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The European Union's financing in the energy sector in Africa

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Date: 5th October 2007

Place: Berlin

Venue: Kirchsaal, Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus,
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HOW TO GET THERE?

Deutsche Bahn: Berlin Hauptbahnhof, from there take S-Bahn east to next station "Friedrichstr."

U-Bahn and S-Bahn: Station „Friedrichstraße“, follow Friedrichstr. northbound, Ziegelstr. is to the right of Friedrichstadtpalast (10min walk)

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Which role for the European
Investment Bank and Infrastructure
Partnership Trust Fund?

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BACKGROUND

The European Union as part of its overall energy strategy intends to intensify its energy cooperation with African countries. The significance of the energy sector emerges from recent policy initiatives including the joint EU Africa strategy currently being developed and emerges from several recent policy initiatives including the EU-Africa Energy Partnership and new instruments such as the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership Trust Fund. The Energy Partnership is expected to be launched at the EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon in December 2007. It aims to improve the climate for energy investments, to increase the amount invested in energy projects and to make oil and gas revenues more transparent, as well as to reinforce the development of renewable energy. The Commission's communication on energy policy for Europe from January 2007 suggests that the European Investment Bank (EIB) might play a vital role in the EU-Africa energy partnership. This role is also clearly envisaged in the EIB's own energy review from October 2006. At operational level, the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund Agreement was signed in April 2007, with 10 Donors (Commission + and 9 Member States) pledging initial contributions of EUR 87M to support regional infrastructure projects in sub-Saharan Africa, including regional energy projects. EIB manages the Trust Fund, other European Development Finance institutions (eg AFD, KfW, COFIDES....) are also participants. From a development perspective, the Trust Fund seeks to foster European co-financing in support of regional infrastructure projects in Africa. As European civil society we want to critically evaluate the role and responsibility of the EIB in the different EU instruments for energy cooperation with Africa in preparation of the EU-Africa Summit in December 2007. Does the EIB's energy portfolio in Africa contribute to the EU stated aims of sustainable development, combating climate change and the eradication of poverty? Are the various approaches coherent and do they provide value-added? And do EIB's energy projects in Africa promote sustainable energy usage as well as renewable and decentralised energy cooperation?

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10.15 Welcome and Introduction

Regine Richter, urgewald

10:15 - 11:00 EU infrastructure for development initiatives – an overview and assessment

Alistair Wray, UK Department for International Development

11:00 - 11:45 EU-Africa infrastructure trust fund and energy facility

Raul Mateus-Paula, EU Commission, AIDCO

11:45 - 12:30 Financing energy sector in Africa: EIB's and Infrastructure Partnership Trust Fund perspective

Catherine Collin, European Investment Bank
Kurt Simonsen, European Investment Bank

Chair: Anders Lustgarten, Bretton Woods Project

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Recent energy financing of EIB in Africa – An NGO perspective

Korinna Horta, Environmental Defense

15:00 - 15:45 Terms for a sustainable energy future in Africa – a blueprint

Ibrahim Togola, Folke Center Mali

Chair: Desi Stoyanova, CEE Bankwatch



15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:15 Panel discussion:

What would an energy strategy coherent to EU sustainability, climate and poverty reduction goals look like?

Catherine Collin, European Investment Bank
Ibrahim Togola, Folke Center Mali
Friedel Hütz-Adams, Südwind
Simon Koppers, German Federal Ministry for Development and Cooperation

Chair: Magda Stoczkiewicz, CEE Bankwatch

17:15 - 17:30 Concluding remarks

Klaus Schilder, World Economy, Ecology & Development