



## **Expo 2015. Eni is the Official Partner for Sustainability Initiatives in African Countries**

San Donato Milanese (MI), April, 30 2015 - Eni is the *Official Partner for Sustainability Initiatives in African Countries* at Expo Milano 2015, the world fair that will be hosted by Italy from May 1st to October 31st, and the largest ever event on food and nutrition, with more than 140 participating countries and more than 20 million visitors expected from all over the world.

The decision to work with Expo on this event reflects the fundamental importance given to sustainability, and the special connection of Eni with the African continent, where the company is the leading international energy company in terms of hydrocarbon production.

Eni's joint participation in the Expo with several African countries will be an opportunity to take a closer look at the multiple initiatives designed to support local development which are promoted by the company, with a special focus on access to energy in its broadest sense of sustainability, cooperation, innovation, and research. The commitment to carry out sustainability projects, side by side with operating activities, has a long history at Eni and has produced tangible results in terms of increased credibility and better long-term relations with the countries in which it operates.

Eni has always cooperated with local communities and institutions, for example, by helping to reduce energy poverty through infrastructures for the production, transport and distribution of gas, the construction of power plants, and the promotion of rural electrification projects. In Africa, more than anywhere else, access to modern forms of energy is the engine for development of the health care, education and agricultural sectors.

Initiatives in favor of the local populations are always carried out within the framework of the development plans of the country, with a special focus on social activities and on the improvement of health and environmental conditions. The company's approach to its host countries is well symbolized by the *dual flag* image, including Eni's six-legged dog and the local flag. These two flags fly together not only at plants and work sites, but also in the villages and towns where development projects are carried out.

For Eni, sustainability in Africa and in the world means adding value for its stakeholders and using resources without compromising the needs of future generations, with respect for the individual, the environment and society, as dictated by the principles of cooperation, integration, innovation, excellence, and responsibility.

The Expo is the ideal event to continue promoting these values on an international scale.

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