

OUTLINE OF THE CONCEPT NOTE ON THE VIRTUAL ISDB PRE-ANNUAL MEETING WEBINAR:

1. Title of the Side Event

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FOR RESILIENT ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

2. Background

- Access to affordable Sustainable Energy” is a key factor to reduce poverty, access to health services, mitigate climate change and catalyze economic recovery. Sustainable renewable energy constitutes one of the key elements that contributes to (i) increase country resilience due to the availability of affordable sources of energy and (ii) help the electricity utilities in satisfying the increasing demand.
- Thanks to the significant cost reductions over the last decade, decentralized solutions based on renewable technologies, particularly solar photovoltaic (PV) based electrification infrastructure (e.g., rooftop systems, mini grids, etc.), have become an economically viable option to provide electricity to remotely located rural communities given the fact that these isolated and small areas in such countries, mostly relied on unsustainable, inefficient and expensive diesel units for their power supply. Utility scale affordable renewable energy also become solutions to support country development particularly in big cities.

3. Rationale

- The Bank, in line with its energy and regional cooperation and integration policies, is supporting its Member Countries in developing affordable renewable energy interventions, and promoting regional integration using innovative approaches such as PPP, Reverse Linkage etc. These would be one of the key streams to Fast-track sustainability and enhance resilience. Building on its previous experiences under Reverse Linkage, currently, the Bank through a regional cooperation approach, is in the process of developing a regional program for its member countries in Africa for promoting the involvement of the private sector in the power generation and electrification and supporting resilient renewable energy development through South-South Cooperation.
- The planed program is capitalizing on the ongoing experience gained by the Bank to develop renewable energy intervention under the Reverse Linkage approach. It is leveraging on the technical partners from member countries to support developing, financing and structuring these interventions using the spirit of solidarity and the innovative win-win approach of the South-South cooperation.
- Supporting the development of comprehensive and affordable renewable energy interventions would necessarily impact positively the development of social and economic sector. This will support triggering sustanable economic development in member countries. The leveraging on the partnership between public and private stakeholders and the win-win approach of the Reverse linkage would support increasing countries sustainability and resilience.

4. Objectives of the Side Event

The side event will be an occasion to:

- Showcase the innovative approach of the Bank in developing and promoting renewable energy through Regional Cooperation and Reverse Linkage.

- Showcase the role of affordable sustainable renewable energy interventions in developing country resilience and sustainability.
- Seize the opportunity of the IsDB annual meetings to discuss and present the concept of the new program related to renewable energy through South-South Cooperation which is under preparation.

5. **Issues to be Addressed**

The issues to be addressed are as follows:

- Highlight how resilient and sustainable affordable clean energy will play a critical role in the economic recovery of member countries in post-covid crisis.
- how Innovative approach through regional cooperation, Reverse Linkage and economic empowerment can be an effective mean for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and economic sustainable growth of our member countries.
- Demonstrate the value addition of Regional Cooperation, Reverse Linkage and economic empowerment by showcasing concrete model partnerships supporting renewable energy development through regional cooperation and Reverse Linkage.

6. **Expected Outcomes**

- Show case to the member countries that innovative approach exists to fastrack resilient affordable renewable energy
- Member countries aware that can be supported on the basis of the win-win approach of the South-South and regional cooperation to develop the necessary infrastructure to enable the resumption and improvement of critical social and economic functions (e.g., schools, hospitals, SMEs and large enterprises) to attain a high level of competitiveness in the Global Market.
- Member countries sensitized on the role of comprehensive affordable renewable energy interventions would play in supporting country resilience and sustainability.

7. **Proposed Speakers**

- Speakers:
 - ✓ Mr Nouredine Mabrouk, Lead Energy specialists, IsDB
 - ✓ Dr Jauad El Kharraz, General Director, RCREEE TBC
 - ✓ Mr. Ali Zerouali - Director of Cooperation and International Development, Masen
 - ✓ Scatec (Renewable energy solutions provider) TBC
- Moderator: Moncef Soudani, Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB (proposed)

8. **Style of the Side Event Room**

- Virtual IsDB pre-Annual Meeting webinar.

9. **Targeted Audience:**

- The targeted audience is (i) Government Officials/Civil Servants, (ii) Private Sector Professionals, (iii) Corporate Executives and (iv) Development Practitioners.
- The expected number of attendees would be in the range of 50 persons

10. **Counterpart Organization**

- Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), based in Egypt

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11. **Event Business Owner**

- This event will be co-organized from the Bank side by the Regional Cooperation and Integration Department (RCI) jointly with Economic & Social Infrastructure Department (ESID) and Regional Hubs.
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12. **IsDB Focal Points and Organizing team**

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13. **Nature of HE's Involvement**

- The Vice President Operations is proposed to address the welcoming remarks.

14. **Budget**

- Online event no specific cost is planned. Only the support of the Communication/Tiqah to market the event and manage the online set-up.

15. **Draft Agenda**

- The duration of the online event will be about 70 minutes
- The agenda of the event will be as follows:

Content	Speaker/moderator	Main points/key message	Time
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Opening by moderator	Suggestion Mr. Moncef Soudani Regional Cooperation and Integration Department, IsDB	- -	5 mn
Welcoming remarks	Dr. Mansur MUHTAR, Vice President (Operations, ISDB)		7 mn
PANEL:			25 mn
Speaker	Mr Nouredine Mabrouk, Lead Energy specialists, IsDB		5 mn
Speaker	Dr Jauad El Kharraz, General Director, RCREEE TBC		5 mn
Speaker	Mr. Ali Zerouali - Director of Cooperation and International Development, Masen		5 mn
Speaker	TBD Scatec (Renewable energy solutions provider		5 mn
Discussion between panellists: follow up questions/ Q&A	All panelists		20 mn
Concluding remarks by panellists	All panelists	- -	5 mn
Closing remarks	RCREEE Dr Jauad El Kharraz, General Director (TBC) Mr Hussein Mogaibel: Lead Energy specialists, IsDB	- -	8 mn