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1. The 2019 Africa Roundtable side event of the 2019 International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial Meeting was chaired by H.E. Alessandra Todde, Secretary of State for Economic Development, Italy and H.E. Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union, in Paris on 5 December 2019 under the theme **“Energy for a continent of two billion: what opportunities for Africa and the world?”**
2. The Roundtable brought together high-level stakeholders from government, industry and other international organizations from Africa and around the world -- including energy ministers from Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and IEA member countries -- to assess energy challenges across Africa, take stock of the implications of IEA analysis for the continent and explore the opportunities for further IEA engagement to achieve universal access to affordable, secure, clean and sustainable energy.
3. Noting that rapidly growing population, urbanisation and industrialisation are driving the continent's increasing importance in global energy markets, participants commended the IEA's increased focus on Africa, including the recently released *Africa Energy Outlook 2019*, the IEA's role as co-custodian of the annual progress report on Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) which tracks progress on attaining universal access to energy, and IEA data and energy efficiency capacity building activities in Africa.
4. Highlighting the diverse and pressing energy challenges facing African countries, participants expressed support for the IEA's enhanced cooperation with Morocco and South Africa through Association, with the African Union Commission and Senegal through MOUs; with African governments through bilateral and regional initiatives and the IEA Clean Energy Transitions Programme; and with partners such as the Netherlands, European Union and Power Africa.
5. Emphasizing the IEA's long and unrivalled experience in energy data and statistics, capacity building, market and policy analysis, innovation and technology, participants called attention to the IEA's modernisation strategy to “open its doors” and encouraged further ramping up of IEA activities in Africa – in coordination with local, regional and other international entities -- to support attainment of SDG7, promote increased energy security and affordability, and accelerate clean energy transitions across Africa.
6. Recognizing the strong global convening power of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the IEA, participants welcomed the second AUC-IEA Ministerial Forum in April 2020, acknowledging South Africa's offer to host the event as AU President, and highlighted the opportunity to build on the Roundtable discussions, setting milestones and developing a roadmap to guide the IEA's activities in Africa



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