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The Regional Conference on: "Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development in Rural Areas of the ESCWA Region"

26 - 28 November 2013, Rabat Hotel, Rabat city, Morocco.

AGENDA

DAY 1: Tuesday November 26th, 2013

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| 08:30 – 09:30 | REGISTRATION |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | OPENING SESSION: WELCOMING SPEECHES
<p>Ms. Jamila Matar, Head of the Energy Department, League of Arab States (LAS);</p> <p>Ms. Amel Bida, Research & Analysis Manager, Regional Center of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE),</p> <p>Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director of the Sustainable Development and Productivity Division (SDPD), ESCWA,</p> <p>Mr. Abdel Rehim El Hafidi, General Secretary, Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of Morocco.</p> |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Coffee Break
Inauguration of the Exhibition |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | SESSION 1: RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ARAB RURAL AREAS
Moderator: <i>Mr. Sa'ad Al Jandal, Energy Expert, Kuwait</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | <p>An Overview of ESCWA's Approach to Promote Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Arab Region
 <i>Mr. Habib El-Andaloussi, Chief of Energy Section, ESCWA</i></p> |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | <p>Milestone Achievements within the Context of the DA Project on "Capacity Building on Climate Change Mitigation for Poverty Alleviation in Western Asia"
 <i>Ms. Bothayna Rashed/Ms. Lara Geadah, Energy Section, ESCWA</i></p> |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | <p>Efficient Poultry Production: A Showcase of Various Renewable Energy Applications at AREC-AUB
 <i>Ms. Darine Salam, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon</i></p> |

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- 12:00 – 12:20 The Moroccan Strategy and Policy Toward Enhancing Renewable Energy in Electricity Sector
Mr. Taoufik Laabi, National Office for Electricity and Water (ONEE), Morocco
- 12:20 – 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 15:40 SESSION 2: RENEWABLE ENERGY TRENDS, POLICIES AND INCENTIVES FOR RURAL AREAS**
Moderator: *Mr. Mr. Taoufik Laabi, ONEE*
- 14:00 – 14:20 International Trends Towards Using Renewable Energy Applications in the Rural Areas with a Focus on MENA Region
Ms. Christine Lins, Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN 21)
- 14:20 – 14:40 Requirements to Stimulate the Role of Renewable Energy in Realizing Food, Water and Energy Nexus in Rural Areas
Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Head of the Energy Efficiency Unit, Egypt
- 14:40 – 15:00 Integrated Renewable Energy Policies in the Rural Areas of ESCWA Region
Mr. Emmanuel Bergasse, Energy Policy Expert
- 15:00 – 15:20 Handbook for Green Technologies in Rural Areas
Mr. Yutthakan MAKPHAN, Director of the Institute of Renewable Energy Development of Asia Pacific Foundation and Vice Director of the Agriculture and Energy Center, Thailand
- 15:20 – 15:40 Discussion
- 15:40 - 16:00 Coffee Break**
- 16:00 – 17:15 SESSION 3: SOCIO-ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SPREADING THE USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY IN ESCWA'S RURAL AREAS**
Moderator: *Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Head of the Energy Efficiency Unit, Egypt*
- 16:00 – 16:20 The Role of NGOs and Civil Society Organizations in the Deployment of Renewable Energy in Rural and Remote Areas in the Arab Region: the Need to Transform Constraints into Opportunities
Mr. Stephane Pouffary, Director General of ENERGIES 2050
- 16:20 – 16:40 The Barefoot Approach: Leveraging Women for Sustainable Community Based Self Sufficiency
Mr. Rodrigo Paris, Head of Latin America, Barefoot College of India
- 16:40 – 17:00 Network Approach to Reduce High Up-Front Cost of Renewable Energy: A Successful Story
Ms. Marinka Vignali, Arab Renewable Energy and Sustainability Society (ARESS)

17:00 – 17:15 Discussion

DAY 2: Wednesday November 27th, 2013

09:00 – 11:00 SESSION 4: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICIES IN RURAL AREA: LESSONS LEARNT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderator: *Ms. Amel Bida, Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE)*

- 09:00 – 09:15 Arab Strategy for Developing Renewable Energy Utilization, 2010 – 2030
Ms. Jamila Matar, League of Arab States
- 09:15 – 09:30 Moroccan Experience to Promote the Renewable Energy in the Rural Areas
Mr. Karim Touzani, ADEREE - Morocco
- 09:30 – 09:45 Renewable Energy and Development of Rural Areas in Tunisia
Mr. Moncef Njeimi, ANME - Tunisia
- 09:45 – 10:00 Photovoltaic Projects in Rural Areas in Yemen
Mr. Rami Al-Shaibani, Ministry of Electricity and Energy - Yemen
- 10:00 – 10:15 Impact of Renewable Energy Systems on Rural Areas
Mr. Wael EL-Nashar, OneraSystems – Egypt.
- 10:15 – 10:30 Off-Grid Decentralized Systems, Sustainability and Reliability
Mr. Hassan Farajabi, SOLARMAN - Sudan
- 10:30 – 10:45 Energy Solar and Accessibility to Water and Energy in the Rural Areas
Mr. Bassam Ouaida, TRANSENERGIE - France
- 10:45 – 11:00 The Renewable Energy in the Sahel Countries: Regional Solar Program in the CILSS
Mr. Bocar Sada SY-SEMIS - Senegal

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee Break

11:20 – 12:40 SESSION 5: RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Moderator: *Mr. Sami Marrouki, Energy and Environment Expert*

- 11:20 – 11:40 Paving the way for sustainable energy for all in Arab states through renewable energy and energy efficiency
Mr. Walid Al Deghaili, ESCWA Consultant
- 11:40 – 12:00 Requirements for the Deployment of Renewable Energy Use in Rural Areas
Ms. Rym Ayadi, Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- 12:00 – 12:20 The Role of Off-Grid Renewable Energy Solutions in Sustaining Rural Development
Mr. Marcus Wiemann, Secretary General of Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)

12:20 – 12:40	Discussion
12:40 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:20	SESSION 5 (CONT'D): RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY
14:00 – 14:20	enerMENA Project: Sustainable Implementation of Concentrating Solar Power Technologies in the Remote Areas in the MENA Region <i>Mr. Louy Qoaider, German Aerospace Center</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Innovative Nano-Scale Bio-Fuels for Effective Rural Development <i>Mr. Nizar Hassan, Director, UNESCO Regional Office in Cairo</i>
14:40 – 15:00	The Results of the Project on “Innovative Mechanisms to Finance Renewable Energy Projects in North Africa”, <i>Ms. Marieme Bekaye, Economic Commission of Africa (ECA) - North Africa Office.</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Discussion
15:20 - 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 - 17:15	SESSION 6: Panel Discussion: The Way Forward Towards Expanding the Use of Renewable Energy in Rural Areas in the Arab Region Moderator: <i>Mr. Walid Al Deghaili, ESCWA Consultant</i> Panelists: <i>Ms. Jamila Matar, Ms. Amel Bida, Mr. Emanuel Bergasse, Mr. Moncef Njeimi and Dr. Anhar Hegazi.</i>

DAY 3: Thursday November 28th, 2013

08:00 – 08:30	Gathering at the hotel’s front gate to take the bus
08:30 – 12:30	Technical site visit to Souk: Ait Ouahi, Maaziz Village, Khemisset Province.
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch and return to the hotel.