

Side Event

A showcase of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – Made in Austria!

Best practice and opportunities for cooperation

11:00

30 October 2012

OBJECTIVES

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency are the core pillars of the Austrian Energy Strategy. Over 65% of Austria's electricity supply and 30% of the total energy supply comes from renewable energy sources, making Austria one of the best on the global stage. Bundled Austrian expertise in this area has also led to a shining track record in exports. The Know-How of Austrian companies, their expertise and their technological leadership all enjoy high international demand. What is more, the market for sustainable power from renewable energies is growing steadily. Renewable energies such as biomass, hydropower, solar energy and wind power are crucial to ensure sustainable supply that does not harm the environment.

This workshop aims at highlighting the Austrian experience in the field of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and seeks to facilitate the Know-How exchange with ECOWAS Member States, in order to enable the identification of joint projects and intensify cooperation opportunities.

KEY QUESTIONS

- **What are the key elements to ensure market penetration of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency technologies?**
- **Framework conditions and financial support mechanisms- what are the lessons learned?**
- **How to establish successful cooperation?**

Presentations and Panel Discussion

11:00

Opening and welcome addresses

Ambassador Michael Linhart, Director General, Department of Development Cooperation, Austrian Foreign Ministry

HE Joe Oteng-Adjei, Minister for Energy of Ghana (TBC)

11:15

Austrian Companies in the Field of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – some of the best on the global stage!

Ms Nella Hengstler, Commercial Counsellor, Austrian Embassy, Commercial Section Lagos

A Showcase of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency – made in Austria!

Mr Peter Traupmann, Managing Director of the Austrian Energy Agency

Environmental Technologies in Austria – highest standards and sustainability criteria to minimize environmental impacts

Ms Elfriede A. More, Austrian Ministry of Environment

The contribution of hydropower to a sustainable energy supply

Mr Rudolf Hüpfl, Hydropower Expert and special adviser to the GFSE

Hydropower is the most important renewable electricity source at global level and contributes to sustainable development. Austria has a long tradition in the use of hydropower. This presentation will give an insight of the lessons learned in Austria, the available technologies and the conclusions of the international workshop on hydropower, which was held in Vienna as preparation to the Rio +20 summit.

Solar heating and cooling- best practice examples and potentials for the ECOWAS region

Mr Christian Holter, CEO, Company SOLID

	<p>Energy Efficiency in SMEs, Best practice and Lessons learned from Austria Mr Andreas Karner, ConPlusUltra and energy consultant of Austrian Development Agency Overview of Experiences and best practice examples on energy efficiency in SMEs in Austria Typical measures of energy management in companies Challenges for energy efficiency in SMEs in West Africa</p>
	<p>Successful Project Development Mr Leo Schiefermüller, Project Developer</p>
	<p>Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency: Business partnerships as instrument Mr Robert Zeiner, Austrian Development Agency, Director Programmes and Projects International</p>
	<p>The financial mechanisms and principals of cooperation of the Austrian Development Bank (OeEB) Ms Andrea Hagmann, Member of the Executive Board of the Austrian Development Bank</p>
	<p>Discussion</p>