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Topics debated during the day included the role of the private sector in off-grid electrification under the current regulatory framework; productive use of energy in rural settings, business and small industries; and possible strategies to increase the productive use of electricity. Other topics included clean cooking whereby the panellists discussed how Tanzania can halve its usage of unsustainable biomass for cooking by 2030. Challenges and opportunities for large-scale grid-connected renewable energy producers were discussed.

"The European Union is committed to supporting renewable energy in Tanzania. Climate change and environmental degradation are an existential threat to the entire world. To overcome these challenges, we need to become innovative and work with partner countries like Tanzania under the European Green Deals and the Tanzania climate change policy to support the country's transformation into a modern and resource-efficient economy," said EU Ambassador Manfredo Fanti.

"Tanzania has huge potential to develop its renewable energy sector. The workshop today sets out how we can work together and move forward to achieve these goals," said Matthew Matimbwi, Executive Secretary, TAREA.

The conference also announced a new investment by the EU ElectriFI finance facility, in Simusolar. Simusolar is a private company and leader distributor of solar energy technologies in East Africa. The investment will be used to strengthen its operations in Tanzania where it provides high quality solar water pumps and fish lamps to farmers and fishermen.

Speaking during the event, the guest of honour, the Deputy Minister of Energy, Hon. Adv. Stephen Byabato, representing the Minister said that "My appeal to Small Power Projects (SSPs) is to consider deployment of efficient technologies and promote innovative energy efficiency practices so that your products are competitive and widely affordable by end-users. The Ministry of Energy will continue to engage stakeholders



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to discuss opportunities and challenges and forge ahead a road map to develop the Energy sector", added the Deputy Minister.

These programmes falls under the EU Green Deal initiative and Tanzania's climate change strategy 2021, which sets out to enhance renewable energy supplies in cooperation with the private sector.

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