

Press Release

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Renewable energy industry to gather at EAIF 2022 to boost electrification investments

The decentralised renewable energy (DRE) sector is getting ready to meet at Energy Access Investment Forum (EAIF) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 28-30 June 2022. After previous years' virtual events, this will be the first major in-person gathering for the entire sector with a packed [agenda](#).

As the sector's top business association, the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE) will bring together DRE actors and investors working across the whole value chain throughout emerging markets in Dar es Salaam. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage in a three-day conference programme, exhibition, GET.invest matchmaking sessions, and networking receptions.

David Lecoque, CEO of ARE highlights: *"This year's EAIF will be a landmark step forward to scale up sustainable clean energy access globally. As the leading annual business and finance event for the renewable electrification sector, EAIF will harness creativity and investment, bringing the power of the private sector together with the dedication of the public sector in order to achieve the major public goal of SDG7."*

EAIF offers delegates the chance to connect with key industry players including over 80 investors and more than 1,000 industry participants and other stakeholders. Virtual participation is open to everyone, allowing participants to follow the sessions online and network. For more information on how to participate, visit the [website](#).

Featuring key private & public investors and industry representatives, EAIF 2022 agenda includes sessions on green recovery, productive use, funding opportunities for DRE companies, policy framework for renewable electrification, the blue economy, clean cooking as well as country sessions focusing on Benin, Burundi, Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, and more. The sessions on 30 June will be entirely devoted to Tanzania.

Supported by the European Union, and GET.invest, EAIF is also backed by a number of gold sponsors including the African Development Bank, ENGIE Energy Access, Sagemcom, and Schneider Electric. The silver sponsors of the event are TCX, BMU, and WaterKiosk. Bronze sponsors include AECF, BAE Batterien, BURN, D-REC Initiative, NRECA International, Okra Solar, Phaesun GmbH, and REPP. Additionally, the show enjoys many key strategic partnerships including ADEME, IRENA, SEforALL, UNIDO, and TAREA.

H. E. Manfredo Fanti, EU Ambassador to Tanzania and the East African Community (EAC) said: *"As announced last year during the Renewable Energy Day held in Dodoma on 13 December 2021, we are happy to host a continental renewable energy forum in Tanzania, where EU-supported platforms like GET.invest and ARE will reunite key actors of the renewable energy space with the aim of catalysing investments and*

opportunities for energy projects in Africa. After the first two days touching on issues of general interest and involving countries of West and Eastern Africa, we are happy to announce that the third day will be fully focused on Tanzania. This event is in line with the recently adopted EU green deal which focuses on the clean energy transition and in line with our ongoing support to Tanzania to improve energy efficiency and better service delivery to citizens. EU supports a more sustainable economic development which includes the creation of green jobs, also for women.”

*“At Schneider Electric, our objective to ensure green, reliable and affordable energy for all is one we are fully committed to,” said **Carol Koech, Country President of Schneider Electric East Africa**, “We are part of the solution and with only 10 of the 54 countries enjoying over 70% energy access, the challenge to improve the lives of the 1.8 B people without access to reliable energy is one we are fully committed to solving. A pledge further cemented by the launch of the solar-hybrid solution, Homaya Pro revolutionary inverters that specifically designed for locations having unreliable or no access to electricity, supports both Grid & Solar priority modes, with unlimited expandability for backup time and remote monitoring that we are showcasing at EAIF.”*

Yann Chauvelin, Business Development Director of Sagemcom Energy & Telecom said: *“We are delighted to be a partner of EAIF, a major event in the sector of electricity access and renewable energy. As a “mission driven company” operating across Africa for decades, our goal is to help public and private utilities achieve universal access to reliable, clean and competitive energy.”*

Steven Fleurus, CFO of ENGIE Energy Access said: *“We look forward to being part of EAIF in Dar Es Salaam. It is an opportunity to connect with key stakeholders and partners and share our vision on how to provide decentralised energy to people not connected to the grid. It is only by joining our forces that we will be able to accelerate access-to-energy and come to a sustainable business model to roll-out in the coming years.”*

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Note to the editor

The Alliance for Rural Electrification ([ARE](#)) is an international business association with the aim to promote a sustainable decentralised renewable energy industry for the 21st century, activating markets for affordable energy services, and creating local jobs and inclusive economies. ARE enables improved energy access through business development support for more than 185 Members along the whole value chain for off-grid technologies.

[GET.invest](#) is a European programme which supports investments in renewable energy. The programme targets private sector business and project developers, financiers and regulators to build sustainable energy markets in developing countries. Services include finance access advisory, market information, a funding database, and matchmaking events. The programme is supported by the European Union, Germany,

Sweden, the Netherlands, and Austria, and works closely with initiatives and business associations in the energy sector.

The Tanzania Renewable Energy Association ([TAREA](#)) is a national renewable energy non-profit and member-based association that is working to promote the use of sustainable renewable energy and energy efficiency in Tanzania Mainland. The network has more than 800 members. TAREA promotes the use of sustainable renewable energy through managing knowledge and information dissemination, networking public and private stakeholders, supporting the creation of an enabling environment and framework for a sustainable renewable energy and energy efficiency markets, and promoting institutional capacity building.

