OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

In the ECOWAS region, around 80% of the population still uses traditional biomass for cooking, often in an unsustainable manner and on inefficient stoves. The smoke from cooking on these stoves contributes to health problems, especially for women and children. These inefficient stoves are often unsafe and uncomfortable to use. Cooking fuel expenses keep on rising. Unsustainable wood fuel supply chains cause environmental degradation and deforestation.

The question “Why are we still using inefficient stoves in smoke-filled kitchens” in the 21st century continues to prevail. For many years now, we have spoken about the negative effects of inefficient cook stoves and unsustainable biomass production. There are already several successful initiatives in some ECOWAS countries which are addressing these issues and are contributing to local economic development.

But the wider distribution of efficient, affordable, sustainable and safe cooking energy fuels and equipment is still lacking. What are the reasons? Is it technology? Is it because of a lack of financing? Is it a lack of awareness and/or interest? Or is it a combination of these factors?

In order to meet the demand of the population for safe, sustainable and affordable cooking energy, ECOWAS has initiated a regional Initiative. The initiative seeks the full support and cooperation of all member states and partners. Within this workshop, the concept and roadmap of the initiative will be presented.

ECREEE invites all interested stakeholders to contribute and participate in the ECOWAS Initiative on Efficient, Affordable and Sustainable Cooking!

KEY QUESTIONS

- What are the issues relating to efficient and safe cooking?
- Where do we stand and where do we want to go?
- What are the benefits of a regional approach?
- How do we involve all stakeholders concerned?
- How to improve the value chain approach?
- Which technology for whom, when and where?

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PANEL DISCUSSION

14:15

Presentation of the Concept and Roadmap of the ECOWAS initiative on efficient, affordable and sustainable cooking, Mr Mahama Kappiah, Director ECREEE

Discussion and collection of feedback from participants

Key Note speakers

Mr Ewah Otu Eleri, Executive Director, International Centre for Energy, Environment & Development, Nigeria

Mr Ismael Oumar Toure, Director, AMADER, Mali

Ms Radha Muthiah, Director, Global Alliance for Clean Cook Stoves

Ms Mireille Affoudji, Project Manager, Cook Stoves Programme GIZ Senegal

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Mr Alain Guinebault, Director, GERES

Ms Yahaya Ahmed, Developmental Association for Renewable Energy (D.A.R.E)

Mr Debajit Palit, Associate Director, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), India

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Summary and Wrap up