



Draft Agenda

ECOWAS-Energy Charter Regional Energy Governance Forum and Training Programme

*Improving Energy Governance and Promoting Regional Cooperation
in West Africa*

15-25 November 2021

**Novotel Cotonou Orisha Hotel
Cotonou, Benin**

**Hosted by the Hon. Minister of Energy and Petroleum
the Government of Benin**

With the participation of the ECOWAS Member States



Introduction

The Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the European Union (EU) work together on many collaborative objectives in their joint pursuit of sustainable development. One key area in which ECOWAS and the EU are collaborating is energy sector governance, at both regional and West Africa national levels. One of the practical instruments available to ECOWAS and the EU to jointly improve energy governance in West Africa is the AGoSE technical assistance project, which is funded by the EU and implemented by ECOWAS with the support of a range of partners.

AGoSE provides ECOWAS Member States (MS) with a wide range of tools and capacity building activities aiming to achieve multiple policy objectives, including the harmonization of regulatory frameworks, regional integration, improving the investment climate, promoting energy access, supporting the transition to clean and sustainable energy economies and implementing energy efficiency. More information about the AGoSE program is available [here](#).

The Energy Charter Secretariat has been supporting ECOWAS under the AGoSE program since the spring of 2019, as part of the formal cooperation between the Secretariat and the ECOWAS Energy Commission. The Secretariat has provided support to ECOWAS MS through a range of technical assistance activities, including knowledge workshops in the region and the hosting of ECOWAS MS officials in Brussels through the Secretariat's secondment program. Bearing in mind the ongoing cooperation, the Secretariat will provide further support to ECOWAS MS in November 2021 by co-hosting the **ECOWAS-Energy Charter Regional Energy Governance Forum and Training Program**. This in-person capacity building activity will take place in Cotonou, Benin, from 15-25 November 2021 and will be hosted by the government of the Republic of Benin.

A working agenda for the event is presented below. The event (regional energy governance forum and training program) aims to build capacity amongst ECOWAS MS officials in the area of a range of key energy policy subject matter, ranging from support for the energy transition, clean and sustainable energy investments, power sector decarbonization, investment security, energy efficiency and other relevant topics as presented in the working agenda, below. The program aims to provide knowledge support and create awareness on good energy governance in the ECOWAS region amongst key stakeholder groups.

Participation in the program is envisaged from multiple ECOWAS countries, along with the involvement of key regional energy institutions, donor bodies, international energy experts, NGOs, etc. The program likewise foresees a strong regional cooperation dimension and will involve educational visits to real-life energy projects in the Republic of Benin. As a key output of the program, it is envisaged that by the end of the event participants will be well informed on the policy requirements in order to support the energy transition, widen energy access and promote sustainable energy for all.

Please note that the format of this event will be that of an inclusive and ongoing roundtable, where all participants from ECOWAS countries will be presenting papers and contributing to the discussion under the guidance of experts from the Energy Charter Secretariat and its international partners. The event will be run in a hybrid format – in person on location in Benin and online.



Monday, 15 November 2021

9.30-10.00: Arrival and registration of participants

10.00-11.00: Event opening with high-level addresses

With contributions from:

- Hon. Dona Jean-Claude Houssou, Minister of Energy and Petroleum of Benin
- Sediko Douka, Commissioner, Energy and Mines, ECOWAS Commission
- Thomas Van Wijngaarden, EU Delegation in Benin
- Prof Bala Eli Jidere, DG/CEO, Energy Commission of Nigeria (online)
- Dr Urban Rusnak, Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat (online)
- Goodwill messages by officials from ECOWAS Countries
- Declaration of the Forum Opening by the Hon. Minister of Energy and Petroleum, Benin
- Vote of Thanks by the Director of the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Benin

Family Photograph

11.00-13.00:

Main Session: The Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) as an international framework for energy cooperation: from East-West foundations to global realities

Discussion convened and led by Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) officials including:

- Dr Marat Terterov
- Dr. Emmanuel Monica
- ECS Legal Affairs Unit

13.00-14.30

Luncheon

14.30-17.00

Main session (cont): The ECT – investment, trade, transit, renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate and sustainable development

Discussion convened and led by ECS officials

- Dr Marat Terterov
- Yuriy Pochtovyk
- Dr Oleksandr Antonenko (online)
- Dr Ruslan Galkanov (online)
- Ishita Pant



Tuesday, 16 November 2021

10.00-13.00: Main session

Regional Integration and Cooperation: the role of the EU and the AGoSE Technical Assistance Programme on Energy Governance

Morning discussion moderated by ECS officials and led by:

- Arkadius Koumoin, ECOWAS Energy Commission
- Anastasia Oikonomou, EU Delegation in Nigeria (online)
- Thomas Van Wijngaarden, EU Delegation in Benin
- Emina Kapitanovic, NTU (online)
- Mansour Assani Dahouenon, GIZ Benin

Short break

Main session (cont.): Regional integration and cooperation: the role and capacity of the ECOWAS regional institutions

Morning discussion moderated by ECS officials and led by:

- Hyacinth Elayo, ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)
- Oumar Bangoura, ECOWAS Regional Electricity Sector Regulatory Authority (ERERA)
- Chafari Kanya, West African Gas Pipeline Authority (WAGPA)
- West African Power Pool (WAPP)
- Expert from East Africa Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE)
- Aloys Ndugaritse, Adviser to the Energy Ministry of Burundi, former Energy Charter Secondee

13.00-14.30

Luncheon

14.30-17.00 Main session: The ECOWAS Member States I – energy governance, investment outlook and key challenges on a country-by-country basis

Afternoon discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- Sulu Ibrahim, Nigeria
- Issa Sonko, Senegal
- Lamin Marong, Gambia
- Peter Soulayman Bangoura, Sierra Leone
- Souleymane Berthe, Mali



Wednesday, 17 November 2021

10.00-17.00: Main session:

Site visits program: Visits to energy projects in Cotonou and surrounding areas organized by the government of Benin. [More information to follow](#)

Thursday, 18 November 2021

10.00-17.00: Main session

Host country energy outlook: Benin energy day hosted by the Ministry of Energy of the Government of Benin

**Sessions taking place on location at the Ministry of Energy of the Government of Benin*

Morning and afternoon session discussions with contributions from:

- Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, Republic of Benin
- Benin Investment Agency
- EU Delegation to the Republic of Benin
- ECS Officials
- ECOWAS MS Officials
- ECOWAS Energy Commission Officials

Friday, 19 November 2021

10.00-13.00: Main session

Energy efficiency roundtable led by the Energy Charter Secretariat

Morning: energy efficiency in the buildings, cooling and heating

Morning discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- Dr Oleksandr Antonenko, ECS
- Ben Hartley, Principal Specialist, Energy Efficiency and Cooling, SE4All/National Cooling Action Plan (online)
- Brian Dean, Head, Energy Efficiency & Cooling, SE4All, UNEP/Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program (online)
- Emmanuel Rominiyi, CEO, Caspian Pacific Group
- Lamin Thioune, NTU
- Aloys Ndugaritse, Adviser to the Energy Ministry of Burundi, former Energy Charter Secondee

13.00-14.30

Luncheon



14.30-17.00 Main session (cont.)

Energy efficiency roundtable led by the Energy Charter Secretariat Afternoon: energy efficiency in transport and industry

Afternoon discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- Dr Oleksandr Antonenko, ECS
- Sergei Maslichenko, former-Deputy Minister of Energy of Ukraine and EBRD Official (online)
- Sulu Ibrahim, Nigeria
- Expert from Industrial Energy Efficiency Projects, Nigeria
- Director General, National Automotive Design and Development Council, Nigeria
- Anthony Bleboo, Ghana

Saturday, 20 November 2021

10.00-13.00 Main session

The ECOWAS Member States II – energy governance, investment outlook and key challenges on a country-by-country basis

Morning discussion moderated by ECS and led by

- Gislain Laly Chacha, Benin
- Anthony Bleboo, Ghana
- Funmi Teniola, Nigeria
- Binta Awa Toure, Senegal

13.00-14.30

Luncheon

Monday, 22 November 2021

10.00-13.00: Main session

Outlook for the West African power sector: increasing the role of renewable energy in power generation and investment into decarbonization of the sector

Morning discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- Dr Oleksander Antonenko, ECS
- Hyacinth Elayo, ECREEE
- Oumar Bangoura, ERERA
- Emmanuel Rominiyi, CEO, Caspian Pacific Group
- Ishita Pant, ECS
- Sulu Ibrahim, Nigeria
- Issa Sonko, Senegal



13.00-14.30

Luncheon

14.30-17.00 Main session (contd.)

The West African power sector – the key challenges and opportunities as seen from the outside

Afternoon discussion moderated by ECS and led by international experts

- Rafael Ceyuela, Chief Economist, Dow Europe; Chair of the Energy Charter Industry Advisory Panel
- Andrei Belyi, Adjunct Professor of Energy Law and Policy, University of Eastern Finland, former-Energy Charter Seconded (online)
- Sergei Maslichenko, former-Deputy Minister of Energy of Ukraine and EBRD Official (online)
- Mehmet Ogutcu, Chairman, London Energy Club, former-Special Envoy of the Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat
- Sohail Butt, Advisory Board Member, Brussels Energy Club
- Claus Bergschneider, Advisory Board Member, Brussels Energy Club (online)

Tuesday, 23 November 2021

10.00-13.00: Main session

Energy outlook for the ECOWAS region through to 2050: net zero or simply energy access for all?

Morning discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- The Hon Sediko Douka, Commissioner, Energy and Mines, ECOWAS Commission
- Prof Bala Eli Jidere, DG/CEO, Nigeria Energy Commission
- Rafael Ceyuela, Chief Economist, Dow Europe; Chair of the Energy Charter Industry Advisory Panel
- Ewah Eleri, International Centre for Energy, Environment and Development, Abuja, Nigeria

13.00-14.30

Luncheon

14.30-17.00 Main session (cont.)

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Wednesday, 24 November 2021

10.00-17.00: Main session

The ECOWAS region and the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) – mid-term accession outlook and energy investment risk assessment

Presentation and evaluation of accession reports and ECT accession prospects of ECOWAS member countries

Morning discussion moderated by ECS and led by:

- Sulu Ibrahim, Nigeria
- Funmi Teniola Abiodun, Nigeria
- Issa Rohou Sonko, Senegal
- Lamin Marong, Gambia
- Gislain Laly Chacha, Benin
- ECS, Legal Affairs Unit

13.00-14.30

Luncheon

Afternoon agenda moderated by ECS:

- ECOWAS Region ECT Accession Outlook, ECS Expansion Coordinator for Africa, Dr. Emmanuel Monica
- Energy Investment Risk Assessment Outlook, ECS Investment Coordinator, Ishita Pant
- Participant evaluation and feedback
- Adoption of Communique/Closing Remarks

Thursday, 25 November 2021

ECS-Benin Government and Agencies Bilateral Meetings (Energy Charter Only)

Departure of all other participants

Please note: the finalized and documented hard and e-copies of the conference reports will be available and sent to all 15 ECOWAS countries two to four weeks after the event