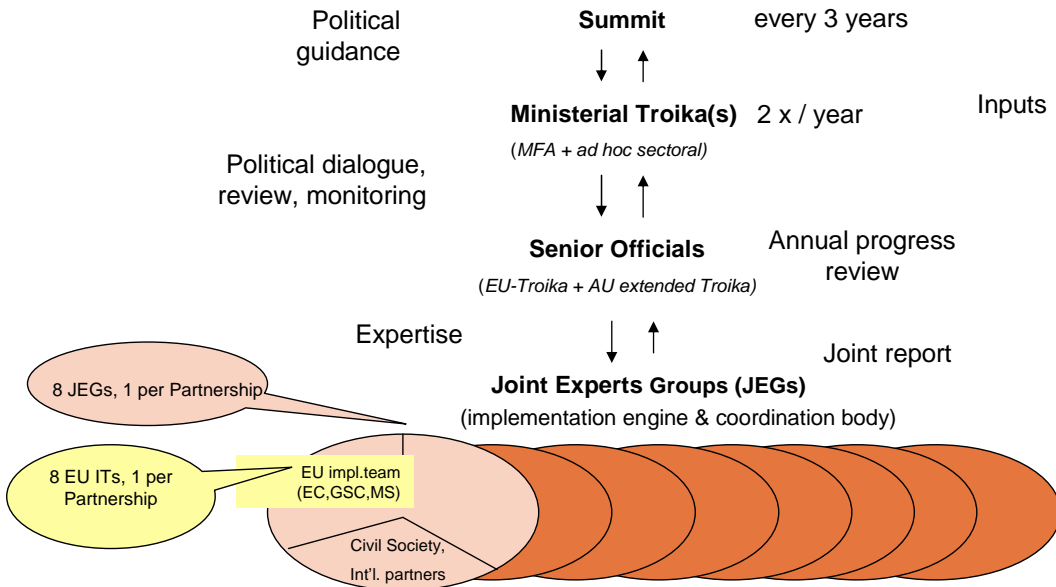
- Effective Africa-EU **dialogue** on energy access and energy security for both continents
- Improved **access** to reliable, secure, affordable, climate friendly and sustainable energy services
- Increased European and African **investments** in energy infrastructure in Africa, including promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency

HOW?

Through establishing a long-term framework for structured political dialogue and cooperation on energy issues



Short Review of how the Joint Africa-EU Strategy works...



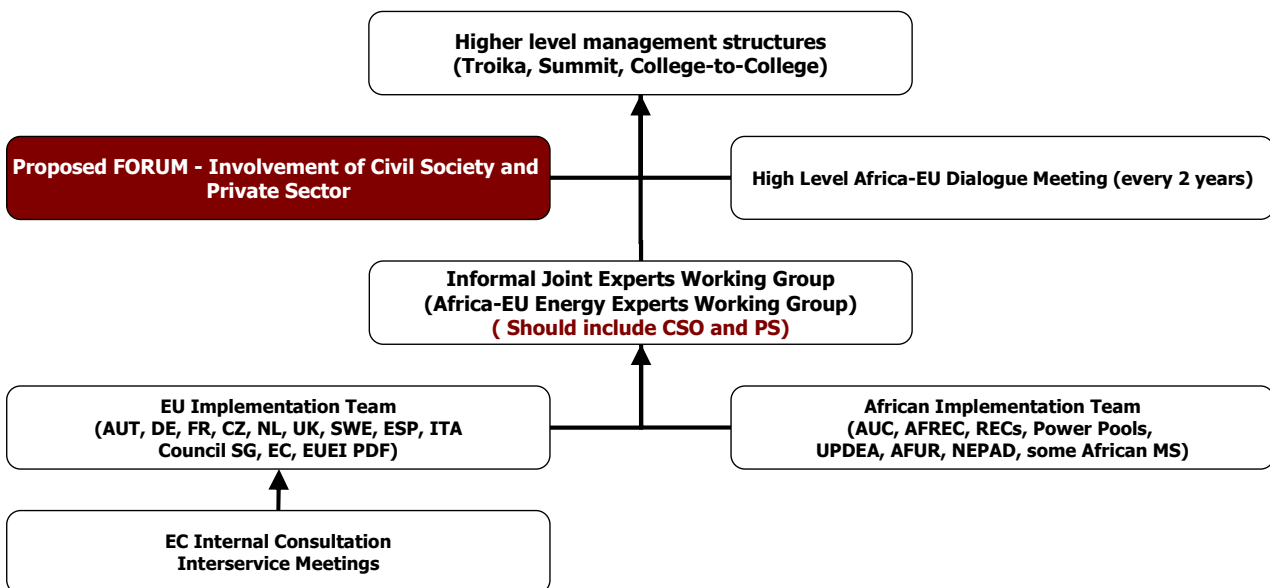
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AEEP's Structure



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Priorities for Implementation ^{1/2}

▪ **Joint Statement (8 Sept 2008)**

- Promoting regional integration of electricity markets in Africa
- Promoting and enabling environment to enhance private investment
- Developing energy interconnections between Africa and Europe
- Launching a Renewable Energy Consortium programme
- Supporting the reduction of gas flaring and venting
- Mobilizing additional resources for investment in the energy sector both on supply and demand side, notably to improve access to energy services
- Making progress in implementing existing EC support to enhance the institutional and technical capacity of the AUC
- Strengthening cooperation to improve energy efficiency in all energy sectors
- Facilitating contacts and increasing exchanges of know-how between European and African counterparts



Progress so far on AEEP

- 1st meeting of the Joint Experts Group (JEG) October 2008, second planned for Spring 2009
- Agreement on Road Map Process and Outline achieved.
- Mapping of relevant EU activities started
- Support from the EUEI PDF to the EU IT agreed. EUEI PDF will also contract a consultant to support the AUC on AEEP work.
- Progress on goals: Ongoing EC and MS programmes contribute to goals. New Energy Facility in particular may be used to address gaps
- Good communication with AUC, other African IT partners becoming more visible. Establishing a dialogue process takes time.



How the Road Map will be developed...

- EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility (EUEI PDF) contracts short-term consultants to draft background papers which will be transformed into chapters of the road map
 - EU and AU MS invited to contribute to drafting of road map, particularly in view of taking stock of existing activities and identifying existing gaps and the priorities up to 2010
 - Germany and Austria leading efforts on renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Consultants start collecting information on existing activities, priorities and objectives/milestones at regional level and carry out consultations with relevant stakeholders, including non-state actors.
- Workshops with African stakeholders in May planned to gather input and build consensus



AEEP Timeline 2009

- *12-13 February* - Consultation with African energy experts at CEMA meeting.
- **12 February – 1st Consultation with CSO and PS**
- April – **VENRO CSO event on AEEP in Nairobi**
- *April/May* - 2nd JEG meeting. Progress Report on the Road Map
- *28 April* - Troika Meeting: First Draft of the Road Map and executive summary submitted; **CSO meetings**
- *May* – AEEP roadmap workshop held in Africa, 2nd Draft submitted to Troika
- *May – June* - Consultants finish Road Map. Editing Committee finalizes. Another JEG meeting held?
- *June – September* - High-level Meeting. Final Road-Map presented



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Role of Civil Society in Joint EU-Africa Strategy ^{1/2}

- **»people-centred»** partnership (4th objective)
- Non State Actors' role fully recognised (private sector; eco. & soc. partners, incl. trade unions; CSOs according to national characteristics)
- Agreed on the Troika level:
 - CSO and PS participation in JEGs, based on expertise and commitment
 - CSOs representatives invited to express themselves ahead of Africa-EU Ministerial Troika meetings
 - Web portal to facilitate CSOs consultations

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Role of Civil Society in Joint EU-Africa Strategy ^{2/2}

- Progress so far:
 - On the EU side:
 - EU CSOs interim Steering Group established to follow the Strategy
 - One contact organisation designated per partnership (cf. list)
 - On the AU side:
 - ECOSOCC: main CSO channel; not operational yet
 - Some AU MS resistance to fully involve African CSOs in JEGs
 - On both Africa-EU side:
 - Forum of African & EU CSOs ahead of next Min. Troika (28/04/09) (tbc)



Role of CS and PS in Energy Partnership

- Non-state actors will be consulted on the Road Map
- Blog and other informational activities to be explored
- VENRO is organising civil society forum in April in Nairobi. Other activities around the Troika possible, and other such CSO/PS initiatives welcomed.
- EU IT considers designate 1-2 representatives for the JEG (energy and development experts); discussion with AUC next step here.



Discussion

- What would you like more information on?
- Will you be able to share and disseminate information to your members?
- What suggestions do you have for better integrating non-state actor expertise? Do you see a particular role for your organisation?
- Setting up communication channels between Co-chairs, Commission and selected CSO/PS Representatives
- Spreading information about AEEP in Africa and the EU:
 - Are you able to organise further workshops or consultations with stakeholders?
 - Would you propose other means to disseminate information and channel inputs from non-state actors?



All key documents on official website:

www.africa-eu-partnership.org

Blog on CS involvement in the Strategy:

<http://africa-eu-partnership.org/wordpress/?cat=7>

Thank you for your attention.

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