

Press Release

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ARE Technology & Innovation Forum 2021 to highlight decentralised renewable energy technology as key driver of growth

ARE, with the support of [GET.invest](#), will organise the “ARE Technology & Innovation Forum” (TIF 2021) virtually on 27-28 January 2021.

With more than 600 registered participants, this must-attend event comes on the heels of increasing recognition that innovation is a key driver of economic growth, development, as well as climate mitigation and adaptation. In emerging markets, new high-quality and modular technologies, such as AI, advanced GIS mapping, remote monitoring, new control software and systems, as well as innovative energy storage solutions are helping drive last-mile rural electrification with decentralised renewable energy (DRE).

These technologies boost efficiency of systems, increase their longevity and technical sustainability, help project developers better estimate demand, increase financial sustainability of projects, mitigate climate change, and help communities respond to health crises, for example via the deployment of modular health clinics for rural communities.

TIF 2021 will highlight technology as a vehicle to achieve development, with investments and financing as the fuel to help drive its engine and bring these innovations to market. Investing in technological innovation is investing in the future of DRE sector, progress on all the SDGs and rural socio-economic development.

The forum will feature high-level discussions on the status quo of technological advancement within rural electrification with DRE in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia-Pacific. There will also be topical sessions showcasing innovative applied technologies that support the provision of clean, affordable, and reliable electricity in rural areas and power rural economies via productive uses of energy.

In addition, ARE will host debates on the role of finance and support programmes in bringing DRE technological innovation to market. Finally, GET.invest and ARE will offer attendees virtual matchmaking sessions, enabling investors, technology providers, project developers, as well as other innovators in the sector to connect.

The target audiences of this event are private and public stakeholders from or active in emerging markets in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia-Pacific, especially technology providers, project developers, private investors, international funding partners and policy makers.

The event is sponsored by Schneider Electric, Norvento Enerxia, NXT Grid, SparkMeter, and Studer Innotec. ARE has also strategically partnered with Energy Catalyst, ACCESS Coalition, CLUB-ER, Energypedia, India Energy Storage Alliance, Power Africa, Power for All, REN21, Smart Power India, and UNIDO ITPO Germany.

All information on the event and how to register can be found here: [ARE Technology & Innovation Forum](#)

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The [Alliance for Rural Electrification \(ARE\)](#) is an international business association with the aim to promote a sustainable decentralised renewable energy industry for the 21st century, activating markets for affordable energy services, and creating local jobs and inclusive economies. ARE enables improved energy access through business development support for more than 170 Members along the whole value chain for off-grid technologies.

[GET.invest](#) is a European programme which supports investments in decentralised renewable energy. The programme targets private sector business and project developers, financiers and regulators to build sustainable energy markets in developing countries. Services include market information, a funding database, matchmaking events and access-to-finance advisory. The programme is supported by the European Union, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Austria, and works closely with initiatives and business associations in the energy sector.

