

CONCEPT NOTE

Training of Trainers on Legal and Regulatory aspects of Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) projects for ECOWAS Member States

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Background

The GIZ regional energy program "**Promotion of a Climate Friendly Electricity Market in the ECOWAS Region (ProMERC)**" supports partners such as WAPP, ERERA and ECREEE, in the WACEC (West African Clean Energy Corridor) programme.

The effective implementation of the WACEC programme requires the mobilization of human resources and the sustainable and systematic development of the capacities of key stakeholders. Therefore, the ProMERC project aims, in collaboration with the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), among others, to provide tailor-made capacity-building interventions in the field of solar PV and battery energy storage systems (BESS).

To continue WACEC's capacity-building activities, ECREEE requested and obtained support from the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB), for the capacity-building of institutional actors (ECREEE, WAPP, ERERA) and the training of trainers through the WAPP network of regional training centres.

The overall objective is to establish a core group of experts who will be trained to deliver the training to West African energy sector players on behalf of the WAPP regional training centers network. It is envisaged that the WAPP network of training centers will integrate the training into its curriculum and offer it 1-2 times a year in their training centers. It is important that the selected trainers are available to implement the training. WAPP will draw up agreements with the trainers concerning the modalities.

Training of Trainers

Within this framework, one (01) Training of Trainers (ToT) session for trainers to be selected in the ECOWAS zone (the network of WAPP regional training centers, CERMI, Utilities, Ministries in charge of Energy and the network of WAPP Universities) is planned in agreement with the WAPP, ERERA and ECREEE.

Based on the training materials to be developed by the consultant, it is expected that GIZ and ALSF in collaboration with the 3 organizations (ECREEE, WAPP, ERERA) will propose a well-structured capacity-building programme. It will be designed to ensure a sustainable transfer of skills and expertise in the renewable energy sector and to enable the selected trainers to deliver the course independently in the future.

For the ToT, one (1) toolkit will be developed, covering regulatory aspects including standardized legal documents applicable to the renewable energy sector:

- A toolkit (in paper and electronic versions) is developed, covering regulatory aspects and including draft model agreements and operational and user guides, for structuring, negotiating and managing renewable energy PPP agreements.

The toolkit is divided into a trainer's version (trainer's manual) and a participant's version (participant's manual).



The approximate total number of participants will not exceed fifteen (15) selected trainers.

Results of the Training of Trainers course

- A toolkit (in paper and electronic versions) is developed, which addresses the legal and regulatory aspects and includes draft model agreements and operational and user guides for structuring, negotiating and managing PPP agreements in the field of renewable energy;
- The toolkit is available in English, French and Portuguese;
- The toolkit is also divided into a version for trainers (trainer's manual) and another version for trainees (participant's manual);
- All designated participants are trained in the use of the toolkit;
- All activities are carried out to ensure the effective transfer of knowledge and skills in the performance of the above tasks;
- All relevant documents for trainers and participants (PowerPoint presentations, bibliographical references, case studies, manuals, etc.) in English, French and Portuguese are available as editable electronic copies.

Duration, venue and approach to the implementation of ToT

All training of trainers (ToT) documents will be available in English, French and Portuguese. Therefore, it is proposed to conduct the training of trainers in English with interpretation into French and Portuguese.

The proposed duration of the session is five (05) days. It will be organized in one of the WAPP regional training centres, which are based in 5 ECOWAS Member States (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, and Senegal). All the training centres have the didactic equipment necessary for the operation of the ToT. The decision on the training centre will be taken jointly by all parties (WAPP, ECREEE, ERERA, GIZ).

Outlines of planned training of trainers

The precise content of the training for trainers has yet to be worked out. At the same time, the training of trainers will focus on the legal-regulatory aspects of solar energy and BESS.

- Legal-regulatory framework
- IPP procurement
- Introduction to power purchase agreements and sovereign guarantees
- Gender mainstreaming

Profile of trainers

Based on the highlights of the proposed training, the trainers to be trained should have the following profile:

A) Education: University degree (Master's degree) in law, energy economics and/or regulation, energy management, energy policy or equivalent.

B) General professional experience:



- Eight (8) years of professional legal experience in the energy sector or in a legal department within the electricity sector or energy sector regulatory institution or university or other similar institution ;
- Experience in training.

C) Specific professional experience:

- Participation in the drafting of two (2) regulatory documents on renewable energy;
- Participation in two (2) contract negotiations for Renewable Energy Purchase Contracts at regional or national level;
- Have delivered at least two (2) similar training courses.

D) Language: Good knowledge of English is an asset for both Francophone and Lusophone trainers

Note: Applications from women are strongly encouraged.

Modalities

ALSF will coordinate the work of the selected legal advisor who will develop the materials required for the ToT, including the training toolkit, and train the selected trainers.

ALSF will cover the cost of full board for the trainers' training course. The ALSF will also cover the costs of visas, catering, accommodation, airport pick-up and all consultant fees.

GIZ will provide technical support and ensure the compilation of lessons learned to improve future capacity-building interventions. GIZ will support the payment of per diems in accordance with its regulations.