



Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa Foundation (RES4Africa Foundation), in partnership with Enel Foundation, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the European Investment Bank (EIB), and in collaboration with POLIMI the Graduate School of Management and SDA Bocconi, are pleased to announce the ninth edition of the ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE (ATC).

Since the ATC's 1<sup>st</sup> edition in 2014, the ATC training programme is entirely dedicated to providing training participants with a set of technical, economic and regulatory core competences and advanced tools to assess and deploy the most appropriate solutions in different energy contexts for an efficient and effective integration of renewables in emerging electricity markets. The course is addressed to high-achieving individuals able to shape and deploy the future of energy systems in their respective countries across Africa.

The ATC will be held in Milan from the 21<sup>st</sup> of November to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022 and will be held in English.

The ATC is addressed to institutional and high-level managers and professionals operating in the RE sector in Africa (serving in public institutions, energy companies, energy centers, universities and research agencies). In addition, a new category of participants is added to cover Ph.D. or Master level students or Researchers from Italian Universities.

The synergy among professionals from different countries and with a different professional and educational background will greatly contribute to the development of a fruitful and positive training outcome.

This year the course will engage up to 60 African professionals. RES4Africa Foundation promotes a balanced gender mix in the selection of participants, therefore women are highly encouraged to apply.

The ATC will welcome the following participants:

- 1) 60 high-achieving individuals and middle managers coming from Sub-Saharan African and Southern Mediterranean (SEMCs) countries. Shortlisted participants will be awarded a full scholarship that will cover the ATC's tuition fee as well as travel and accommodation costs.
- 2) 10 professionals from RES4Africa Foundation members and stakeholders.
- 3) 10 Ph.D. or MD students and Researchers from Italian and International Universities

## Course Structure

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The structure of the course includes different modules that foresees 80 hours lectures on the main technical, regulatory and economics features of electricity markets and associated topics given by qualified international experts, academics and highly skilled technicians.

The training is structured to favour the exchange of experiences among participants by means of their direct involvement through fruitful interaction in group study activities and communal site visits.

The Advanced Training Course encourages participants to explore multidisciplinary approaches covering technical, economic and regulatory topics mainly integrating:

- theoretical and academic sessions;
- market perspective and industrial view.

## Costs and facilitations

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SUPPORT SCHEME and COSTS	Beneficiary	Covering costs and Items
Full scholarship (RES4Africa)	50 SEMCs and Sub-Saharan African middle managers	Flights, accommodation, board, transportation, class lectures, tuition fee, laboratories and plant visits.
Free registration	10 Professionals from RES4Africa member network	Class lectures, laboratories and plant visits
Free registration	10 PhD and MD students	Lectures, laboratories and plant visits

## Application procedure and screening of candidates

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### Application timeline:

The shortlisting of participants is an open, merit-based election process.

The call for applications for the 2022 edition of Advanced Training Course is now open and end by 28 August 2022.

### Who can apply as participant:

#### 1) Applicants for full scholarships:

The ATC Is open to applicants that are high and middle level professionals and managers from Sub-Saharan Africa and SEMC's public institutions, national authorities, energy companies, energy and implementing agencies, research institutes, TSOs, DSOs, research institutions and civil society organizations.

To be eligible, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of an African country;
- Have minimum 5 years working experience in the energy field
- Be eligible to travel to Italy. All candidates are invited to check well in advance the procedure applicable to their specific case;
- Be fully proficient in English;

All applicants are asked to complete the registration on the RES4Africa website registration form ([registration form](#)). All applicants are ask to provide the following documents:

- ✓ Curriculum Vitae, mandatory
- ✓ Motivation Letter, mandatory
- ✓ At least one reference letter, mandatory
- ✓ Passport, mandatory
- ✓ VISA for entry to EU, if you have it
- ✓ Covid-19 vaccination documentation, if you have it

Official approval will be given by 9 September and RES4Africa Foundation will send out an e-mail confirming admission to the Course. Selected applicants will then have to confirm attendance by 15 September.

Relevant dates for participants:

- Submission of Applications: by 28 August 2022
- Notification of admitted attendees: by 9 September 2022
- Confirmation by admitted applicants: by 15 September 2022

#### 2) Professionals from RES4Africa Members and Stakeholders

The application must be sent by email to RES4Africa Foundation. RES4Africa will notify via e-mail those admitted to participate in the course. Selected applicants will have to confirm attendance by 16 October 2022.

Relevant dates for Professional participants:

- Submission deadline: by 1 October 2022
- Notification of admitted attendees: by 9 October 2022
- Confirmation by admitted applicants: by 16 October 2022

The Selection Committee will oversee the process and perform final selection.

*Please note that all the applications for the Professionals from RES4Africa Members and Stakeholders must be sent exclusively to [training@res4africa.org](mailto:training@res4africa.org)*

### 3) Ph.D. or Master level students and Researchers from Italian Universities

After evaluation of CVs and Motivation Letters, RES4Africa will notify via e-mail those admitted to participate in the course. Selected applicants will have to confirm attendance by 16 October 2022.

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