



Access Power, Karim Megherbi

Karim Megherbi is the Director of Business Origination at Access Power. Access Power is a developer, owner and operator of renewable power assets in emerging and frontier markets. Karim has over 15 years of experience in the energy sector, having founded and co-founded several companies active in Europe and Africa, providing advisory and development services. He has participated through his companies in the deployment of renewable energy projects in the Caribbean, West Africa and Europe. Prior to joining Access Power, Karim held managerial positions in the project finance department of Dexia. Karim holds an MSc in Management with specialisation in Economics/Finance from HEC French School of Management and an MSc in Economics of Natural Resources and Environment from University of Paris X.

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GSC, Pranav Mehta

Pranav Mehta is Chairman of the Global Solar Council (GSC). GSC is an international non-profit association of national, regional and international associations and corporations in solar energy. Pranav is also Chairman of the National Solar Energy Federation of India and the Solar Energy Association of Gujarat. He has also held leadership positions at Reliance Petroleum Limited, Essar Group, and Tata Iron and Steel. Pranav has extensive experience in India's solar growth and with Indian solar energy stakeholders.

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GWEC, Ben Backwell

Ben Backwell was appointed Secretary General for the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) in 2018. GWEC is an international trade association for the wind power industry with members representing over 1 500 companies, organisations and institutions in more than 80 countries. Prior to joining GWEC, Ben was Managing Director at FTI Consulting, advising companies in the clean energy sector on strategy, communications and government affairs. Ben also worked as a journalist and analyst for 20 years, covering energy policy and

markets around the world. He is the author of two books on the wind industry as well as a number of reports and white papers on power markets and policy frameworks. He holds an MSc in Political Science from the Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London, and speaks Spanish and Portuguese as well as his native language, English.

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IHA, Richard Taylor

Richard Taylor has been the Executive Director of the International Hydropower Association (IHA) since 2001. IHA is a non-profit membership organisation committed to advancing sustainable hydropower, with active members in over 100 countries. Richard has been involved in the water and energy sectors since 1985 and has written and edited numerous technical papers and periodicals on hydropower and dams. In 2002, he became a Fellow of the Energy Institute in the UK. He is a graduate in Earth Science/Water Resources at the

University of London, with postgraduate studies in hydropower engineering, renewable energy systems, and sustainable development.

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IRENA, Rabia Ferroukhi

Rabia Ferroukhi was appointed Acting Director of the Knowledge, Policy and Finance division at IRENA in 2018. She has worked at IRENA since 2011 and brings over 20 years of experience in the fields of energy, development and environment. She previously headed IRENA's Policy Unit, which works on a range of renewable energy policy and regulatory, issues including policy design, target-setting, socio-economic benefits and integrated resource management. Earlier, Rabia worked in both the public and private sectors,

including with governments in the Middle East and North Africa, energy companies in the Mediterranean and Gulf regions, and international institutions. Rabia holds an MSc in Applied Economics and a PhD in Economics from the American University in Washington, DC.

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Mainstream Renewable Power, Adam Bruce

Adam Bruce is the Global Head of Corporate Affairs at Mainstream Renewable Power. Mainstream Renewable Power is an independent global developer of renewable energy projects, including in emerging markets. Prior to Mainstream, Adam was UK Chief Executive of Airtricity and Director of Public Policy at McGrigors law firm, where he specialised in energy policy. He is a former Chairman of RenewableUK. He was the founding Chairman of the UK's Offshore Wind Programme Board and served as Chairman of the Seastar Industrial

Alliance, a network for the Northern Seas offshore wind sector. He is a Trustee of the National Museums of Scotland.

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MFC and WWEA, Ibrahim Togola

Ibrahim Togola is Chairman of the Mali-Folkecenter (MFC) and Vice President of World Wind Energy Association (WWEA). MFC is a non-governmental organisation active in the field of renewable energy, environmental protection and climate change in West Africa. WWEA is an international non-profit association working for the promotion and worldwide deployment of community-based wind energy technologies, with more than 600 members in over 100 countries. Ibrahim is an engineer and economist with over 17 years of experience working in Africa for public, private and non-profit organisations on project development, monitoring and evaluation, and renewable energy and environment policy. He has implemented projects for the European Union, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, German development bank KfW and national governments to overcome barriers facing access to sustainable and modern energy services in Africa.

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REN21, Rana Adib

Rana Adib was appointed Executive Secretary of the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) in 2018. REN21 is an international non-profit association and renewable energy policy multi-stakeholder network that connects a wide range of key actors. Rana has previously been REN21's Research Coordinator, developing the global expert community and leading the REN21 Renewables Global Status Report series to become an international reference in the renewable energy field. Prior to REN21, Rana worked for over 10 years in private industry and in applied research in the area of renewable energy, energy access and waste management. She was also responsible for coordinating the biogas-to-energy research programme of Veolia Environment. She holds an MSc in industrial engineering from the University of Wedel in Germany.

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