

## **CONCEPT NOTE**

# **Training and validation workshop for the ECREEE 2023- 2027 Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Action Plan Report**

**Venue:** Online & On-site, Praia, Cabo Verde

**Date:** From May 8th to 10th 2024

## BACKGROUND

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As a region, ECOWAS recognises that access to energy in the region not only impacts on households as a holistic unit, but also impacts on individual household members, women and men, in different ways. It is therefore to ensure that the challenges of energy access in the region are addressed in a sustainable manner, taking into account the different needs of women and men, in order to ensure gender equity, that the ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access was enacted on 4 June 2017 through the Supplementary Act A/SA.2/0617.

This regional policy on gender mainstreaming in energy access was followed by the adoption of the ECOWAS Directive on Gender Assessments in Energy Projects.

To ensure the operationalisation of the ECOWAS GENDER-ENERGY Policy, ECREEE has supported Member States through the development of National Action Plans for Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access.

Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access has been recognised as a priority in ECREEE's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and the need for a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2027 has been identified. This Strategy should make it possible to consolidate gender mainstreaming within ECREEE, ensure better operationalisation of the Regional Policy on Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access and improve the implementation of national action plans on gender mainstreaming in energy access. The ECOWAS Centre for Gender Development (CDCG) is involved in this process to ensure that the actions carried out are in line with the texts in force on gender issues within ECOWAS.

It is in this context that the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, as part of the programme "Promotion of a climate-friendly electricity market in the ECOWAS region (ProCEM II)", is supporting ECREEE in the development of a gender mainstreaming strategy and action plan for ECREEE 2023-2027, together with capacity-building for the main players involved.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

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- The main objectives of this workshop are as follows:

- Validation of ECREEE's 2023-2027 Gender Strategy and Action Plan by the main stakeholders (ECREEE, Gender Focal Points of the Ministries in charge of Energy in the Member States, CCDG)
- Awareness-raising and training of ECREEE staff and Gender Focal Points of the Ministries in charge of Energy in the Member States) on the GENDER theme.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

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The expected results are:

- The comments and amendments formulated by the main stakeholders are integrated into the ECREEE project on Gender Strategy and Action Plan.
- Validation of the ECREEE 2023-2027 Gender Strategy and Action Plan
- ECREEE staff and the gender focal points of the Ministries in charge of Energy in ECOWAS Member States are trained and/or sensitized on gender issues.

## PARTICIPANTS

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The target groups for the validation workshop are:

- Gender focal points from the ministries in charge of energy in ECOWAS Member States
- Representatives of the ECOWAS Centre for Gender Development (CCDG)
- All ECREEE staff (permanent staff, consultants, trainees)

## DATE AND VENUE

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The validation of ECREEE's gender strategy and action plan, as well as the awareness-raising/training activities, will take place from **08 to 10 May 2024**, online and in person in Praia, Cabo Verde.

AGENDA (attached)

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