Press Release

RES4Africa Foundation Welcomes Bticino and Nidec as New Members, Strengthening Renewable Energy Efforts in Africa

Rome, 5th of July 2023 - **RES4Africa Foundation** welcomes **Bticino and Nidec** as **its newest members**, further enhancing its mission to promote renewable energy development and sustainability across Africa through a thick network of sectorial stakeholders. The announcement was made today, on the occasion of RES4Africa's **Executive Committee** meeting.

Since 2012, RES4Africa's vision of supporting **Africa's just energy transition** and ensuring access to sustainable electricity to all has been pursued by bringing together **member entities** and companies operating in various fields of the renewable energy market, as the world seeks to accelerate the energy transition to renewable energy sources. Bticino's and Nidec's **expertise in electrical and digital infrastructures** will help serving such a purpose.

Bticino, a **Group Brand of Legrand**, is renowned for its transformative solutions aiming at revolutionising living, working, and meeting spaces through **electrical and digital infrastructures**. With a strong focus on innovation and sustainability, its expertise spans various sectors, in particular **data centers**. Already present in Africa through numerous Group subsidiaries, Bticino aims to lead in reducing its CO2 emissions, providing innovative solutions that enhance building energy efficiency, and actively involving stakeholders from the sector towards carbon neutrality on each continent where they operate, including Africa.

Nidec is a prominent **equipment supplier and systems integrator** for various renewable energy applications. With expertise in battery energy storage, power supply systems for decarbonized metal industries and power-to-gas systems for green hydrogen production, and other power electronics and conversion solutions, the firm is well-positioned to support Africa's green development. Having already made substantial contributions across multiple African countries, the company is committed to supporting the continent's **green electrification initiatives** and fostering **educational opportunities** for its people.

The inclusion of Bticino and Nidec as new members further reinforce RES4Africa Foundation's efforts to **accelerate renewable energy adoption and promote sustainable development in Africa**. Their commitment will be instrumental in driving positive change, fostering collaboration, and empowering the continent with clean, accessible, and affordable energy solutions.

"We are delighted to welcome Bticino and Nidec to RES4Africa Foundation as valued members," commented **Roberto Vigotti, RES4Africa Foundation's Secretary General**, "Their extensive experience In groundbreaking solutions for renewable energy aligns perfectly with our mission. Together, we will work towards a future where Africa harnesses its abundant renewable energy potential and achieves sustainable development for all."

"Participation as a partner of RES4Africa Foundation is certainly an honour, but also an important challenge to contribute to the development of renewable energy and digitisation", stated **Paolo Dall'Oglio, Bticino Global Projects, Utilities & Partnership Manager**.

"We are proud to have become a member of this prestigious Foundation and to be able from now on to take part in projects of concrete commitment to sustainable development in Africa" commented **Dominique Llonch, CEO of Nidec ASI**, "We are aware of the fundamental role that will be played by this geographical area and we therefore want to share our experience in the field of the energy revolution to promote the development of sustainable business opportunities that will also generate positive repercussions in the social and health spheres. "

RES4Africa Foundation (Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa) envisions the sustainable transformation of Africa's electricity systems to ensure reliable and affordable electricity access for all, enabling the continent to achieve its full, resilient, inclusive and sustainable development. The Foundation's mission is to create favourable conditions for scaling up investments in clean energy technologies to accelerate the continent's just energy transition and transformation. See more: WWW.res4africa.org

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