

RES4Youth

Youth Empowerment for Driving African Energy Transition

**COP27, Sharm El-Sheikh,
Blue Zone, 4th Capacity Building Hub
15th November 2022 - 09:00-10:00 am**

Setting the context

In the 10 years that have passed since the creation of RES4Africa Foundation, the place occupied by Youth in the international debate has shifted dramatically. In that light, it is key to scale-up youth engagement. Youth are Africa's greatest asset, with both the youngest population and the fastest growing youth population in the world. In 2020, 258 million Africans were aged 15-24, a number expected to more than triple and reach over 830 million by 2050. From this perspective, RES4Africa identifies the youth and young entrepreneurs as an essential component of Africa's sustainable energy future.

The Foundation proposes to host an event in collaboration with our Youth network to promote innovative sustainable solutions and serving as a convening platform between private and public stakeholders. RES4Africa will activate an extended network of both International and regional partners of high-level and youth organizations to support and amplify the voice of Youth.

Objectives of the event

RES4Africa proposes to organize a dedicated side-event on maximizing the socio-economic benefits from clean energy investments in Africa by focusing on the role of Youth at COP27, following the example of a similar youth side-event organized on the side-lines of COP26 with the support of the Ministry for Ecological Transition of Italy in November 2021. The aim will be to focus on how to maximise the socio-economic spill over effects and impact from increasing clean energy investments in Africa, and how that impacts on youth. The aim is to engage with and hear from young energy leaders and innovators in the energy sector from African countries that are facing the challenge of limiting carbon emissions while reaching energy access for all by 2030 (SDG#7). RES4Africa has been asked to participate in the process of defining a suitable setting to institutionalize the Youth4Climate initiative to give continuity to the COP26 experience. The event will be the occasion to publicly announce the 3 nominated winners of the RES4Africa' Young Talent of the Year Award (YTYA) - Edition 2022 - promoted by Enel Green Power and the European Investment Bank. The event also will represent an opportunity of dialogue between young African energy leaders and representatives and decision makers coming from high-level institutions active in the definition of energy-related policies. Special focus will be given to the role that youth and women can play in the just energy transition and in the concrete actions to fight climate change.

Agenda

09:00-10:00 am	Topics	Speakers
5 min	Institutional welcome	<p>Giuliana Griffi, Head of Operation at RES4Africa Foundation</p> <p>Alessandro Modiano, Director General for International and European Affairs, Italian Ministry for Ecological Transition</p>
25 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement of the winners of the Young Talent of the Year Award by EGP/EIB (5') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of winner project n°1 (5') ▪ Presentation of winner project n°2 (5') ▪ Presentation of winner project n°3 (5') - Remarks and endorsement by Ambroise Fayolle (5') 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short video by the President of RES4Africa Foundation and CEO of EGP, Salvatore Bernabei - Grace Nanteza, Co-Founder and BD Manager, Run Automations Limited - Divin Kouebatokouka, Founder & CEO, GREEN BOX - Chiemela Anosike, CEO, Solaris Power Booth - Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-President European Investment Bank
30 min	<p>RES4Youth: Roundtable discussion on the socio-economic impact of African Energy Transition: focus on Youth</p> <p>Discussion joined by RES4Africa members and Youth Task Force representatives, institutional and international partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fouad Zayed, Vice-President, Digital Energy NEA & Levant, Schneider Electric - Norah Magero, CEO of Drop Access and member of the R4A Youth Task Force - Grace Nanteza, Co-Founder and BD Manager, Run Automations Limited - Divin Kouebatokouka, Founder & CEO, GREEN BOX - Chiemela Anosike, CEO, Solaris Power Booth - Khalid Salmi, Expert – Sustainable Energy Management RCREE -

Moderator: Mohamed Alhaj, CEO of Clean Energy 4 Africa and Chairman of the R4A Youth Task Force