

# Energy, Democracy and Development: the case of Africa

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## AGENDA

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09.30 – 10.00 Registration

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10.00 – 10.15 **Introduction**

- **Pierre Schori**, Director-General, FRIDE, Spain

*An outline of the project: The aim to examine the links within EU policies between development cooperation, energy security and the promotion of good governance*

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10.15 – 11.45 **EU energy cooperation with sub-Saharan Africa**

Chair:

- **Richard Youngs**, Director, Democratisation, FRIDE, Spain

Keynote Speakers

- **Antonio García-Fragio**, Head of Unit, Economic Development and Communication Networks, trade and regional integration, DG Development, European Commission, Belgium
- **Emmanuel Gyimah-Boadi**, Executive Director, Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana

*The EU has in recent years launched a number of new energy initiatives in Africa, mostly promising to support better access to energy for poor communities. This session will analyse the relationship between these projects, EU energy trade and governance reform in the region.*

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11.45 – 12.15 Coffee break

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12.15 – 14.00 **Case studies: Nigeria and Angola**

Chair:

- **Manuel Sanchez-Montero**, Director, Humanitarian Action and Development, FRIDE, Spain
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Speakers

- **Humphrey Assisi Asobie**, Chairman, NEITI, Nigeria
- **Alex Vines**, Head of the Africa Programme, Chatham House, UK

*Nigeria and Angola are the two biggest oil producers in the region. Both have a complex relationship with the energy trade which has ostensibly strengthened the government but also led to regional tensions and conflict over the distribution of revenues. This session will examine evolving trends of energy governance in both countries and make recommendation on integrating EU energy and development in these countries.*

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14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

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15.00 – 17.00 **Policy Implications: How to make European Energy Policies more Development-sensitive**

Chair: Chair:

- **Richard Youngs**, Director, Democratisation, FRIDE, Spain

Speakers

- **Amelia Hadfield**, Convenor, Energy Analysis Group, The University of Kent, UK
- **Vanessa Pouget**, Energy Counsellor, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, France
- **Kojo Pumpuni Asante**, Research Officer, Governance and Legal Policy, Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana

*Drawing on the day's discussions, this session will suggest practical ways in which the EU can better meet its commitment to ensure that development, energy security and democracy promotion are pursued as mutually-enhancing policy objectives.*

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21.00 – Dinner

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