The African Development Bank (AfDB) will organise a seminar on energy and investment on 2 August 2018 in Tokyo, Japan. Africa is rich in energy resources with well over 10 terawatts of solar potential, 350 gigawatts of hydroelectric potential, 110 gigawatts of wind potential, and an additional 15 gigawatts of geothermal potential. Africa cannot power its homes and businesses unless it unlocks this huge renewable energy potential, and combines it with conventional energy to light up and power Africa. In this seminar, AfDB energy experts will talk about an effort to achieve universal access to energy through the New Deal on Energy for Africa and business & investment opportunities for the private sector on the continent in the energy sector.

Taking this opportunity, AfDB will introduce Africa Investment Forum where project sponsors, borrowers, lenders and investors will come together to accelerate Africa’s investment opportunities. Its first forum will be held in Johannesburg in November 2018.
Speakers

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