

CCSE Stakeholder Forum 2026 · Agenda

Leveraging Research & Innovation results from the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership

 18TH - 20TH OF MAY 2026

 CDMA - EUROPEAN COMMISSION, BRUSSELS

 HYBRID EVENT

From **18 to 20 May 2026**, the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership will convene a landmark event in Brussels, bringing together researchers, innovators, policymakers, and industry leaders from Europe and Africa. This gathering marks a pivotal moment in the long-term AU-EU collaboration on climate action and sustainable energy, building on the successes of the LEAP-RE and LEAP-SE programs and the broader objectives of Horizon Europe.

WHY THIS EVENT MATTERS

The CCSE Partnership is a **cornerstone of the AU-EU High-Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology, and Innovation**, dedicated to advancing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate resilience. Through programmes like **LEAP ENERGY+** and **CAPA**, the partnership fosters transnational research, capacity-building, and the deployment of innovative solutions to address the dual challenges of climate change and energy access.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Over **three days**, participants will engage in:

- **Kick-off meetings for LEAP ENERGY+ and CAPA**, setting the stage for new research and innovation projects.
- **Project showcases** highlighting breakthroughs in biomass transformation, hydrogen, battery storage, solar energy, agriculture, and electromobility.
- **Science and policy dialogues** to bridge research outcomes with actionable policy recommendations, ensuring that innovations translate into real-world impact.
- **Strategic sessions to define the CCSE Roadmap 2028-2034**, operationalising the partnership's vision for a sustainable, resilient future.

Join the Conversation!



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MONDAY 18 MAY 2026

LEAP ENERGY+ Kick-off Meeting

CDMA - European Commission · Room: Aquarium

RESTRICTED TO LEAP ENERGY + CONSORTIUM MEMBERS

HYBRID EVENT

14:00 - 14:30

Registration

14:30 - 16:00

LEAP ENERGY+ Presentation & Kick-off Meeting
• Presentation of Consortium

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16:00 - 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 - 18:30

Presentation by CINEA
• Lump sum
• Management tools

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TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026

MORNING

Project Showcase and Lessons Learnt from the CCSE Partnership

📍 CDMA - European Commission · Room: **SDR** and Room: **Atrium**

HYBRID EVENT

OPEN TO INDUSTRY & POLICYMAKERS

Morning – Plenary

9:00 – 9:30

Registration

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9:30 – 10:00

Welcome Remarks

- Joanna Drake Deputy Director General RTD C
- Bachir Saley Mahaman, AUC
- LEAP-RE & LEAP ENERGY+: LGI, LEAP-SE: ANR
- SACREEE · DSTI · MESRS

Moderator: Philippe SCHILD, DG-RTD:

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10:00 – 12:30 – Parallel Sessions (with ☕ coffee break)

SDR · SESSION 1

Biomass transformation, hydrogen and battery storage

(Projects funded under LEAP-RE Pillar 1 (2021 – 2026))

Sub-session 1.1 – Biomass Transformation

BIOOTHEREP: M. Lamfeddal Kouisni, UM6P (online) · **Vil2Bio:** Mrs. Pascale Gillon, Université de Nantes (on site) · **PyroBioFuel:** Mrs. Fatma Ashour, Cairo University (on site) · **SUNGARI:** M. Chikonkolo Mwewa (on site)

☕ Coffee Break (15 min)

Sub-session 1.2 – Hydrogen & Battery Storage

D3T4H2S: M. Mourad Amine ABICHOUS-Vertical) · **RCLIB:** Mrs. Mihaela Baibarac, National Institute of Materials Physics. **Moderator:** M. Wassim Sebai (ANR) and Mrs. Tinyiko Ntshongwana (DSTI)

ATRIUM · SESSION 2

Solar energy & agriculture, electromobility

(Projects funded under LEAP-RE Pillar 1 (2021 – 2026))

Sub-session 2.1 – Solar Energy & Agriculture

Smart APV Fruit: M. Karim Fahmy, Fraunhofer ISE (online) · **SHE:** M. Robert Scharler, TU Graz (online) · **SOLAR INDUCE:** M. Gustavo Garcia, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), MC3

☕ Coffee Break (15 min)

OPTIMG: M. Julian Fleishmann, Reiner Lemoine Institut (onsite) · **SWITCH:** Mrs. Jessica Forster and and M. Wilfried Zörne, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt ·

Sub-session 2.2 – Electric Mobility

Solcharge: M. Korbinian Götze, Technical University of Munich (online)

Moderator: M. François Moisan (ANR) - and M. Mokhtar Sellami (MESRS)

12:30 – 13:45

🍴 Networking Lunch

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Kick-off meeting of Climate Action within the AU-EU Partnership in Africa (CAPA)

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HYBRID EVENT

9:30-10:00

Registration & Networking coffee

10:00- 12:30

CAPA presentation + Kick-off meeting

Aquarium

- Presentation of Consortium
- Presentation by CINEA: Reporting and Management tools

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00- 16:00

CAPA Kick-off follow-up

Aquarium

- General discussion
- Workplan adjustment
- AOB

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HYBRID EVENT

Afternoon – Science & Policy Dialogue

13:45 - 14:00

Introduction to the Afternoon Session

- Speaker: M. Paul Grandeau, Directorate DG RTD

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ATRIUM · WORKSHOP 1

Clustering experiences on Biomass Transformation

14:00 - 16:00 Moderated by M. Kuda Ndhlukula (SACREEE)

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

BIOHEREP: M. Lamfeddal Kouisni (online) · **PyroBioFuel:** Mrs. Fatma Ashour, Cairo University (on site) · **VilZBio:** Mrs. Pascale Gillon, Université de Nantes · **SUNGARI:** M. Mwewa Mwape, University of Kassel (on site) ·

BIOCOM (OACPS): Abdou Soula (on site) · **CNRIT (OACPS):** M. Randrianirainy Huchard Paul (on site).

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

AUDA-NEPAD, SANBio (Southern Africa Network for Biosciences): M. Ereck Chakauya (online) · **African Union:** M. Bachir Mahaman Saley (TBC) · **EACREEE:** M. Collins Owuor, (on site) · **ICLEI Europe:** Mrs. Magdalena Sikorowska, (on site) · **European Energy Research Alliance:** M. Ivan Matejak, (on site)

Moderated by Mrs. Tinyiko Ntshonwgana (DSTI) and M. Léonard Lévêque (LGI)

SDR · WORKSHOP 2

Clustering experiences on Solar & Agriculture

14:00 - 16:00 Moderated by M. François Moisan (ANR)

Part 1 – Scientific Clustering

SWITCH: M. Wilfried Zörner, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt (online) · **OPTIMG:** M. Julian Fleishmann, Reiner Lemoine Institute (on site) · **Smart APV Fruit:** M. Karim Fahmy (online) · **Fab Lab Polytech Yaoundé (OACPS):** M. Joseph Kenfack, CDTIE (on site) · **PV-Agrocycle:** Mrs. Gokhan Yilmaz, Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University (on site)

Part 2 – Policy Dialogue & Lessons Learnt

SHE: M. Dave Lello, Ekasi Energy (online) · **SOLAR INDUCE:** M. Gustavo Garcia, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), MC3 (on site) · **PURAMS:** Mrs. Anne Wacera, Strathmore University. · **NM-AIST:** M. Thomas Kivevele · **University of Ibadan:** Mrs. Ibidun Adelekan (onsite)
Moderated by M. Yunus Alokore (EACREEE) and Mrs. Ellis Tzatzanis-Stepanovic (FFG)

16:00 - 16:15

Coffee Break

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16:15 - 16:25

Building Momentum across Two Continents: Four Calls, Latest Results and the Road Ahead

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16:25 - 17:40

Panel: Lessons Learnt from Horizon Europe & Global Gateway R&I Programmes.

Vincent Chauvet, **LGI**; Bachir Mahaman Saley, **African Union**; Beatrice Coda, Head of Unit, **RTD C.2**; Annica Floren, Acting Head, **UNIT INTPA G.3**; Lionelle Ngo Samnick, **IFDD**; Ousmane Ndiaye, **ACMAD**. **Moderator:** Francois Moisan, CCSE Expert, ANR

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17:50 - 18:00

Closure of the Day

M. Philippe SCHILD, DG-RTD

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18:00 - 19:30

Cocktail Reception

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MORNING

The Road ahead for the Climate Change Sustainable Energy (CCSE) Partnership

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HYBRID

Morning – Parallel Kick-off Meetings

9:00 – 9:30

Registration & ☕ Coffee

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9:00 – 9:30

Introduction

- Martin Lange - Head of Unit CINEA C.2

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ATRIUM · MEETING 1 LEAP-SE Community

9:45 – 11:00 Moderation: Mrs. Marie-Laure Tarot (ANR)

Welcome from LEAP-SE coordination - Marie-Laure Tarot/ François Moisan (ANR) and M. Mokhtar SELLAMI (MESRS)

LEAP-SE Projects Kick-off Meetings - Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI) and M. Mohamed EL WAZNA (IRESEN)

Communication guidelines - Sarah JOHANSSON, Zahra KHARBOUCH and Nicola MANISI (LGI)

Results of the analysis of the LEAP-RE projects for the interviews : Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI)

Lessons learned from 2 LEAP-RE coordinators, moderated by Mrs. Elena SIMION (UEFISCDI)

☕ Coffee Break — 11:00–11:10

11:10 – 12:30 Moderation: Justine PALLU (ANR) and M. Mohamed EL WAZNA (IRESEN).

Brief presentation of the results of the LEAP-SE call 2025
Mrs. Justine PALLU (ANR) + **LEAP-SE Projects presentations (16 projects)**

AQUARIUM · MEETING 2

Creating bridges between LEAP Energy + and CAPA supporting CCSE

9:30 – 11:00

CAPA / LEAP ENERGY+ - WP Presentation

☕ Coffee Break — 11:00–11:10

11:10 – 12:30

Identifying bridges for collaboration between LEAP Energy + and CAPA

12:30 – 14:00

🍴 Networking Lunch

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Afternoon – CCSE Roadmap Working Session

RESTRICTED TO CCSE ROADMAP STAKEHOLDERS

14:00 - 15:30

CCSE Roadmap: Defining the Thematic Vision until 2034

- Participants: LEAP ENERGY+ & CAPA WP Leaders + EC + CCSE Experts

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15:30 - 15:45

Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30

Operationalising the CCSE Work Programme

- Participants: LEAP ENERGY+ & CAPA WP Leaders + EC + CCSE Experts

Aquarium

17:30

Closure of Day 3