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Smart Energy Solutions for Africa (SESA) to Host Fourth Regional Event in Marrakesh, Morocco Focused on E-Mobility

Green Energy Park (UM6P, IRESEN), in collaboration with Cadi Ayyad University, is proud to host the **Fourth Regional Event of the Smart Energy Solutions for Africa (SESA) project** from October 14–16, 2024, in Marrakesh, Morocco. This three-day event, funded by the European Commission's Horizon 2020 program, will bring together key stakeholders from Africa and Europe to discuss developments in sustainable energy, with a particular focus on electric mobility (e-mobility) and renewable energy solutions.

The event is supported by SESA Partners: ICLEI Europe, ICLEI Africa, Technical University Berlin, Siemens Stiftung, CENEX Netherlands, uYilo e-Mobility Program, WeTu, Blekinge Institute of Technology and F6S.

The Fourth Regional Event in Marrakesh aims to foster collaboration and dialogue on sustainable energy solutions. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions, share best practices, and explore innovative ideas that could pave the way for more sustainable energy access across Africa.

SESA's regional events, including this one in Morocco, serve as key components of the project's regional capacity-building activities. By working closely with local stakeholders, the project aims to identify policy gaps and implement energy technology solutions that address the unique needs of African communities.

Event Highlights

Capacity Building Program on E-Mobility

The event on October 14th will feature a Capacity Building Program on E-Mobility, offering in-depth knowledge and practical skills. Participants will explore technological trends, conversion techniques, battery recycling, and adoption challenges through expert presentations and discussions. The program aims to equip professionals and decision-makers to lead the shift to electric mobility.

Official Launch of the SESA Toolbox

The official launch of the SESA Toolbox will take place on October 14th. This web-based platform offers open-access resources on sustainable energy, organised into seven categories: Agriculture, Economics, Energy, Environment, IT, Mobility, and Social. Users can filter content by category for quick access to tools, videos, and documents. Designed for policymakers, entrepreneurs, educators, and citizens, the Toolbox supports energy solutions across Africa. Developed by the SESA consortium, with coordination by ICLEI and Genex NL.

Morocco Policy Dialogue

On October 15th, the Morocco Policy Dialogue will bring together government officials, industry leaders, and academics to validate findings on e-mobility barriers in Morocco. Discussions will focus on policy solutions for infrastructure, regulatory, and technological challenges, while showcasing local innovations like solar-powered mini-grids and second-life battery storage.

Key attendees include Minister Leila Benali, Minister Riad Mezzour, Governor Farid Chourak, IRESEN's Samir Rachidi, and Green Energy Park's Mohamed Bousseta, along with European representatives from Barcelona and Cascais. The event aims to align policy with innovation for sustainable mobility in Morocco.

Peer-to-Peer Exchange – Empowering Cities for Renewable Energy and E-Mobility

On October 16th, a Peer-to-Peer Exchange will bring together representatives from Moroccan and European cities to discuss collaboration between local ecosystems—municipalities, businesses, and communities—on renewable energy and e-mobility initiatives. Case studies from Africa and Europe will highlight practical solutions like energy consumption, shared mobility, and energy sharing. Insights from SESA partners involved in smart energy projects will emphasise municipal collaboration and local engagement.

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