13A Side Event
African Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP) – Establishing continent wide planning process
10:30 – 12:45, Friday, January 13, 2023
Room A1, St. Regis Hotel, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi

Programme

MC: Kamlesh Dookayka, Regional Programme Officer – Sub-Saharan Africa, IRENA
Speaker: Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA.
Speaker: Senator (Dr) Adeleke Olorunimbe Mamora, Honourable Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.
Photo session.

10:45 – 10:50  Introduction
Moderator: Professor Mark Howells, Loughborough University and Imperial College, London & Programme Director of Climate Compatible Growth (CCG)

10:50 – 10:55  Opening remarks
Speaker: Francesco La Camera, Director-General, IRENA.

10:55 – 11:00  Opening remarks
Speaker: Ms. Cristina Duarte, UN Under Secretary-General, Special Advisor on Africa to the UN Secretary General

11:00 – 11:10  Keynote Speech/Presentation (Video recorded): “Africa’s continental power system master plan and vision ahead”
Speaker: Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Economic Integration Division Head, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

11:10 – 11:20  Scene setting presentation: “IRENA’s support on institutional capacity building for energy planning”
Speaker: Asami Miketa, Senior Programme Officer, Power Sector Investment Planning, IRENA.

11:20 – 12:00  Panel discussion: “Integration of continental master plan into the national and regional energy planning and development planning processes of Africa”
Panellists:
- Mr. Stephen Dihwa, Executive Director Coordination Center, Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)
- Mr. Oscar Kojo Neizer, Executive Secretary, Energy Commission Ghana
- Mr. Abel Dedier Tella, Director General, Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA)
- Mr. Rashid Abdallah, Executive Director, African Energy Commission (AFREC)
- Mr Stefano Signore, Head of Unit (Climate Change and Sustainable Energy), European Commission

12:00 – 12:40  Open interventions and questions: “Benefits of having continent-wide planning process and aligning with it the national process, and practical modalities around it”

12:40 – 12:45  Closing remarks
Speaker: Roland Roesch, Acting Director Innovation & Technology Center IITC, IRENA.