The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, I would like to invite you to join me and energy minister counterparts from across the African continent at the U.S.-Africa Energy Ministerial, which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on June 3-4, 2014. Co-hosted by the Governments of Ethiopia and the United States, the Ministerial will focus on "Catalyzing Sustainable Energy Growth in Africa." It will provide a forum for engagement with energy decision makers to support energy sector development throughout the African continent.

A series of interactive sessions will examine effective policies and technologies for expanding renewable energy use, improving energy efficiency, developing mini-grids, harnessing natural gas resources, building governance frameworks to enable private sector investment, identifying financing for infrastructure projects, and more. The Ministerial will highlight President Obama's Power Africa initiative, explore women's expanding roles in energy sector leadership, and facilitate technical capacity-building partnerships among governments, companies, and academia. The Ministerial will feature a U.S.-Africa Energy Expo Center, providing a venue for U.S. and African companies to highlight their energy products and solutions.

The U.S.-Africa Energy Ministerial will be a venue for announcing new energy initiatives, projects, and programs. It will be an opportunity for dialogue among energy thought-leaders, policymakers, technology providers, and financiers. It will be a forum for exploring, debating, and identifying collaborative solutions to the energy challenges of the 21st century. I look forward to meeting you in Ethiopia in June.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Moniz

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