

Partnerships for a better access to renewable energies in rural Africa

Do you want to help improve life in Africa's villages?

You want to put renewable energies even more into the focus of your work?

Perhaps you are already cooperating with a local community or project?

You are involved in the knowledge exchange on the subject of renewable energies with African organisations?

Then this call from Green People's Energy can be an interesting opportunity for you to expand your engagement in sub-Saharan Africa!

It's a call aimed at European actors in the energy transition such as **municipalities, educational institutions, cooperatives, non-governmental organisations, associations, or companies.**

This market survey may be followed by a competitive procedure (call for tenders).



Aim and purpose of the Partnerships

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) pays special attention to rural development in sub-Saharan Africa through the Marshall Plan with Africa. Promoting local access to renewable energies offers the population opportunities for better living conditions. The Green People's Energy initiative, based on the Marshall Plan, is intended to facilitate broad-based engagement of a large number of societal actors in Europe with organisations in Africa and to enable the latter to implement the experiences of the energy transition in Germany and Europe on the ground themselves in the long term.

A partnership-based, long-lasting exchange between various actors (consultation, capacity building, learning from experiences made), is important for future cooperation with Africa. Cooperation concepts that are long-term, sustainable and innovative are essential for future strategic development cooperation. Obtaining a broad and conceptually comprehensive overview today will enable more targeted support in the future. For this reason, the BMZ is gathering experience from suitable forms of cooperation between European actors in the energy transition and organisations in Africa in order to incorporate it into development cooperation (planned publication "Partnerships with Africa - Lessons Learned from Cooperation on equal footing).

In addition to the independent implementation of a self-developed partnership concept, the focus is on documenting the experiences made, as well as recommendations (lessons learned), for future engagement.

The exchange is intended to open up a societal discourse through which renewable energies can be established as a new standard of energy supply in rural Africa. The results as well as the actors of all accompanied partnerships are documented and summarised.



We look for

- new partnership concepts that are innovative and sustainable.
- existing partnerships that are newly dedicated to one of the topics listed below.
- findings and recommendations for the implementation of partnership concepts and strategic orientation of development cooperation with Africa for the publication *Partnerships with Africa – Lessons Learned from Cooperation on equal footing*.

Conditions you ideally fulfil

- You have already identified an African actor (African branches of European organisations are not partners for the purpose of this exchange)
- The African organisation is based and active in a sub-Saharan African country, ideally in one of the GBE focus countries Ethiopia, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Uganda, or Zambia
- You already have experience in the field of renewable energies as well as in development cooperation with African actors in Africa.

Topics of cooperations to be implemented (Competition with tender):

In the context of a South-North exchange of experiences between European and African organisations the focus shall be on at least one of the following topics:

1. Setting up/establishing an energy cooperative for local power supply (target group: cooperatives)
2. Productive use of renewable energy (target group: private sector)
3. Renewable energies in education and training for different types of schools and further education (target group: (dual) education institutions)

What is not part of this call for a market survey?

- Technology suppliers/procurement of installations
- Project development/investment preparations
- Studies

The next steps

Send us your completed introduction by **June 30th, 2021, 11:59 pm**
to buergerenergie@giz.de (subject: „Partnerschaften Markterkundung“).