



## ***COMPETE WP5 Meeting – Financing and International Trade***

### ***Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems - Africa***

*on the occasion of the UNIDO International Renewable Energy Conference in Africa  
'Realizing Africa's Renewable Energy Potential for Energy Access - INDUSTRIES, POLICIES AND  
FINANCE FOR SCALING-UP' on 16-18 April 2008, Dakar, Senegal.*

***15 April 2008  
Dakar, Senegal***

### ***Agenda (Draft 28 March 2008)***

***Workshop Venue:*** Le Meridien President Hotel, Dakar, Senegal.

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***Meeting Objectives***

This is an internal COMPETE workshop.

The meeting will include presentations and discussions on financing mechanisms for bioenergy and agroforestry projects in arid and semi-arid regions of Africa – and examine their effectiveness and future opportunities.

Work Package leaders will also present activities that have been carried out so far under the COMPETE project and discuss future activities with a special focus on the deliverables required by the project.



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## The COMPETE Project



### **COMPETE Objectives**

The Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems – Africa (COMPETE) will establish a **platform for policy dialogue and capacity building** and identify **pathways for the sustainable provision of bioenergy**

- to improve the quality of life and create alternative means of income for the rural population in Africa
- to aid the preservation of intact ecosystems in arid and semi-arid regions in Africa
- to enhance the equitable exchange of knowledge between EU and developing countries

### **COMPETE Activities**

COMPETE will deliver a matrix of multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral work-packages

- to evaluate current and future potential for the **sustainable provision of bioenergy** in Africa in comparison to existing land use patterns and technologies
- to facilitate **South-South technology and information exchange** capitalising the world-leading RD&D in bioenergy in the key countries Brazil, Mexico, India, China and Thailand
- to develop **innovative tools for the provision of financing** for national bioenergy programmes and local bioenergy projects, including: carbon credits, bilateral and multi-lateral funding instruments, and the role of international trade
- to develop **practical, targeted and efficient policy mechanisms** for the development of bioenergy systems that enhance local value-added, assist local communities and address gender inequalities
- to establish the **Competence Platform** to ensure effective dissemination and knowledge exchange inside and outside the network

### **COMPETE Partnership**

The COMPETE partnership comprises 20 European and 23 non-European partners - 11 partners from 7 African countries, 3 regional African policy and financing bodies (African Development Bank; Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network of Southern Africa; UEMOA - Biomass Energy Regional Program), 9 partners from Latin America and Asia - and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

COMPETE Website: [www.compete-bioafrica.net](http://www.compete-bioafrica.net)

## ***Meeting Organisation***

This COMPETE project meeting is organised by ESD, United Kingdom in the framework of the ***project COMPETE, funded by the European Commission, DG Research.***

This COMPETE meeting will take place on the occasion of the UNIDO International Renewable Energy Conference in Africa 'Realizing Africa's Renewable Energy Potential for Energy Access - INDUSTRIES, POLICIES AND FINANCE FOR SCALING-UP' on 16-18 April 2008, Dakar, Senegal.

**Participation at this COMPETE meeting will be limited to partners of the COMPETE project.**

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## ***Meeting Agenda***

### **Opening session**

9:00 - 9:15: Welcome and summary of recent developments (Dominik Rutz)

### **Financing Presentations**

9:15 – 10:15 ESD – Stephen Mutimba. Summary of effectiveness of current financing mechanisms for energy crops and agroforestry activities in Africa

10:15 – 10:45 UNIDO (TBC) Financing Biofuel Projects in Africa

*10:45- 11:00 Coffee Break*

11:00-11:30 E+Co – Emmanuel Mbezele. Financing of biofuels projects – Senegal case study

11.30-12:00 UN Habitat – Vincent Kitio. Financing renewables (TBC)

12:00-12:30 Practical Action Teodoro Sanchez. Carbon finance in the context of the COMPETE project

*12:30-13:00 Lunch*

### **Overview current and planned activities in COMPETE**

13.00 – 13.30 WP 0/7 Organisation and timing of events including summary of recent events (Seminars in India and Mexico)

13:30 – 13:45 WP 1: Current Land Use Pattern in Africa

13:45 – 14:00 WP 2: Improved Land Use - Energy Crops and Agroforestry Systems

14:00 – 14:15 WP 3: Sustainability of Energy Crop and Agroforestry Schemes

14:15 - 14:30 WP 4: South-South and North-South Cooperation

14:30-14:45 WP 5: Financing of Alternative Land Use and International Trade

14:45-15:00 WP 6: Policy Development

*15:00-15:15 Coffee Break*

### **Financing discussions**

15:15-16:15 Financing Strategy Discussions (Chair: Dominik Rutz)

16:15-16:30 Any other issues

## ***Accommodation and Travel***

### ***Dates***

The Compete WP5 meeting will start in the morning of Tuesday 15 April 2008 and it is therefore advisable to travel to Dakar, Senegal, during the period 12-14 April.

The UNIDO International Renewable Energy Conference in Africa will take place from Wednesday 16 April to Friday 18 April.

### ***Hotel***

The internal COMPETE meeting on 15 November 2008 will take place at [Le Meridien President Hotel](#), Dakar and all COMPETE participants are advised to reserve their rooms individually at the [Ngor Diarama hotel](#) where they may utilise the UNIDO group booking under the name 'Renewables 2008'.

### ***UNIDO International Renewable Energy Conference***

Details on the UNIDO Conference can be found on the [UNIDO website](#).

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