

Press Release

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Intersolar to Feature Series of Off-grid Workshops Worldwide

Munich, 28 June 2018 – The Off-grid Power Forum at Intersolar Europe is part of a series of workshops organised by ARE with the support of Intersolar. Intersolar Europe is the largest solar PV trade fair in Europe. This year's [Off-Grid Power Forum: Conference & Exhibition](#) was organised by ARE and the German Solar Association (BSW-Solar) in collaboration with the German Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ).

The Conference was an opportunity for companies and project developers to attract and to raise interest from high-ranking delegations, project partners, policy makers, investors and international press members. The Forum was once again the focal point to learn about the latest trends on future markets, technological solutions and smart applications in a growing cross-sectoral environment. Over 200 participants, including 15 ARE Members who presented their solutions during the sessions, took part in the Conference.

ARE was selected as the exclusive partner for the Off-Grid Power Exhibition. This year's exhibition featured ARE Members [GFM](#), [LEDSafari](#) and [Windkinetic](#) and Partner the [Africa-EU Renewable Energy Programme \(RECP\)](#). ARE also shared its booth with the "[Low Carbon Off-Grid Communities \(LOGiC\)](#)" project, where ARE is the communications partner.

Michael Franz, Team Leader, RECP: *"The Off-grid Power Exhibition at Intersolar Europe represented a great opportunity to showcase our partnership with ARE as well as our current work with RE projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. It also gave us the occasion to connect and present RECP services to different stakeholders. We are looking forward to continue our partnership with ARE and work together towards increasing the access to off-grid renewable energy solutions across Africa."*

Florian Wessendorf, Managing Director, Solar Promotion GmbH: *"We are proud to partner with ARE and BSW-Solar on solar off-grid topics. This year's Off-Grid Power Forum during Intersolar Europe was a great success for all partners. We are looking forward to the next editions in São Paulo and Bangalore to enhance our fruitful partnership in the future."*

With the pace of renewable off-grid solutions picking up worldwide, ARE will implement the next of its series of off-grid workshops at:

- [Intersolar South America](#) (São Paulo, 28 August 2018)
- [Intersolar India](#) (Bangalore, 11-13 December 2018)

Pablo Astorga, ARE Board Member: *"We are excited to be working with Intersolar on the off-grid workshop series. We are currently working closely with local partners for the next workshop at Intersolar South America which will focus on getting communities through to the last mile to achieve clean energy access on the continent."*

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Note to the editor

The presentations from the Off-grid Power Forum will soon be made available on the [BSW website](#).

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 150 members along the whole value chain for off-grid technologies.

With about 800 member companies, [Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft e.V.](#) (German Solar Association) is the interest group of the German solar energy industry. Forming a strong community of companies, BSW-Solar acts as an informant and intermediary between business and the political and public sectors. It represents the common commercial interests of businesses within the solar energy value chain.

[Solar Promotion GmbH](#) and its subsidiary Solar Promotion International GmbH organise global exhibitions and conferences in the fields of renewable energies and energy efficiency. The portfolio includes events for the areas of photovoltaics, PV production technologies, energy storage, smart renewable energy, solar thermal technologies, solar architecture, energy efficient buildings and the use of biomass in power generation. This includes the exhibitions Intersolar Europe, Intersolar North America, Intersolar South America, Intersolar Middle East, Intersolar India, ees Europe, ees North America, Interpellets, Gebäude.Energie.Technik (GETEC) and the congresses Intersolar Europe Conference, Intersolar North America Conference, Intersolar South America Conference, Intersolar India Conference, Intersolar Middle East Conference, ees Europe Conference, ees North America Conference, effizienz.forum and Pellets Industry Forum, among others.

