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 **GSE**, **POLIMI the Graduate School of Management** and **SDA Bocconi**, are pleased to announce the **eleventh edition of the Executive School.**

Since the first edition in 2014, the Executive School 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 Executive School will be held in **Milan** from the **25th of November** to the **6th of December 2024** and will be held in English.

The Executive School 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 **40 African professionals**. RES4Africa Foundation promotes a balanced gender mix in the selection of participants, therefore women are highly encouraged to apply.

The Executive School will welcome the following participants:

- 1) 40 high-achieving individuals and middle managers coming from all African countries countries. Shortlisted participants will be awarded a full scholarship that will cover the Executive School's tuition fee as well as travel and accommodation costs.
- 2) 5 professionals from RES4Africa Foundation members and stakeholders.
- 3) 5 PhD or MD students and researchers from Italian and International Universities

Course Structure

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 Executive School 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

SUPPORT SCHEME and COSTS	Beneficiary	Covering costs and Items
Full scholarship (RES4Africa)	40 African managers	Flights, accommodation, board, transportation, class lectures, tuition fee, laboratories and plant visits.
Free registration	5 Professionals from RES4Africa member network	Class lectures, laboratories and plant visits
Free registration	5 PhD and MD students	Lectures, laboratories and plant visits

Please take into considetarion that only the African professionals will benefit of the full scholarship.
The scholarship will include all lectures, workshops, flights, travels, accommodations, meals during the Executive School days. The following costs will not be covered by the scholarship:

- Transfer to/from the Airport of origin;
- Visa fees;
- Medical Insurance for staying in Italy;
- Any extra beyond public transports, transfers, accommodations, breakfasts, lunches and dinners organized in Milan by RES4AFRICA.

Application procedure and screening of candidates

Application timeline:

The shortlisting of participants is an open, merit-based election process.
The call for applications for the 2024 edition of Executive School is now open and end by 31 August 2024.

Who can apply as participant:

1) Applicants for full scholarships:

The Executive School 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

Official approval will be given by 12 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. *Please note that only the selected paticipants will receive a confirmation email.*

Relevant dates for participants:

- Submission of Applications: by 31 August 2024
- Notification of admitted attendees: by 12 September 2024
- Confirmation by admitted applicants: by 15 September 2024

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 8 October 2024.
Relevant dates for Professional participants:

- **Submission deadline**: by 23 Septembrer 2024
- **Notification of admitted attendees**: by 1 October 2024
- **Confirmation by admitted applicants**: by 8 October 2024

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 flavia.pezzano@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 22 October 2024.
Relevant dates for participants:

- **Submission deadline**: by 8 October 2024
- **Notification of admitted attendees**: by 15 October 2024
- **Confirmation by admitted applicants**: by 22 October 2024

Please note that all the applications for Ph.D. or Master students must be sent exclusively to flavia.pezzano@res4africa.org