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Preparing for a Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Renewable Energy

The new PRE-LEAP-RE (Preparing for a Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Renewable Energy) Horizon 2020-funded project will prepare a European Joint Programme (EJP) that will set the foundation for future collaborative African Union-European Union activities in the field of renewable energy.

The relevance of energy is well consolidated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which intends to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path. Among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 7 is fully dedicated to energy. The Sustainable Energy for All initiative, together with the World Bank and the International Energy Agency (IEA), are also redesigning the framework of access to better highlight the link between energy, services and local development.

The core activities of PRE-LEAP-RE are structured in four main pillars:

- First, identifying and analysing existing cooperative initiatives between Africa and Europe in the field of renewable energy. The aim is twofold: establishing synergies with ongoing initiatives and avoiding duplication of efforts while also prioritising challenges that have been lightly covered or untouched by other projects.
- Second, and based on the results of the first pillar activities, to design a Research and Innovation Agenda, supported by its corresponding Human and Institutional Capacity Building Agenda.
- Third, to elaborate the organisational and funding principles for the efficient and sustainable management of the future EJP.
- Finally, to build a stable multinational network of public administrations, academia, civil society and private sector.

PRE-LEAP-RE will run for fourteen months and gathers 17 African and European partners covering a wide range of sectors: education/research, private sector, policy and funding. It is coordinated by CEA, a major actor in the development of sustainable energy technologies that has participated in several RE initiatives in Africa.

The project's partners met on 10 July 2018 in Brussels to officially launch the project and review the objectives and work plan. During the kick-off meeting, the partners collectively brainstormed and determined the trajectory of the project, its expected benefits and impacts, as well as the key messages aimed at the different target audiences and stakeholders.

The PRE-LEAP-RE website is accessible at www.leap-re.eu. If you would like to know more about the PRE-LEAP-RE project or would like to receive regular updates on its progress, please sign up for the newsletter: https://bit.ly/2PyKMQl or email us via our project contacts:

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