



## Open Africa Power 2022 CALL FOR APPLICATION

(Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Mar 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

### 1. Overview

[Enel Foundation](#) and [Sustainable Energy for All \(SEforALL\)](#) are excited to launch the call for applications for the 2022 edition of Open Africa Power, the programme that each year from 2018 provides a cohort of young energy professionals with a complete set of technical, regulatory and business skills needed to trigger Africa sustainable energy future for all. This year the programme will engage up to **150 African students and over 240 alumni**, with at least 50% women, in a series of professional development and leadership activities provided in partnership with top academic institutions in Italy and Africa.

Open Africa Power 2022 will comprise of **online and residential modules** from academic institutions such as [Strathmore University](#), the University of Cape Town, [Politecnico di Torino](#), [Politecnico di Milano](#), [SDA Bocconi](#), [Florence School of Regulation](#), and [Venice International University](#).

Initiated by Enel Foundation in 2018, and co-managed by SEforALL from 2022 edition, Open Africa Power is designed to equip a new generation of energy leaders with a holistic knowhow of the electricity sector to leave their mark, wheatear in public or private sector towards a clean energy future for Africa.

### 2. Program Structure

- Online Module and Exams

The online module [Regulation for Universal Access to Energy](#) will start on May 16<sup>th</sup> and will end on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This course will enable the learners to gain a comprehensive vision on how to design appropriate policy and regulatory framework needed to ensure sustainable energy for all. Successful completion of this course **is required to be selected for the Italian Module**.

- Digital African Module: State of the Art

This module will occur between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. It will take place in digital form only, due to the impact of the current global pandemic. The module will explore the fundamentals of the global electricity sector through the lenses of sustainable development goals with specific sessions dedicated to the nexus between energy and gender balance. It will cover the following areas:

- Networks technology, regulation, economics;
- Renewables technology, regulation, economics;
- ICT digitalization of the electricity industry

The faculty will consist of local and international experts both from academia and industry. Following the African Module, participants will be asked to put forward a research abstract on a specific aspect/solution for the electricity sector that can become a key element in the race from poverty to prosperity for the entire Continent or for a specific African country. The top twenty per cent participants of the course, based on valuation of their abstract, class interactions and successful completion of online course, will be invited to attend the Italian module.

- Italian Module: New Frontiers

Lasting two weeks between October and November 2022, this module will take place in Italy (decision subject to the evolution of the current pandemic situation). Participants will explore the new frontiers of the electricity sector, sharing knowledge and experience first-hand innovation. They will be called to actively interact with prestigious academic partners and research representatives, meet with government, business, and non-profit leaders; engage in a dialogue around issues of Africa's clean energy future; and visit sites where innovative technologies are a reality in the electricity space.

- Give Back Module

Upon completion of the Italian module, alumni will be involved in teaching activities related to Enel Foundation education initiatives in Africa.

### 3. Eligibility

The Open Africa Power selection process is an open, merit-based, competition. The application period opens on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and closes on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

To be eligible, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 24 and 35 by May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022;
- Be a citizen of an African country;
- Currently resident in an African country or planning to relocate in Africa within the end of 2022;
- Be eligible to travel to Italy. All candidates are invited to check well in advance the procedure applicable to their specific case;
- Having graduated from or being a student (having an admission letter is also acceptable) of a PhD, MSc, LLM, MPP or MBA degree. **Undergraduate students or people who are not at least enrolled in a master's degree are not eligible for this program.** One of the two degrees (Bachelor or Masters) must be from an African University;

- Have competences and a demonstrated interest to pursue a career – in private or public sector - in the electricity space at large;
- Be fully proficient in English;
- Willingness to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment within and beyond the programme.

Recognizing that women play a critical role in the energy sector, but they are often left out of decision-making and have restricted access to energy education, employment opportunities and finance, their participation in the OAP is highly encouraged. Enel Foundation and SEforALL will ensure that 50% of the participants are women.

#### 4. How to Apply

Applications are to be filed through [our dedicated platform](#) exclusively. We highly invite you to start and complete your application on both [Google Chrome](#) and a [desktop environment](#) for the best results possible in terms of stability and reliability of the platform. Please click on the link and copy-paste the code written here on the right in order to begin the process.

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Applicants must provide:

- A copy of their CV (in PDF format);
- Copy of their Bachelor’s and Master’s degree certificates (plus eventual MBA/PhD certificates) AND academic transcripts (in PDF format);
- A copy of their Passport (in PDF format);
- A motivation letter (max 700 words, in PDF format);
- Three reference letters from industry, academia and/or civil servant representatives (in PDF format).

The application process begins with a registration form that allows applicants to sign up by entering their contact details. They will then receive a confirmation email redirecting them to the actual application form, which is divided into stages. At any given stage, if the required document is not uploaded, the system will prevent the applicant from advancing to the next stage. **To successfully complete the process, all the documents listed in the bullet points above are required.** Applications can be saved and resumed at a later stage. However, once an application is submitted, it cannot be amended. Therefore, please make sure your submission meets the requirements.

Interested candidates acknowledge that by submitting their application they will share personal data and authorize the treatment of personal data only for the scope of this program. Without such authorization, the application will not be submitted. For full information please read [the privacy note](#).