

# BUSINESSFORUM FOR DECENTRALIZED ENERGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

**Date / Time:** Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 / 9:00 – 13:00 am

**Address / Room:** tbd, Vienna

The workshop will be held in English.

**Preliminary Programme:**

9:00 – 9:20	<p><b>“How the private sector is fighting energy poverty through innovation”</b></p> <p>Opening remarks - Setting the scene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of Ministry Foreign Affairs of Austria (MFA)</li> <li>• Representative of DG DEVCO</li> <li>• Representative of ARE</li> </ul>
9:20 – 10:00	<p>Ten start-ups/SMEs/local initiatives present their business solutions</p> <p><i>Invited start-ups/SMEs/local initiatives are working on the ground implementing concrete projects in the field of renewable energy with a clear business case and represent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a number of countries</li> <li>- on-grid, mini-grid, micro-grid, home-solar and/or hybrid systems</li> <li>- local and international actors</li> <li>- in its majority African countries, but also successful German community energy project(s) and/or other regions (e.g. India)</li> </ul>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Hard Talks: Invited start-ups/SMEs/local initiatives contribute with their experiences:</p> <p>“Which main <b>shortages and constraints</b> are slowing down or impeding our project implementation?”</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Hard Talks: Invited start-ups/SMEs/local initiatives contribute with their experiences:</p> <p>“To make our business a success in the long-run, how would the <b>one most import public policy</b> look like?”</p>
12:30-12:50	<p>Summing up and formulating thesis of the day</p>
12:50 - 13:00	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>