



# PRE-LEAP-RE

PREparing for a Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Renewable Energy

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## **First Strategic PRE-LEAP-RE workshop in Brussels**

From 6-7 December 2018, PRE-LEAP-RE held its first stakeholder workshop at the EIT InnoEnergy office in Brussels. The aim of the workshop was to contribute to the conceptualisation and planning of the envisaged European Joint Programming (EJP) LEAP-RE and discuss agendas on Research and Innovation (R&I), Human and Institutional Capacity Building (HICB) and Organisational and Funding (O&F) principles.

With participation from stakeholders, it also served to consolidate the network-building objectives of the project. Elements of the long-term approach for the AU-EU partnership in Renewable Energy (RE) were also shared, as well as a draft funding concept.

The workshop gathered about 100 participants including stakeholders who expressed their interest to participate in the EJP LEAP-RE process. Of the 100 participants, about 50 came from Africa – around 10 of which were representatives of public authorities. Stakeholders representing public authorities, funding agencies, academia, civil society and private actors participated – a good indicator that the community was very well represented.

After the introductory section of Day 1, the participants split into 4 parallel sessions to dive into the intricacies of the PRE-LEAP-RE project. Set up to facilitate exchanges, parallel sessions were organised around R&I and HICB topics, moderated by one PRE-LEAP-RE project partner and one workshop participant. Together they focused on: studies for needs, dedicated energy systems, energy use paradigm and energy management. The aim of the parallel session was to collect the input from the stakeholders on the material presented by PRE-LEAP-RE members. A plenary session followed to share the recap and comments that the participants had for each of the parallel sessions.

Several concrete recommendations have been suggested, and based on these, a new version of the Research and Innovation pathways will emerge.

Stay updated on the progress and highlights of the project via the dedicated PRE-LEAP-RE accessible at [www.leap-re.eu](http://www.leap-re.eu). If you would like to know more about the PRE-LEAP-RE project or would like to receive regular updates on its progress, please sign up for the newsletter: <https://bit.ly/2PyKMQL> or email us via our project contact details.

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