

PROGRAMME

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN EUROPE-
AFRICA RELATIONS: COMPLEXITIES AND
GEOPOLITICS

06.11.-07.11.2024

The workshop explores the evolving dynamics of European Union (EU)-Africa cooperation in the context of renewable energy transitions and the EU Green Deal, set against rising geopolitical tensions and internal political shifts within the EU. This two-day virtual workshop will bring together renewable energy and policy experts from Europe and Africa to discuss renewable energy development and deployment, energy policy intersections and challenges, EU-Africa competing interests, and geopolitical dimensions of renewable energy cooperation between Europe and Africa, and the formation of strong EU-Africa cooperation for renewable energy transitions under the EU Green Deal. The workshop aims to understand better the intricacies and geopolitics of renewable energy transitions in EU-Africa collaboration, spark in-depth national and regional conversations about renewable energy policy, the EU Green Deal and renewable energy transitions, energy democracy, energy infrastructure, and power balance to support renewable energy transitions through EU-Africa collaboration.

06.11.2024

Wednesday

10.00h	Opening Remarks Manuel Becker, Head of Scientific Programme AIA NRW
10.10h	Keynote Dr Olumide Abimbola, Africa Policy Research Institute, Berlin
	Morning Session: COMPLEXITIES, COMPETING INTERESTS AND GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS
10.40h	The EU Green Deal and Africa's Renewable Energy Potential: A Strategic Partnership Prof. Emmanuel Boon, International Centre for Ent. and Sustainable Development
11.10h	Competing Interests: How can African states benefit from the EU Critical Raw Material Act and the UK Critical Minerals Strategy? Mr. Chris Vandome, Chatham House, London
11.30h	Geopolitics of Financing Energy Transitions: Implications for EU-Africa Energy Relations Dr. Justice Surugu, World Bank, USA
12.00h	Q&A
	Afternoon Session
14.00h	Global demand for clean energy: Lithium Mining and National Economic Development in Zimbabwe Dr. Patience Mususa/ Mr Grasian Mkodzongi, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala
14.30h	The distributive impacts of the energy transition in Sub-Sahara Africa Dr. Alex Osei-Kojo, Professor, University of Tennessee Knoxville

07.11.2024

Thursday

	POLICY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COOPERATION
10.00h	The Role of Public Policy in Renewable Energy Transitions: Challenges in Harmonizing EU and African Energy Policies Dr. Samuel Anuga, University Mohammed VI Polytechnic,
10.30h	Energy Democracy and Decentralization: Empowering Communities for Inclusive Growth and Energy Access in Africa Ms. Doris Edem Agbevivi, Energy Commission
11.00h	Technology Transfer and Innovation: Bridging the Gap between Europe and Africa in Renewable Energy Development Dr. Opeyemi Amusan, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
11.30h	Q&A Moderator Albert Ahenkan, University of Ghana
12.00h	End of Workshop

Log-in Credentials:

<https://wacren.zoom.us/j/68698464245?pwd=4aDkKU4vMM5skU0VBhPu46ONvAMMw.1>

Meeting ID: 686 9846 4245

Passcode: 304587

**RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN EUROPE-
AFRICA RELATIONS: COMPLEXITIES AND
GEOPLITICS**