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Returns on investment in biomass will outstrip other renewables

- West & Central Africa will take priority global supplier status say global experts who will be meeting in Accra, Ghana

Singapore, 9th Nov 2011:

- Global experts on biomass trade are of the consensus that the strategic role of West and Central Africa will gain increasing international spotlight and capture a sizable global market share as EU demand for biomass for heat and energy escalates within the next 10 years
- EU usage of biomass will change dramatically over the next decade, causing a global rise in biomass demand. Recent data from EU indicate that:
 - a. Biomass will contribute to more than 10% of the total EU energy consumption in 2020
 - b. Biomass will contribute to more than 50% of RES EU energy consumption in 2020
 - c. Biomass will contribute to at least half of additional effort to reach the 20% target
- **Biomass West and Central Africa Congress 2011 speakers to be featured in the upcoming conference released these press statements:**

Mr J.F Guillon, Managing Director & Founder of Africa Renewables Ltd (Afriren) UK, said, *"Biomass represents an opportunity for Africa to utilize part of its natural resource endowment. With large oil finds, it is obvious that the trade of developed commodities will feature heavily in the story of Africa's development, but hopefully this more nascent industry will play its own fundamental role. The hope is that Africa can not only export its biomass, but use it as well, in effect, skipping years of fossil fuelled energy production, and jumping straight to the renewable energy age."*



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<p>Mr NGANSOP Bernard Magloire, Secrétaire Général, ARPEDAC*, Cameroon ”In Central and West Africa, biomass accounts for about 90% of primary energy consumption with proven relevance in efforts to fight poverty. Thermal applications of biomass energy in households, institutions and small businesses are well documented. The commercial sector of energy from biomass also employs hundreds of thousands of people and contributes millions of dollars to the local economy in the form of income tax and individual salaries. Sales of wood fuels generate significant revenue streams from urban to rural areas. It is therefore economical.”</p>	
<p>Mr Adebayo Agbejule, Associate Professor, Department, of Mechanical and Production Engineering, Vaasa University of Applied of Sciences, Finland, said “<i>The potential market value of biomass trade in Africa is varied - with West and Central Africa having the most potential. The potential value of biomass trade for Sub-Saharan African is estimated to be 2 billion US dollars by 2013 (African Review of Business and Technology, 2008). By improving its biomass capabilities, Africa can (emerge) as a major player in global trade in the next ten years. For example, the bioenergy needs of Europe could be provided by West and Central Africa with a well-coordinated supply chain. West and Central Africa have enough land for agriculture, people, and development of sustainable bioenergy production for export.</i>”</p>	
<p>Mr Erik de Graaff, Commercial Director, CPM Europe (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) said” <i>As leading supplier of pelleting and grinding equipment on a worldwide scale we support this important biomass conference. We consider Africa as the upcoming and very interesting continent for development of renewable energy out of biological materials and see big opportunities to locally build very efficient biomass pellet production lines.”</i> CPM will exhibit at the Biomass West & Central Africa Congress 2011</p>	
<p>Participating sponsor, Mr Ulrike Daniel, Project Manager, EnD-I AG said “<i>Energy generation on the basis of biomass is an important option for today and for the future. The use of this renewable resource -be it as biogas or as landfill gas - offers both a solution for environmentally friendly energy generation, saving of fossil fuels and prevention of health hazards. This is true not only for Europe, but also for African countries. Therefore, EnD-I AG highly welcomes the opportunity to participate in the important forum of Accra Biomass Conference and to meet there important players and decision makers in the field of renewable energies.</i>”</p>	





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- The Congress will cover country-spotlight sessions including
 - a. **Mali update:** *Overview and prospects ahead,*
 - b. **Nigeria Update:** *Distributed Generation in Nigeria: Prospects, Challenges and Way Forward*
 - c. **Benin Update:** *Renewables and Biomass in Benin,*
 - d. **Cameroon Update:** *Public-private partnership in the electrification program in Cameroon and the role of renewables*
 - e. **Central Africa Regional Update:** *"Biomass and strengthening the energy and resilience of ecosystems in Central Africa"* and
 - f. **Cote d Ivoire:** *Agricultural waste as biomass for energy production: agricultural residue potential in Ivory Coast*
- The Biomass West & Central Africa 2011 is organized by Magenta Global Pte Ltd, based in Singapore. The Congress will be held on 24-25 November 2011, at Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, Accra, Ghana.
- Media Invitation: Media intending to cover this event or would like to speak with relevant speakers may contact Ms Reema on co-ordinates below.

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AfriRen:

Established in 2010, *Africa Renewables Ltd.* (AfriRen) is a start-up company with a mission to connect Africa to the green energy economy.

By working with local partners across the region, we aim to establish high-quality, reliable and long-term sources of biomass supply from existing agro-industrial plantations. AfriRen aspires to be the partner of choice for pellet producers, biomass energy traders, MDF (medium-density fibreboard) industrials and European energy companies interested in co-firing or investing in biomass electricity generation.



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