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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special Issue – Electricity Business in Africa: In Search for the Right Model

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In the continent with the lowest electrification rate, modern energy services are more than ever required by millions of people. Many new, small-scale technologies, could in theory be deployed across the continent and reach these potential consumers. However, international financial institutions predominantly prefer to back up large-scale projects: integration initiatives through multi-country power pools and new large hydropower. Will these large scale projects meet local consumer energy needs or only feed foreign industries located in Africa? Is there an opposition between the two or are they, on the contrary, complementary?

Many more business model issues remain unanswered in Africa: to what extent should state-owned companies lead the power business? Can lessons be learned from the failed privatization attempts of the 1990s and of the early years of 2000? How can private companies thrive in a problematic institutional context? How to best approach the multidimensional problems afflicting many African countries, in order to set up institutions allowing the electricity business to play the key social, environmental and economic roles it has to play for sustainable development?

Topics for this Special Issue could include (but are not limited to):

- Business approaches for energy services delivery to the poor
- Country case studies on rural electrification programs
- Link between institutions and business development in an African energy context
- Regulatory challenges in the African electricity sector
- Hydropower development business challenges (investment, water rights, environmental issues, social issues, etc.)
- Power pools in Africa (harmonization, contracts, information sharing, cost sharing, etc.)
- African “ownership” of the electricity sector

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