

PANEL DISCUSSION

Accelerating RE and EE Markets to foster industrialization Through regional collaboration in Africa

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BIOGRAPHIES



Mr. Rashid Ali ABDALLAH

Executive Director, African Energy Commission (AFREC), African Union Commission

Rashid Abdallah is the Executive Director of the African Energy Commission (AFREC) at the African Union Commission (AUC).

Rashid has sixteen (16) years of work experience in the energy sector at the national, regional and continental levels working on energy policy, energy planning, energy projects planning, energy projects implementation. This experience has given him excellent overview of the challenges and potentials for development in the electricity sectors in African countries. His work also involves analysis of the energy sector in the African countries and collaboration with relevant authorities in formulation of energy policies, regulations and strategies that reform the energy sector and enable investments. It has also exposed him to high-level engagement with policy-makers and other relevant stakeholders including, Regional Economic Communities, Regional Power Pools, Development Partners, International Organizations, Donors, etc., which are crucial in building synergy and consensus in articulating common development agenda for AUC.

Rashid holds aMSc in Project Management, a Post Graduate Diploma in Energy Engineering and a B.Sc (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering.



Mr. Jalel CHABCHOUB

Chief Investment Office - Energy Efficiency Expert, African Development Bank

Senior International Energy Expert with deep subject matter knowledge in performing energy analyses, advising and supporting governments on the development of policies, strategies, design and implementation of Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy (RE) projects and programs. Expert is developing and implementing Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) and Energy Performance Contracting (EnPC) and business plan development.

Certified Energy Auditors International (CEAI), Certified Measurement and Verification professional (CMVP) and one of the qualified instructors for the Efficiency Valuation Organization (EVO).

More than 25 years of experience in more than 50 countries with one of the World Leading Canadian Firm in EE consulting services on projects carried out or financed by international institutions such as the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, the United Nations (UNDP, UNECE), USAID, and equally with bilateral development organizations. Outstanding knowledge base in energy policy and regulations, market development, and key factors driving implementation of EE&RE projects in the private and public sectors.



Ms. Kornelia IIPINGE

Project Coordinator, SADC Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship Support Facility, SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE)

Kornelia Ipinge is the Project Coordinator for the SADC Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship Support Facility at SACREEE supported by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Before SACREEE, Ms. Ipinge worked as the Windhoek Embedded Researcher for the Future Resilience for African Cities and Lands (FRACTAL) project coordinated by the Climate System Analysis Group at the University of Cape Town. She has also previously worked as the Namibian Environmental Professional Apprentice at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-Namibia and at Gobabeb Namib Research Institute as a Research Assistant. Her previous experience includes research in urban governance and climate change, project management, and events management. She obtained her MSc in Integrated Water Resources Management from the University of Zimbabwe and a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science from the University of Namibia. She has a Certificate in Renewable Energies from Copperbelt University and a Certificate in Water Sensitive Cities from IHE Delft Institute of Water Education. Her interests are in climate change adaptation, renewable energy, water management, and youth empowerment. She's an active member of the Namibian Youth on Renewable Energy (NaYoRe) and the Water- Youth Namibia.



Mr. David LECOQUE

Director General, Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)

David leads the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), the oldest and largest global business association for distributed renewables in emerging markets. Together with his growing world-class team, David initiated and drives ARE's rapid scale-up and cements its reputation as the voice of the private sector and key stakeholders delivering on UN Sustainable Development Goal 7 and the energy transition.

ARE federates and provides unparalleled services for its 200+ member companies investing and operating in 50+ markets across Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America. ARE specialises in finding concrete approaches for public-private cooperation, harnessing the power and creativity of the private sector, to deliver rapidly and at scale on major public goals. In acknowledgment of its work, ARE is recognised as finalist for the all-industry International Association of the Year 2022 award.

Prior to ARE, David practised and qualified as an energy and environment lawyer at top-tier international law firms Liedekerke and CMS. David focused on both advisory and litigation around power and gas market design, tariffs, renewable energy support schemes, permitting, energy sector taxation, IPP contracting, waste and pollution.

David holds an LL.M in European Law from the College of Europe, a BA and MA of Laws from the Free University of Brussels (VUB) as well as degrees from the ULB, the University of Malta, the International Business Institute and Axelos. David speaks English, French, Dutch, German and aspires to learn Turkish and Mandarin.



Mr. Francis SEMPORE

Executive Director, ECOWAS Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)

Francis SEMPORE is an Electrical Engineer graduated from “Ecole Supérieure Polytechnique (ESP)” of Dakar (Senegal) and holds a Specialized master’s degree in Energy and Industrial Refrigeration Engineering of the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE Institute) of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). He is certified in Business Management from HEC Paris and has a Diploma of Specialized Training in Regulation and Energy Market from Mines ParisTech. Prior to joining the ECOWAS Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) as Executive Director, he was with the West African Power Pool (WAPP) based in Cotonou (Benin) as Program Officer.

Previously, M. SEMPORE spent nearly twenty years at the 2iE Institute with several positions of responsibility occupied (Advisor to the Director General in charge of Institutional Development, Foresight and Digitalization, Director of the Technopole, Director of International Relations, Director of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, Director of e-Education Center, Head for the training of Master specialized in Energy Engineering).

Before joining the 2iE Institute, he worked in private sector in the field of Energy, Air Conditioning and Industrial Refrigeration in Ivory Coast and Senegal. He held the positions of Studies Engineer, Business Engineer and Country Agency Manager. Senior Energy Expert, Specialist in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, he has participated in the mobilization of resources from technical and financial partners for the implementation of many programs and projects in the fields of Energy and Capacity Building. To date, he has a professional experience of twenty-five years with the coordination of more than thirty programs and projects in the areas of Energy Access, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Policy, Gender Mainstreaming in Energy, Rural Electrification as well as Entrepreneurship and Capacity Building in West Africa.