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The Kenyan government is planning to massively increase the use of renewable energy in the country, and in particular to attract investment in wind power. The government delegation visited Germany and Denmark in order to optimize its national wind power strategy by learning in both countries from wind power practitioners from industry, government, and science.

The delegation comprised representatives from the Energy Ministry of Kenya, the Kenya Power and Lighting Company and the Energy Regulatory Commission of Kenya. During the tour, the delegation visited wind companies including developers, operators and equipment manufacturers, government agencies and international organizations and associations as well as research and training institutes. The study tour is part of a major program organized by Windforce Management Ltd (India) who have been contracted to analyze wind data from wind data measuring masts and to propose a wind energy development plan and prospectus for Kenya.

Stefan Gsänger, WWEA Secretary General: " Given that Kenya is setting up the right policies in the near future, the country is about to become the wind power hub of Eastern Africa."

Isaac Kiva, Acting Director for Renewable Energy at the Kenyan Ministry for Energy: "Kenya intends to increase its power sector in the near future substantially, primarily by expanding the use of renewable energy. Wind power has to play a key role in this, and we have been glad to hear from the practical experience in Germany and Denmark. Kenya has just announced a plan to increase the power generation by an additional 5,000 MW in the next 40 months, and wind energy will form a substantial portion of this new capacity."