

## UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 13 – 26, 2022 – New York

*AREI Board of Directors*

**Various Hybrid Events**

### I. Context

The African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI) was launched at COP 21 in Paris (in 2015) to address the various challenges related to sustainable energy in Africa.

AREI represents a significant Africa-led and owned effort to accelerate and scale up the domestication of the continent's enormous renewable energy potential.

The abundantly available renewable energy solutions provide the opportunity to meet the energy needs of communities, farms, businesses, industries and households in an inclusive, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable manner, while creating millions of jobs and supporting the development of local industries.

AREI constitutes an important support for the efforts of the African continent in the fight against climate change. Thus, for its phase 1 (2015-2020), AREI has succeeded in its ambitious project for the deployment of renewable energies in Africa, with 10 GW of production capacities in 2020. In addition to the acceleration of investments and access to finance through project labeling and adoption, AREI has provided technical support to African countries to create appropriate ecosystems to attract public and private investment.

However, the deployment of renewable energy in many countries in Africa is still limited by multiple challenges, from the institutional, policy and regulatory level, to the market and project level, which can hinder the development and adoption of renewable energy.

The Covid pandemic has delayed the launch of AREI phase 2 - planned for 2020 with a commitment of 300 GW by 2030.

The Renewable Energies in Africa initiative maintains its commitment of 300 GW by 2030, but will have to support African countries to equip themselves with public instruments such as structured and independent regulatory authorities, in order to mobilize more private investments to ensure effective implementation of AREI Phase

2. This implementation for the 300 GW will require a minimum investment of 50 billion dollars per year by 2030 (source IRENA).

Following the events that occurred in Conakry on September 5, 2021 - the Board of Directors of September 17, 2021 could not be held and an interim period under the Chairmanship of HE Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, was set up in order to maintain the political commitment of the Initiative for the Continent in terms of RE, and in fact its commitment to the fight against global warming of the planet.

Thus, the second edition of the Renewable Energy Forum of AREI was held in Cairo from July 25 to 27, 2022.

In view of the excellent results of phase 1, and in pre-launch of phase 2 which will be held at COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt, the AREI Board of Directors will be held on the sidelines of the United Nations Summit on September 26, under the Chairmanship of HE Dr. Hage G. Geingob, Interim President of the Board of Directors.

AREI will organize on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly to be held from September 13 to 26, 2022 in New York 2 hybrid events.

- ❖ The first will be dedicated to hydrogen - How Africa can change the dynamics of energy by 2050 while preserving the planet – co-organization with IRENA on September 20, 2022.
- ❖ The second involving the civil society - Contribution of renewable energies to improving daily life and maintaining peace and security on the African Continent - co-organization the African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access on September 21, 2022.

As a reminder, since its creation, AREI has always been present at these General Assemblies, organizing both parallel events and two Boards of Directors (2018 and 2019) - therefore in 2022 there will be the 2 aforementioned events and a Board of Directors.

## **II. Board of Directors September 26, 2022 (hybrid)**

H.E. the President of Namibia H.E. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, Interim Chairman of the AREI's Board of Directors will chair the 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors of AREI on September 26, 2022 at the Harvard Club New York City.

### **III. AREI days**

On the sidelines of the General Assembly, AREI will co-organize several parallel sessions with its key partners highlighting the results of its phase 1 and the challenges for the success of phase 2.

Through parallel meetings AREI will take advantage of the commitment of the civil society to achieve better living conditions and will welcome the constant support of the AU and the EU for the achievement of the objectives of AREI.

#### **Parallel sessions (hybrids)**

- ❖ Hydrogen - How Africa can change energy dynamics by 2050 while preserving the planet – Session co-organized with IRENA on September 20, 2022 from 11:00 to 13:00.
- ❖ Contribution of renewable energies to improving daily life and maintaining peace and security on the African Continent – Session co-organized with the African Coalition for Sustainable Energy and Access on September 21, 2022 from 11:00 to 13:00.

### **IV. Participants:**

- African and European politicians, the African Union Commission, the European Commission and other international organizations
- African and European financiers (KfW, AFD, AfDB, BEI)
- Focal points (remotely)
- The civil society
- The academic world

### **V. Organization of events**

#### **1. The Board of Directors - Hybrid**

Location: Harvard Club New York City

Date: September 26, 2022 from 11:30 to 15:30

Presence of the IDU and some members of the CT (as usual)

#### **2. The 2 events**

They will all be hybrids