



10th EDITION OF THE ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM (ESEF 2025)

**Accelerating Sustainable Energy Infrastructure
Solutions for Growth in the ECOWAS Region**

Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center
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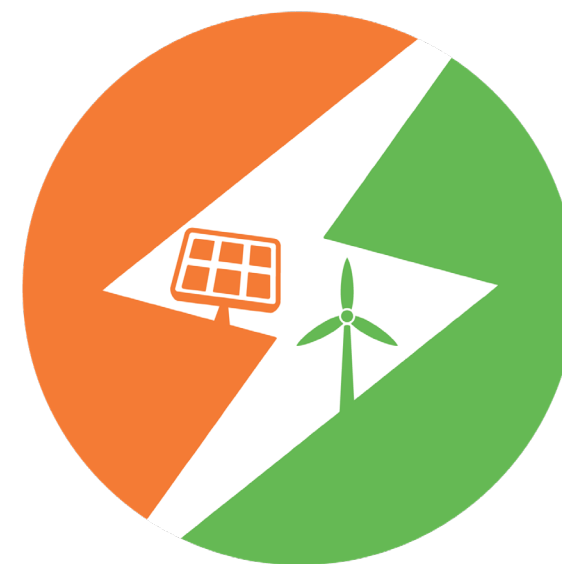


1. About ESEF 2025

The ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) is honoured to welcome you to the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF 2025).

ESEF is the largest gathering dedicated to Sustainable Energy in the West African region, to be held on **18 and 19 September 2025** at **Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center, in Banjul, The Gambia**.

ECREEE appreciates your interest and your registration to participate in this prestigious event.



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2.1 About The Gambia

Location

The Gambia is an ECOWAS country located in West Africa. It is uniquely shaped, following the path of the Gambia River inland. It is almost entirely surrounded by Senegal, except for its short Atlantic Ocean coastline to the west.

Official Language

The official language is English. However, several national languages are widely spoken in daily life, including Mandinka, Wolof, Fula (Pulaar), Jola, and Serer.



2.2 About The Gambia

Capital of the Republic

The capital of the Republic of The Gambia is **Banjul**, located on an island at the mouth of the Gambia River. However, the largest city and main economic hub is **Serekunda**, where most of the population resides.



3.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Gambia experiences its rainy season from June to October, with July – August being one of the wettest months of the year. Participants can expect high humidity, frequent rain showers, and temperatures ranging between 25°C and 32°C (77°F to 90°F).
- Participants are advised to pack light, breathable clothing and appropriate footwear.
- Security arrangements will be in place for all participants.

3.2 GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Zone

The time zone for The Gambia is UTC/GMT+0, with no daylight saving time observed

Mobile Telecommunications Services

The international telephone code for The Gambia is +220.

Mobile telecommunications are widely available through several operators, including Africell, Qcell, Comium, and Gamcel. Sim cards are free and available at the airport. Mobile numbers in The Gambia are typically 7 digits long and start with specific prefixes depending on the provider.

Foreign mobile phones can generally be used in The Gambia, provided they are unlocked and compatible with the GSM 900/1800 MHz frequency bands used in the country. Roaming services and local SIM cards are both available for international visitors.



3.3 GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting Language

To ensure inclusive and effective participation, simultaneous interpretation will be available in all official ECOWAS languages (English, French and Portuguese) throughout all plenary sessions, thematic discussions, and high-level panels. Participants are encouraged to speak in either language, with interpretation provided to facilitate dialogue and engagement.

Currency

The Gambian Dalasi (GMD) is the official currency. USD and EUR are widely accepted and can be exchanged easily. ATMs and exchange bureaus are available in Banjul. It's useful to note that while some hotels and large establishments may accept international credit/debit cards, functionality and connectivity may vary and participants are therefore advised to carry a reasonable amount of local currency for convenience.

Dress Code

Both formal business attire and African traditional attire are allowed throughout the Forum.

3.4 GENERAL INFORMATION

Health Requirements



Vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory. Vaccination against COVID 19 is optional. Recommended vaccinations: tetanus, typhoid fever, hepatitis A and B.

It should be noted that travellers who have not complied with this formality prior to their arrival may be received by the public health services when they get off the plane.

First aid will be provided by medical staff at the conference venue.



The Yellow fever vaccination certificate will be required upon arrival.



3.5 GENERAL INFORMATION

Security

The Gambia is generally considered a peaceful and politically stable country. The government continues to invest in improving public safety and strengthening law enforcement. As in any destination, travelers are advised to take normal precautions and stay informed through official sources.

Emergency numbers

The following emergency numbers can be dialed from any local phone and are typically available 24/7:

Police rescue	117
Fire service	118
Ambulance / Medical Emergency:	116



3.6 GENERAL INFORMATION

Electricity

Power sockets in The Gambia supply a standard voltage of **230V** with a frequency of **50Hz**. If your appliances use voltage in the **220V–240V** range, they can be safely used. The Gambia typically uses **Type G plugs and sockets**, which are the same as those used in the United Kingdom. Travelers may need a plug adapter depending on their home country.

Food service at ESEF

During the two days of the Forum, **lunch will be provided** to all speakers, moderators, sponsored participants, and special guests. Additionally, **designated food vendors and restaurants** will be available at the venue for other participants.



4.1 Travel Arrangements

Airport pick-up and transfer

ECREEE is pleased to welcome all ESEF 2025 participants at Banjul International Airport (BJL), Banjul, The Gambia. A dedicated protocol service, bearing the ESEF 2025 identification, will be clearly visible for any additional support, if required.

Before your trip, make sure you have:

1. your round-trip air ticket
2. your letter of invitation or confirmation of participation
3. Entry Visa Clearance
4. your hotel reservation
5. your valid International Vaccination Certificate

Transport between the Hotel and the Meeting Venue

A pick-up service will be provided between the hotels designated by ESEF 2025 and the meeting venue. Please check the pick-up schedule before the event. The timetable will be provided to you when you are met at the airport and will also be available in the lobby of the ESEF 2025 Partner Hotels and at the meeting venue.



4.2 Travel arrangements

Flights to Banjul, The Gambia

Banjul International Airport (BJL), offers direct flights to ensure a smooth journey to ESEF 2025. The following airlines offer flights to Banjul from Africa, Asia, America, and Europe



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5. Registration and Participation

Registration procedure

Anyone wishing to take part in ESEF 2025 must register on the ESEF 2025 website as follows :

Step 1: Go to the ESEF 2025 website :

<https://esef2025.ecreee.org>

Step 2: Click on [register for the event](#)

Step 3: After registration, once your personal details have been validated you will receive a ticket with a QR Code.

Step 4: Your ESEF 2025 access badge will be issued on-site in Banjul, by the organisers upon presentation of your QR Code.



6. Entry Requirements

The Gambia is a visa free country for all citizens of ECOWAS, and diplomatic passport holders. Please note Visa can be obtained :

1. At any Gambian Embassy
2. Visa upon arrival at Banjul International Airport (BJL), Cost:7, 000 Gambian Dalasi or its equivalent in foreign currencies (USD, EUR, GBP, XOF CFA)
3. Commonwealth Member States would not require visa to travel to The Gambia; however, they will need Entry Clearance before departure.
4. See attached Gambia new visa policy document.
5. Yellow fever vaccination certificate

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Non-diplomatic passport holders are required to pay \$20 on arrival at BJL as well as on departure.



7.1 Accommodation

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservation. An indicative list of hotels is provided below, and we recommend booking as early as possible.

Note: Participants are completely responsible for their hotel reservation



7.2 List of hotels

No.	Hotel	Room Rate per night (USD)	Phone	Email	Contact Person
1	Kombo Beach	Premium room Garden View - \$ 95.60	(+220) 5457777	k_njie@hotmail.com	Kodou Njie
		Premium room Garden View 2 - \$101.25			
		Premium room Ocean View 1- \$ 106.80			
		Premium room Ocean View 1- \$ 112.50			
2	Bakadadji Hotel	Standard Single room – USD 90	(+220) 7319185	k_njie@hotmail.com	Kodou Njie
		Superior Single room – \$ 125			
3	Kairaba Beach Hotel	Single Standard room – \$ 45	(+220) 4462940 (+220) 7088801	info@kairabahotel.com	Bakari Cham
		Single Deluxe Room – \$ 50			
		Single premium Suite – \$ 80			
		Single Executive Suite – \$ 90			
4	Senegambia Beah Hotel Kololi	Superior Single room – \$ 79	(+220) 2000163 (+220) 4463811	fom@senegambiahotel.com info@senegambiahotel.com	Abdoulie Kanyi
		Superior Double room – \$ 100			
		Junior Single Suite - \$ 93			
		Junior Double Suite - \$ 115			

7.3 List of hotels

No.	Hotel	Room Rate per night (USD)	Phone	Email	Contact Person
5	African Princess Hotel	Deluxe Room: Single - \$ 121	(+220) 7333360	sales@africanprincesshotel.com	Josephine Jobe
		Double - \$ 169			
		Deluxe Swim Up: Single - \$ 144			
		Double - \$ 174			
		Junior Suite: Single - \$ 236			
		Double - \$ 236			
		Villa: Single - \$ 643			
		Double - \$ 643			
6	Baobab Holiday Resort	Standard Room- \$43	+ 220 7327336	k_njie@hotmail.com	Kodou Njie
		Deluxe Room - \$ 50			
		Superior Room - \$ 55			
7	Metzy Hotel	Deluxe Single Room - \$ 50	(+220) 294 9631	info@metzyresidencehotel.com	
		Deluxe Double Room - \$ 70		reservation@metzyresidencehotel.com	

8. Transportation

Please note that pick-up and drop-off services will **only** be provided to and from the official ESEF 2025 partner hotels listed above.

Participants lodging elsewhere will have to take care of their own transportation.

If you are unable to locate the welcome team upon arrival at the airport, please call the contact numbers provided below.

9.1 FORUM CONTACTS

For General Logistics (airport/hotel/venue transfer, local transportation, hotel, venue location, agenda, etc.)

#	Name and Surname	Institution / Organization	E-mail	Mobile phone / WhatsApp
1	Kodou Njie	Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines, The Gambia	k_njie@hotmail.com	(+220) 7319185
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9.2 FORUM CONTACTS

For Protocol (VIP Salon Airport, Tax Exemption Airport Security, Visa on Arrival, etc.):				
#	Name and Surname	Institution / Organization	E-mail	Mobile phone / WhatsApp
1	Buba Badjie	GID - Immigration Services	badjiezzen@gmail.com	(+238) 7033031
2	Tunko Jallow	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)	jallowtunko23@gmail.com	(+220) 3246800
3	Mariama Ceesay	Ministry of Interior (MOI)	mariamaceesay13@gmail.com	(+220) 9853974
4	Alcides de Oliveira	ECOWAS Centre Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)	adeoliveira@ecreee.org	(+238) 9939150

9.3 FORUM CONTACTS

For Travel & Ticketing (Flight schedule, ticket date change, etc.):

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3	Assan Jatta	Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines, The Gambia	jattaassan19@gmail.com	(+220) 3046473

For further information about the event agenda and participation please visit the ECREEE website at <https://esef2025.ecreee.org> or send us an e-mail to esef@ecreee.org.



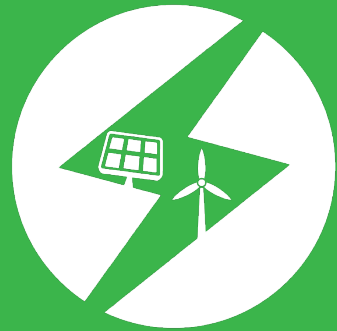
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We wish you a safe journey and we are looking forward to welcoming you at ESEF2025!

The ESEF 2025 Team





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