



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
18th - 19th September 2025 - Banjul, The Gambia

Agenda



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Date: 18 September 2025

Venue: Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Center
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September 18,2025	
Banjul Time	Topics / Activities
8:00 – 9:00	Welcome of delegates and registration
9:00 – 10:30	Official opening ceremony of ESEF 2025 • Welcome message to The Gambia by the host country • Welcome Opening Speech by Mr. Jean Francis Sempore, Executive Director of ECREEE • Speech by ESEF 2025 Sponsors Representative – Mr. William Zheng, Managing Director of Huawei Technologies Gambia • Speech by ECREEE Partners Representative –Mrs. Violeta Insa Sandoval – Chargée d'affaires at the Spanish Diplomatic Antenna of Spain in The Gambia • Speech by Mr. Sédiko Douka, ECOWAS Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy & Digitalization, • Opening Speech by Mr. Nani Juwara, Minister of Petroleum, Energy and Mines
10:30 – 11:30	Group photo and Exhibition Visit
11:30 – 13:00	Ministerial Dialogue: Accelerating Sustainable Energy Infrastructure Solutions for Growth in the ECOWAS Region Moderator: Prof Abubakar Sani Sambo, Mechanical Engineering at Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria Panelists: • Hon. Nani Juwara, Minister of Petroleum, Energy and Mines, The Gambia • Hon. Saa Lamina, Vice - Chair, Committee on Energy and Mines, ECOWAS Parliament, Sierra Leone • Hon. Charles Umehai, Deputy Minister for Energy, Liberia • Hon. Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, Chairman - Energy Governance Coordination Group, Sierra Leone • Hon. Nataniel da Silva Indu, Chief of Staff for Minister, Ministry of Energy, Guinea Bissau • Hon. Sediko Douka, ECOWAS Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization, Nigeria
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch

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14:30 – 16:00	High Level Session 1: Accelerating the clean cooking transition in West Africa Moderator: Ms Lilia Fe Perez, Project Manager, Spanish Cooperation Office in Nigeria and to ECOWAS Keynote: Dr. Kande K. Yumkella, Chairman - Energy Governance Coordination Group, Sierra Leone Panelist: • Mrs. Nadia MRabit, Independent Consultant, Business Consultants Africa (BCA), Spain • Mr. Abraham Grass-Sesay, Representant of the NFIs, Sierra Leone • Mrs. Hannah Max-Macarthy, Managing Director Westwind Energy, cookstove producer in Sierra Leone • Mr. Jean Louis Racine, Chief Programme Officer, Clean Cooking Alliance (CCA), Switzerland • Mr. Aukje de Jager, Clean Cooking expert, SNV, Mali
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 18:00	High Level Session 2: Energy Efficiency for sustainable Livelihoods in Africa (EELA 2.0) Moderator: Mr. Ndivhuho Tshikovi, Project Associate, UNIDO, Austria. Keynote: Mr. Rafik Feki, UNIDO Regional Representative, Senegal Panelists: • Dr Yosr Allouche, Director General, International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), France • Mr. Readlay Makaliki, EELA Technical Lead, SADC Centre for RE and EE (SACREEE), Namibia • Mr. Hubert Zan, Energy Commission, Ghana • Mr. Papa Secka, Director General, The Gambia Standards Bureau (TGSB) • Mr. Ahmed Rouizen, CTO Huawei Smart PV, Northern Africa
	End of Day

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	September 19,2025
Banjul Time	Topics / Activities
9:00 – 9:15	Special Session 1: Presentation Desert to Power-DtP & Regional Initiatives WAREP & ReTAPS Speaker: Ms Francine Mbock, Principal Energy Specialist, AfDB Group, Cote d'Ivoire
9:15 – 10:30	Session 1: Powering food systems in West Africa Moderator: Mr. Peter D. Mendy, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, The Gambia. Panelists: • Mr. Javier Bustos CEO GFM Fotovoltaica, Spain • Mr. Terence Ovie Usibe, CFO of ColdHubs, Nigeria • Dr. Yosr Allouche Director General, International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), France • Mr Guei Kouhie, Program Officer Renewable Energy, ECREEE, Cabo Verde
10:30 – 11:00	Session Diamond Sponsor – HUAWEI Presentation / Video
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 11:40	Speech of Silver Sponsor NAWEC
11:40 – 13:00	Session 2: Sustainable mobility and Impact on grid Moderator: Mr. Eder Semedo, Project Coordinator GIZ, Senegal Keynote: Dr. Mawufemo Modjinou, Principal Program Officer Energy Efficiency, ECREEE, Cabo Verde Panelists: Mr. Carlos Monteiro, Director of the Energy Service-DNICE, Cabo Verde Mr. Leo Pagnac, GIZ Project Coordinator, Morocco Mr. Matarr Touray, Representative of the World Bank, The Gambia
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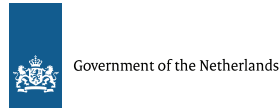
14:00 – 14:45	Special Session 2: Progress of the Promotion of a Climate Friendly Electricity Market in the ECOWAS Region Panelists: • Mr. Assani Dahouenon, Head of Programme, GiZ/ProCEM, Benin • Mr. Francis SEMPORE, Executive Director, ECREEE, Cabo Verde • Mr. Abdoulaye DIA, Secretary General, West African Power Pool-WAPP, Benin • Mr. Bayaornibe Dabire, Director of Energy, ECOWAS Commission, Nigeria • Mr. Charles Ndiaye, Lawyer, Council Member, ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory-ERERA, Ghana
14:45 – 16:00	Session 3: ECOWAS Green Hydrogen Strategy: Implementation status and next priority actions Moderator: Dr. Bruno Korgo, Regional Coordinator Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen, WASCAL, Burkina Faso Keynote: Mr. Hyacinth Elayo, Program Officer Sustainable Energy Policies, ECREEE, Cabo Verde Panelists: • Mr. Benjamin Duke, Cluster Coordinator Just Transition and Inclusion Cluster GIZ Nigeria & ECOWAS, GIZ, Nigeria • Prof. Daouda Kone, Director of Capacity Building, WASCAL, Ghana • Dr. Sunday Owolabi, Director Renewable & Rural Power Access Department, Federal Ministry of Power, Nigeria • Mrs. Rebecca Efua Oppong, Team lead Oil & Gas and OHS Standardization, Ghana Standards Authority, Ghana • Mr. Mario Oliveira, Senior Technician, Energy Services Department, Cabo Verde
16:00 – 16:30	Break

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	Session 4: Regional Off Grid Electricity Access Project (ROGEAP): Developing a Regional Solar PV Off market in West and Central Africa – Access to Finance Signature of the Financial Agreements with ROGEAP Granted SMEs Topic 1: Productive Uses Electricity and Electrification of Public Institutions– Market Potential & Unloocking the Demand. Topic 2: Access to Finance for Off Grid Sector–Unlocking Sector Funding Opportunities Moderator: Mr. Elhadji Sylla, ROGEAP Senior Adviser, Nigeria Panelists: • Mrs. Rose Péguy Dikongue, APELCA, Cameroun • Mr. Idrissa Diabira, PFM, ROGEAP, Nigeria • Mr. Thierry Befio Namdengana, CCPER, Centre African Republic • Mr. Ousmane Traore, FENEM, Mali • Mrs. Josephine Anan Ankomah, Ecobank, Kenya (tbc) • Mr. Segun Adaju- CEO, Consistent Energy/ Grantee, Nigeria Study on the adoption of the Commun External Tariff for OGS products in ECOWAS Region
18:00 – 18:30	Break
18:30 – 20:00	Presentation of Final Decisions and Recommendations Closing Ceremony, Awards, and Vote of Thanks Closing Cocktail

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