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About the ENERGIES programme's activities and the renewable energy and energy efficiency sector in the Indian Ocean

Main activities

RESULT 1 - Strategies

On the 18th of May, a restitution meeting on capacity building needs of the national Energy agencies of the member states took place in Seychelles. The technical report has been presented: it describes the energetic situation of the four beneficiary states and the progress made on the governance of the energy sector.

A workshop on Energy information systems and observatories was held in Seychelles on the 19th of May. Participants agreed on the need for the constitution of an energy observatory, to be considered by the authorities in charge of the energy sector of the member states.

The tender for a technical assistance on the development of a RE/EE regional strategy has been validated by the European Union Delegation and launched on the 19th of June.

As part of the Energy Efficiency Regional Programme, the tender on the geo-mapping for the potential of energy efficiency in Madagascar has been launched on the 20th of June.

RESULT 2 - Sensitization

A second regional meeting on the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency has been held on the 13th of April, in Reunion. The aim was to discuss about the visibility and sensitization activities of the programme

A draft final report of the study to define the RE/EE communication strategy in Comoros is currently being finalised.

A similar study has been requested by Mauritius. The tender has been launched on the 5th of June.

The tender documents about the regional campaigns "Culture and sensitization" have been approved by the EUD. The tenders have been launched on the 16th and the 19th of June.

The communication kits, including roll-up banners and booklets, have been sent to the member states at the end of June.

RESULTAT 3 - Legal framework

The tender for the animation of the *Club des électriciens* has been launched on the 9th of June.

RESULTAT 4 - Call for proposals

15 contracts have been transmitted to the EUD for endorsement. Among them, 7 contracts have been endorsed, as at the 29th of June.

Cross-cutting activities

The fourth steering committee of the programme was held in Seychelles, on the 17th-18th of May. An opportunity for the team to present the progress, the actions undertaken and the future development of each component of the programme.

The tenders received for the construction of photovoltaic shade structures and for the delivery of electric vehicles in four IOC member states are currently being assessed.

Highlights

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| 13 April | Second regional meeting on the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency in Reunion |
| 17-18 May | Steering committee of the programme in Seychelles |
| 18 May | Restitution meeting on capacity building needs of the national Energy agencies of the member states |
| 19 May | Workshop on Energy information systems and observatories |
| 22 June | Training on the knowledge management platform, set to be online in July |



Participants of the fourth steering committee of the programme

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| Result | 1 | Strategies RE/EE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch of the geo-mapping studies of the potential of energy efficiency in Madagascar and Comoros - Recruitment of the coordinator of Result 1 - Recruitment of the facilitator of the <i>Club des électriciens</i> - Launch of the Energy Efficiency Regional Programme - Madagascar - Date to be confirmed |
| Result | 2 | Sensitization | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of the RE/EE communication strategy for Comoros and Mauritius - Launch of the tender for the publishing of a book on RE/EE regulation in Mauritius |
| Result | 3 | Legal framework RE/EE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last phase of the training provided by the Florence School of Regulation - 20th-21th of July - Mauritius - Recruitment of the coordinator of Results 3 and 5 |
| Result | 4 | Call for proposals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inauguration of the project "Seawater desalination by solar energy" - 10th of July - Rodrigues, Mauritius - Formation for the grant beneficiaries - Madagascar |
| Result | 5 | Norms and labels | Recruitment of the coordinator of Results 3 and 5 |

FOCUS OF THE QUARTER

Call for proposals: launch of the projects

As part of the Result 4 of the programme, the first projects are going to be launched. Among them, the launching ceremony of the "Seawater desalination by solar energy" project will take place on the 10th of July, in Rodrigues, Mauritius.

The access to safe drinking water is a major issue in Rodrigues. Desalination units exist but are not powered by renewable energies. The innovation of the project, led by the company Quadran, consists in the use of a renewable energy, the sun, to power these units. This technical innovation allows a reduction of operating costs, a low power consumption, a fall of CO₂ emissions and a positive impact on the environment.

In Madagascar, Comoros and Mauritius, 17 projects will be co-financed by the ENERGIES programme, using different types of renewable energies, such as hydraulic, biomass and sun.

Useful links

Digital tools are more and more present in our daily life, particularly at the office. They improve our discussions and information sharing. But these new practices also have an impact on our environment, especially in energy consumption. ADEME has published a guide with practical advice to reduce our impact:

http://www.connaissancedesenergies.org/sites/default/files/pdf-pt-vue/guide-pratique-face-cachee-numerique_0.pdf

One in two Africans has no access to electricity. Led by local initiatives, notably around solar energy and mini networks, the electrification of the continent progresses:

<https://reporterre.net/Le-defi-de-l-electrification-de-l-Afrique-par-le-solaire>

The Energy World is moving !

African Forum for Renewable Energy "AFER 2017" - 20-22 July 2017 - Bamako, Mali

The aim of the AFER Forum is to gather the actors of the renewable energy sector of the whole African continent to discuss about the development of the energy sector and its issues in Africa. The first edition of the International fair on renewable energies of Bamako will also be launched.

<http://afer-forum.com/>