



ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM ESEF 2024

Towards a Just Energy Transition in West Africa

SPECIAL SESSION

Energy Efficiency Initiatives in West Africa

Date and Time: Thursday 28 November 2024 16:00 – 17:30 (Abidjan time)

Languages: French, English, Portuguese (translation services available)

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1. Context

The West African region is facing critical energy challenges, including high energy demand, limited energy access, and a heavy reliance on fossil fuels, which contribute to environmental degradation and economic instability.

Given these issues, the global energy transition towards cleaner and more sustainable sources is crucial for combating climate change and achieving sustainable development goals. For West Africa, this transition must be transformative and inclusive, ensuring that the benefits of cleaner energy reach all segments of society while addressing social and economic inequalities.

In response to these challenges, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has spearheaded various energy efficiency programs aimed at promoting sustainable energy solutions, reducing energy consumption, and improving energy access across the region.

1. Context

This special session highlights the launch of two transformative energy efficiency initiatives that directly address the region's key energy challenges, aligning with ECOWAS's broader objectives of enhancing energy security, fostering sustainable development, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions:

1. Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Livelihoods in Africa (EELA)

2. Integration of Electric Mobility with Renewable Energy Solutions in Côte d'Ivoire

Additionally, the session will introduce the **Africa Super ESCOs Acceleration Program (ASAP)**, designed to scale up energy efficiency services across Africa, with a particular focus on the ECOWAS region. These initiatives represent a significant step towards achieving a Just Energy Transition, balancing the demands for economic growth, energy security, and environmental sustainability, while ensuring an equitable shift that benefits all communities.

2. Objectives

This session aims to:

1. Launch and present the key features and expected impact of the EELA programme, highlighting its role in improving livelihoods and promoting energy efficiency in West Africa.
2. Launch the Integration of Electric Mobility with Renewable Energy Solutions in Côte d'Ivoire, emphasizing its contribution to the decarbonization of the transport sector.
3. Introduce the Africa Super ESCOs Acceleration Program (ASAP), aimed at accelerating the deployment of large-scale energy efficiency projects through the support of Super ESCOs in the region.
4. Discuss on best practices and lessons learned from regional and global experiences to inform and inspire effective strategies for achieving a Just Energy Transition.
5. Facilitate dialogue on how these initiatives contribute to ECOWAS's broader energy efficiency and sustainability goals, fostering partnerships between governments, private sector actors, and development agencies.



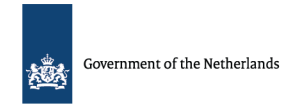
3. Expected Outcomes

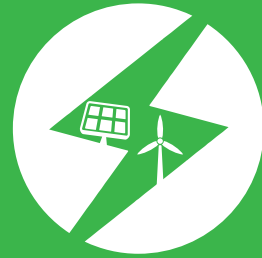
By the end of the session, the expected outcomes are as follows:

1. Official launch of the EELA initiative and Integration of Electric Mobility with Renewable Energy Solutions in Côte d'Ivoire, with a clear understanding of their scope, objectives, and expected impact.
2. Introduction of ASAP, providing insights into its potential to scale energy efficiency services across West Africa and attract investment into sustainable energy projects.
3. Strengthened collaboration between ECOWAS member states, international organizations, and private sector stakeholders in implementing and scaling energy efficiency initiatives.
4. Identification of opportunities for further cooperation and investment in energy efficiency, electric mobility, and clean energy solutions that address regional energy challenges.

4. Participants

The meeting will be attended by representatives from the ECOWAS Commission, public and private stakeholders, international organizations.





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