

## PROGRAM

# Practitioners' Dialogue on Climate Investments at the SEED Africa Symposium 2015

*Building Bridges for Impact – Green and Inclusive Growth through Entrepreneurship*

Safari Park Hotel | Nairobi, Kenya | September 9 – 10, 2015

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### **PDCI exhibition booth at the South-South exhibition**

The South-South Exhibition, which is taking place concurrently to the Symposium, will showcase innovative entrepreneurial solutions for sustainable development from a variety of sectors. Information about the PDCI will be disseminated. GIZ programs are provided with the opportunity to disseminate information material.

September 09 | 12:30 – 13:45 | Catering area

### **Informal lunch** for speakers and representatives of the PDCI network

The guests of the PDCI network at the SEED Symposium meet at a networking table for a joint lunch.

September 10 | 14:15 – 16:00 | 105 Minutes

### **Break-out session**

“Shaping renewable energy markets in Africa – How international climate finance can support unlocking the potential of SMEs”

Stream III “Business + Policy”

## Break-out session

### “Shaping renewable energy markets in Africa – How international climate finance can support unlocking the potential of SMEs”

Participants: Around 100 policy-makers, business representatives, representatives of donor agencies and investors.

Facilitator: Rainer Agster, SEED

14:15 – 14:30	<p><b>Welcome and introduction to the Practitioners’ Dialogue on Climate Investments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frédéric Wils, Head of Project „Practitioners’ Dialogue on Climate Investments“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH</li> </ul> <p><b>Setting the scene: How can international climate finance support unlocking the potential of African SMEs in the renewable energy sector?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aleksi Lumijärvi, Programme Officer, Renewable Energy Private Sector Financing, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</li> </ul>
14:30 – 15:10	<p><b>Shaping renewable energy markets in Africa – practitioners perspectives</b></p> <p>A renewable energy transformation in Africa and the provision of access to energy to a growing population will only succeed if private businesses increase investments in technologies, infrastructure, products and services. Additionally, the financial sector needs to broaden supply of capital and adequate investment products. Rapid re-thinking of business models and redirection of private financial flows at scale, however, will require smart public actions and provision of enabling economic framework conditions. As a basis for the subsequent table discussions, panelists will share best practices and lessons learnt about design and implementation of enabling policies, innovative financing solutions and tailor-made renewable energy systems and business models.</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex Bashian, Investment Officer, responsAbility Investments AG, Global Climate Partnership Fund (GCPF), Kenya</li> <li>Eng. Isaac Kiva, Director Renewable Energies, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya</li> <li>Jay Patel, Village Energy Ltd., Uganda (SEED Award Winner)</li> <li>Vianney Tumwesige, Managing Director, Green Heat Uganda (SEED Award Winner)</li> <li>Eng. Hamis Mikate, Managing Director, Ensol Ltd., Tanzania</li> </ul>
15:10 – 16:00	<p><b>Work in groups: Entrepreneurs meet policy-makers</b></p> <p>Eight table groups of 8–12 representatives from the public and the private sector identify</p>

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solutions to address the key barriers to scaling up off-grid renewable energy by leveraging on their cross-sectoral experience. They share best practices and lessons learnt about design and implementation of enabling policies, innovative financing solutions and business ideas. The groups consider concrete challenges and possible solutions in the field of renewable energy markets in Africa, which are formulated as initial ideas for topics or actions to be further developed during the PDCI dialogue process. They choose 2-3 potential interventions and go into detail on the framework of their respective design.

- Which are the 2-3 most important policy interventions required to increase private investment and engagement of the private sector in promoting renewable energies?
- How do these interventions have to be structured to achieve the intended outcome?
- Which role for international climate finance?

#### Chairpersons

- T1: Abdoulaye Ba, CEO, Coseer SUARL, Senegal
- T2: Gerald Banaga-Baingi, Ag. Assistant Commissioner-Technical Planning, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Uganda
- T3: Bill Farmer, Chairman, Uganda Carbon Bureau
- T4: Godfrey Ssali, Policy Analyst & Advocacy Office, Uganda Manufacturers Association
- T5: Charles Muchunku, Chairman, Kenya Renewable Energy Association (KERA)
- T6: Eng. James N. Mwangi, CEO, Kurrent Technologies Ltd
- T7: Micheal Rutalo, TEO, Uganda Energy Credit Capitalisation Company (UECCC)
- T8: Andreas Spieß, CEO, Solarkiosk

September 10 | 16:10 - 16:45 | 35 Minutes

### Walking tour of the South-South exhibition

A tour of the South-South exhibition guided by entrepreneurs and presentations of selected business cases are offered to PDCI participants. Participants gather in the plenary room. They are divided in 3 groups. Each group is guided by a SEED Award winner and introduced to 2-3 different business models that are presented at the South-South exhibition.