Press Release

RES4Africa Foundation Successfully Concludes the First High-Level Managerial Course on Renewable Energy and the Energy Transition in Partnership with UM6P in the framework of the Mattei Plan for Africa

Ben Guerir, Morocco, October 28, 2024 – **RES4Africa Foundation**, is proud to announce the successful conclusion of the **First High-Level Managerial Course on Renewable Energy and the Energy Transition**. The groundbreaking program organized by RES4Africa as Italian Government knowledge partner, was held from **October 15-24, 2024** at **UM6P** in **Ben Guerir**, and carried out thanks to the partnership with the **University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UM6P)**, under the auspices of the **Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy** within the framework of the **Mattei Plan for Africa**, with the support of the **Enel Foundation** and the collaboration of the **Embassy of Italy in the Kingdom of Morocco**. It brought together leading professionals from across Africa to enhance their competences and contribute to the continent's energy transition.

The 10-day intensive course equipped **48 high-achieving participants** from 23 public institutions, energy companies, and research organizations **across 14 countries** with the essential skills to address challenges and seize opportunities in Africa's evolving renewable energy markets.

The course offered a comprehensive curriculum, covering topics such as **power sector decarbonization, renewable energy policies, regulatory frameworks, and cutting-edge innovations**. Renowned industry and academic experts and International Organizations officials from RES4Africa's network delivered interactive workshops, case studies, and real-world examples, offering participants extremely **valuable insights into the latest advancements in renewable energy technologies.**

The program also facilitated knowledge exchange and networking among the participants, fostering long-term **professional relationships and strengthening**

collaboration across the African energy sector. The course not only advanced technical and managerial expertise but also promoted stronger partnerships between Italy and African nations, in alignment with the Italian Government's Mattei Plan for Africa, which prioritizes the promotion of skills and competences necessary for the energy transition and to encourage the creation of decent jobs at a continental level.

Looking ahead, RES4Africa and its partners are committed to continuing their efforts in advancing renewable energy solutions across Africa. This inaugural course is expected to lay the groundwork for future capacity-building initiatives and further reinforce the collaboration between African nations and international partners.

« This course has played an important role in enhancing the skills and knowledge needed for Africa's energy transition," said Roberto Vigotti, Secretary General of RES4Africa Foundation. "By providing professionals with tools to lead and innovate, we aim to support sustainable energy solutions across the continent. The connections and collaboration developed here can help contribute to positive changes in Africa's renewable energy landscape. »

"We are training African talent who will play a central role in this energy transition by developing the skills required to lead ambitious energy projects", said Hicham El Habti, President of UM6P ." Our goal is clear: to strengthen local capacities and create a sustainable, autonomous energy ecosystem across Africa. We are confident that this initiative will lay the foundation for a sustainable transition, with a forward-looking approach. "

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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