



## Background

### Previous SE4A conference / 3 days in October 2017, Brussels

The first edition of the international conference “Sustainable Energy for Africa” (SE4A 2017 in short), organized by the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences of Belgium (RAOS), took place in Brussels (23-25 October 2017, Palace of the Academies).

The following messages were delivered as a conclusion:

- **Science:** Energy is a value chain aimed at providing services to society, households and industry, based, for each region of the world, on an optimal mix of secure (24/7/365 supply), affordable and sustainable primary energy sources.
- **Politics:** Energy, together with circular economy, is a primary driving force for development – research and innovation as well as education and life-long learning for all are crucial; international collaboration in the field of energy-climate should be encouraged.
- **Follow-up edition in Africa in 2021:** academia, industry, policy-makers and civil society should meet again in a conference, this time in Africa, to report on the latest developments and discuss joint actions in the energy - climate sector.

The final programme of the previous conference (SE4A 2017, 23-25 October) and the partial audio/video recordings of all presentations are available on the following website:

- [https://www.kaowarsom.be/documents/Conferences/Energy/RAOS\\_programme\\_sustainability\\_energy4Africa.pdf](https://www.kaowarsom.be/documents/Conferences/Energy/RAOS_programme_sustainability_energy4Africa.pdf)
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