

PRESS RELEASE

Fourteen 'Pioneer Members' confirm commitment to African Hydrogen Partnership as group's focus turns to large-scale commercialisation

- **Organisations from across the world are invited to join the African Hydrogen Partnership (AHP)**
- **Large-scale commercialisation of hydrogen technology in Africa is now a key focus for the AHP**
- **Partnership believes many African regions offer great potential for producing low-cost, price competitive green or natural (native) hydrogen with a minimal impact on bio-habitat and biodiversity**

12:00, 15 December 2021, Port Louis, Mauritius: The African Hydrogen Partnership (AHP) today announces its 14 'Pioneer Members' from organisations based across Ivory Coast, Ghana, Mali, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Canada, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Italy and the UK, with the large-scale commercialisation of hydrogen technology in Africa as a key focus.

Following its rapid expansion in 2021, the AHP is now working with representatives from firms including, Anglo American, Bluenergy Revolution, Cheranna Energy, Gencell, HDF Energy, Hydroma, Hydrox Holdings, Hypowa, iH2 - Ivoire Hydrogène, Jacob Lawren Ltd., Mobility Africa Energy, Port of Rotterdam, RTS Africa Engineering, and Sable Chemicals. These are the group's 'Pioneer Members'.

The AHP - which aims to lay the foundation for establishing hydrogen economies and societies in Africa - will also explore how the continent can export green or natural hydrogen, the development of domestic markets, and how to attract foreign investment from energy intensive industries as priorities.

The group is the only continent-wide African umbrella association dedicated to the development of green and natural (native) hydrogen, hydrogen-based chemicals (e.g. green ammonia or green methanol), fuel cell technology and related business opportunities in Africa. It campaigns and lobbies for green African hydrogen and makes compelling political propositions for the benefit to Africa and other continents of developing green hydrogen economies.

Dr Innocent Uwuijaren, Chairman of the AHP, said: "Many regions in Africa offer great potential for producing low-cost, price competitive green or natural (native) hydrogen with a minimal impact on bio-habitat and biodiversity, so it has been hugely exciting to see our Partnership gathering momentum in terms of numbers and influence.

"Developing hydrogen economies in Africa will reduce the economic burden of importing costly refined fossil fuels, generate revenue streams from exporting green hydrogen as well as from sales

activities of energy intensive industries while creating wealth domestically and supporting fair socio-economic development.

“Many African countries could leapfrog to the new age of hydrogen technologies. The AHP is confident that clean, sustainable and renewable green or natural (Native) African hydrogen will price diesel and petrol out of the market between 2025 and 2030.”

The Partnership believes that carbon-free green as well as natural (native) African hydrogen is essential for achieving global net zero CO2 emissions. In the interest of forming a strong international alliance for utilizing Africa's hydrogen potential and creating green wealth, organisations from across the world are invited to join.

The first African hydrogen economies will begin with construction of P2G renewable energy facilities for producing green hydrogen derivatives (e.g. green ammonia), construction of hydrogen hubs along important trans-African highways and exporting green molecules. They will also be built in ports where hydrogen stations will provide fuel for long haul heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), buses and trains powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

African governments will grant concessions for the right to produce green hydrogen and export it to energy-importing nations. The fees for concessions will increase the inflow of foreign currencies into African economies.

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Notes to Editors:

The African Hydrogen Partnership (AHP) is the only continent-wide African umbrella association solely dedicated to the development of green and natural hydrogen, hydrogen-based chemicals, fuel cell technology and related business opportunities in Africa. It facilitates the collaboration between governments, industry, technology and financial institutions and large end consumers of hydrogen across regions with a focus on Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Commonwealth. The Partnership campaigns and lobbies for green African hydrogen and makes compelling political propositions for the benefit to Africa and other continents of developing green hydrogen economies. The AHP is confident that green and natural African Hydrogen will materially assist the World to decarbonise and assist in African Hydrogen becoming a major component in the energy mix.

To help form the strongest possible international alliance for utilising Africa's hydrogen potential and creating green wealth, organisations from anywhere in the world are welcome to join the AHP and become a Member.

In accordance with the AHP Charter, the AHP Members:

- Support and strive to achieve the climate targets of the Paris Agreement as well as the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

- Promote natural and green hydrogen as a clean, renewable and sustainable energy carrier and feedstock to achieve the transition to net zero emission societies.
- Recognise that hydrogen can be produced in many ways and that there are different carbon free/neutral hydrogen production pathways in order to enable a zero-emission society.
- Cooperate in the transition of energy generation, transportation, consumption and sector coupling to hydrogen, fuel cell and related technologies as well as the promotion of a strong African hydrogen industry incorporating these systems and technologies.
- Promote fair business practice and provide the necessary support to facilitate the establishment of African hydrogen value chains.

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