Press Release

RES4Africa and E4Impact sign a Memorandum of Understanding to advance entrepreneurship and capacity-building in Africa's energy sector

Rome, 17th of April 2025 – **Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa Foundation** (RES4Africa) and **E4Impact Foundation** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to collaborate in advancing **entrepreneurship and capacity-building initiatives** within Africa's energy sector. This strategic partnership aims to leverage the strengths of both organizations to foster sustainable electrification, promote business acceleration, and enhance knowledge transfer across the continent.

The agreement highlights the shared commitment of RES4Africa and E4Impact to support African entrepreneurs, professionals and youth **through incubation and acceleration services, as well as vocational and managerial training programs**, including specialized MBAs, workshops, and tailored capacity-building initiatives. By combining RES4Africa's in-depth expertise in renewable energy with E4Impact's broad presence across African countries and experience in supporting local business development support to the partnership will play a crucial role in fostering innovation and investment in the clean energy sector.

RES4Africa has long been a key player in promoting clean energy solutions, facilitating dialogue between public and private stakeholders, and supporting the development of energy policies as well as innovation through young entrepreneurs to improve electricity access in Africa. Meanwhile, E4Impact has a strong track record in supporting African start-ups, empowering local businesses, and forging strategic partnerships between African and international companies.

Under the MoU, **the two organizations will collaborate on several initiatives, including support to start-ups and entrepreneurs in Africa, organization of joint events, outreach activities, and the development of innovative projects aimed at strengthening Africa's renewable energy ecosystem.** They will explore opportunities to enhance entrepreneurial capacities in the energy sector through targeted training programs, with the goal of equipping business leaders and innovators with the skills necessary to drive sustainable development.

"The transition to a sustainable and resilient energy future in Africa requires more than just investment in infrastructure, it demands a well-equipped generation of entrepreneurs and energy professionals who can drive innovation and local solutions. This partnership with E4Impact represents a crucial step

in combining our expertise in renewable energy with their extensive experience in business development and entrepreneurship. Together, we will create meaningful opportunities for capacity-building, knowledge-sharing, and fostering a thriving ecosystem of energy leaders capable of shaping Africa's green transition. "said **Roberto Vigotti**, Secretary General of RES4Africa.

"We are excited about this collaboration, as we recognize a strong complementarity between our visions: E4Impact has been specializing for years in supporting and developing entrepreneurship in Africa, while RES4Africa boasts solid experience in the renewable energy sector. Thanks to E4Impact's extensive presence in 21 African countries, we can join forces to maximize the impact of our initiatives. We firmly believe in the importance of strategic synergies like the one established today with RES4Africa in order to promote sustainable and innovative development on the African continent through training programs, networking and knowledge transfer", said **Mario Molteni**, CEO of **E4Impact Foundation**.

The MoU is set to remain in effect for three years, with both organizations committed to identifying further synergies and expanding their joint efforts to support Africa's transition to a clean energy future.

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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E4Impact Foundation
Present in 21 African countries with entrepreneurial training programs, business accelerators and multiple projects, the E4Impact Foundation has been promoting and operationalizing win-win partnerships between Italian and African companies for years. Thanks to the connection with over 2,000 trained African entrepreneurs and 40,000 small farmers, as well as a wide network of institutional relationships and contacts with local business networks, E4Impact is able to provide Italian companies with a professional and secure approach to new markets.
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