

International Off-Grid Renewable Energy Conference

November 1-2 2012

International Conference Centre, Accra, Ghana

Thursday, November 1 st 2012	
Theme:	Off-grid Renewable Energy System Deployment: Regulations, Policies and Financing
08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:15	Welcome Address
09:15-09:35	Key note Speaker: Dipal Chandra Barua , Co-founder, Grameen Bank; Founding Managing Director, Grameen Shakti; Founder and Chairman, Bright Green Energy Foundation
Session 1 09:35-11:00	<p><i>Scaling-up off-grid renewable energy technology deployment - Regulations and Market development</i></p> <p>Moderator: Frank Wouters, Deputy Director-General, IRENA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Mahama Kappiah, Director, ECREEE</p> <p>Alassane Agalassou, Director of Rural Electrification, AMADER, Mali</p> <p>Harish Hande, Managing Director, SELCO India</p> <p>Henry Gichungi, Off-grid Business Manager, Kenya Power and Lighting Company</p> <p>Philip Mann, Senior Project Manager, Africa- EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme</p>
Coffee Break & Exhibition	
Session 2 11:30-12:45	<p><i>Need for Targeted Support. What policies? What incentives?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ben Good, CEO, GVEP International</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Daniel Guie, President, Club ER</p> <p>Lisa S. Go, Chief, Investment Promotions Office, Department of Energy, Philippines</p> <p>Nico Peterschmidt, Managing Director, INENSUS GmbH</p> <p>Pradeep Monga, Director, Energy and Climate Change, UNIDO</p> <p>Pablo Carvajal, Energy Advisor, Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Ecuador</p>
12:50-14:10	<p>Lunch</p> <p>IRENA-GIZ Side Event: Making the case for RE-based remote energy supply- Cost trends and technical, economic and policy challenges for the realization of RE-based mini-grids</p> <p>Exhibition</p>
Session 3 14:10-15:35	<p><i>Effective and innovative business models. What viability for privately led initiatives?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Denis Rambaud Méasson, Chair, Innovation Energie Développement (IED)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>John Afari Idan, Chief Executive Officer, Biogas Technologies Africa Ltd.</p> <p>Nazmul Haque, Director and Head of Investment, IDCOL Bangladesh</p> <p>Nganga Joseph, Chief Executive Officer, Renewable Energy Venture, Kenya</p> <p>Gurbuz Gonul, Senior Energy Economist, Islamic Development Bank</p> <p>Gamini Swarnapala, Deputy General Manager, Sarvodaya Economic Enterprises Development Services, Sri Lanka</p>
Coffee Break & Exhibition	

Session 4 16:05-17:45	<i>Financing off-grid renewable energy systems: lessons learned</i>	
	Moderator: John Wasielewski , Development Finance Advisor to U.S. Department of State	
	Panelists:	
	Zakou Amadou , Energy Division Manager, African Development Bank	
	Godfrey Mwindare , West Africa Country Head, Acumen Fund	
	Juan José Ochoa , Vice President, EMPRENDA Argentina	
	Frank Yeboah Dadzie , Project Manager (Solar), ARB Apex Bank, Ghana	
18:00-20:00	Exhibition	
	ARE Side Event: Accelerating the penetration of Small and Medium Wind Technologies in Africa's market	

Friday, November 2nd 2012		
Theme: Off-grid Renewable Energy Systems: Technology, Design and Innovation		
09:00-09:20	Key note Speaker: Ernesto Macias , ARE President	
Session 5 09:20-10:45	<i>Off-grid renewable energy technologies to meet basic needs</i>	
	Moderator: Abeku Brew-Hammond , Director, The Energy Centre, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science of Technology, Ghana	
	Panelists:	
	Thomas Meier , Rural water supply system expert	
	Clement Ouedraogo , Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel, CILSS	
	Jürgen Rheinländer , RE Desalination system expert	
	Tobias März , SolarChill	
	Irene Abagi , We Care Solar	
Coffee Break & Exhibition		
Session 6 11:15-12:45	<i>Off-grid renewable energy systems: technologies, advantages, challenges and costs</i>	
	Moderator: Michael Wollny , ARE, Vice President; Director, Business Development Off-Grid Solutions, SMA Solar Technology AG	
	Panelists:	
	Brisa Ortiz , Head of Team, Autonomous Systems and Mini-Grids, Fraunhofer ISE	
	Balthasar Klimbie , ARE Vice President; Wind Energy Solutions	
	Ashok Chaudhuri , General Manager, Ankur Scientific Energy Technologies	
	Pol Arranz-Piera , Polytechnical University of Catalonia	
	Cui Zhenhua , Science Research Center, Hangzhou Regional Center (Asia & Pacific) for SHP	
12:50-14:10	Lunch	Exhibition
	IRENA Side Event: Capacity Needs Assessments for Rural Electrification	

14:15-14:35	Keynote Speaker: Dolf Gielen , Director, IITC, IRENA	
Session 7 14:35-16:05	<i>Innovative off-grid renewable energy system design</i>	
	Moderator: Hugo Lucas , Director Policy Advisory Services and Capacity Building, IRENA Panelists: Michael Muller , Director, Steca Claude Ruchet , Deputy Director, Studer Innotec Thomas Gottschalk , General Manager, Mobisol Xavier Vallvé , Director, Trama Tecno Ambiental Benoît Connes , R&D Manager, Phaesun	
Coffee Break & Exhibition		
Session 8 16:35-17:45	<i>Innovation and findings in the field of off-grid renewable energy</i>	
	Moderator: Ogunlade Davidson , Professor, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone Panelists: Andy Walker , Principal Engineer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory Sandor Szabo , Manager, Scientific and technical projects, EU Joint Research Center Dohyun Goh , Global Green Growth Institute Mary Roach , Business Development Manager, Community Power from Mobile, GSMA Mobile for Development	
17:45-18:10	Closing Ceremony	
18:10-20:00	IRENA Side Event: <i>Empowering Communities through Biogas</i>	Exhibition