ECOWAS EU Energy Partnership Forum

ReCCAWA Consultation and ECOWAS Donor Consultation Committee

11–13 November 2026 | Cotonou, Benin

Agenda | West Africa Time UTC+01:00 (Benin Time)

Wednesday 11 November		
PRE-FORUM EVENT – LOCATION ROOM 1		
8:30 – 09:00	**Welcome & registration**	
	Subject	**Objective / Responsible**
09:00 – 10:30	**ECOWAS Energy Support Programme** Technical exchange on the components C and D of ACT61029	WAPP, ERERA, ECREEE, EU, GIZ, Expertise France Presentation of Component C Presentation of Component D Exchange on synergies and collaboration Next steps Moderation: GIZ
10:15 – 10:45	**Coffee Break and Group Photo**	

Wednesday 11 November		
PRE-FORUM EVENT – LOCATION ROOM 1		
11:30 – 13:00	**ECOWAS Energy Support Programme** Technical exchange on the components C and D of ACT61029 (continued)	
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch**	
14:00 – 16:00	**ECOWAS Energy Support Programme** **Inaugural Technical Committee working session**	**Opening Remarks** Welcome Address by EU / GIZ / Expertise France / / WAPP / ERERA / ECREEE / ECOWAS Commission Moderation: ECOWAS • Secretary: ECREEE
		Status Quo Briefing Presentation of the status and advancements implementation of all components of ACT61029 by the respective organisations Moderation: ECOWAS • Secretary: ECREEE
		Review and validation of drafted Governance text of ACT61029 Moderation: ECOWAS ▪ Secretary: ECREEE
16:00 – 16:30	**Coffee Break**	

Wednesday 11 November		
PRE-FORUM EVENT – LOCATION ROOM 1		
16:30 – 17:00	**ECOWAS Energy Support Programme** **Inaugural Technical Committee working session**	**Next steps and closure** Moderation: ECOWAS Secretary: ECREEE
17:00 – 17:15	**Closing Remarks and key take aways by Chairperson**	

Wednesday 11 November		
PRE-FORUM EVENT – LOCATION ROOM 2		
8:30 – 09:00	**Welcome & registration**	
	Subject	**Objective / Responsible**
09:00 – 09:45	**Opening Remarks:** • Gibson Obasi, Executive Director of ECREEE • Santiago Ormeño, Head of Spanish Cooperation with ECOWAS, AECID • Arkadius Koumoin, Director, Energy and Mines, ECOWAS Commission.	• ECREEEE, welcome participants, introduce the opening representatives

09:00 – 09:45	• **Round of introductions and establishment of Bureau**	• ECREEE,
		  ○ Introduce Participants and
		  ○ Establish a Bureau: Chairperson and Rapporteurs

09:45 – 10:15	• **Presentation on ReCCAWA to Consultative Group Meeting:** • Discussions / Q&A and Recommendations	• ECREEE Presents • All participants

Wednesday 11 November		
PRE-FORUM EVENT – LOCATION ROOM 2		
10:15 – 10:45	**Coffee Break and Group Photo**	
10:45 – 11:30	• **Presentation and Discussion of White Paper** • **Discussion, Q&A**	• EED Advisory • Chairperson Open the floor for discussion Q/A (All participants)
11:30 – 13:00	• **Work Group to validation Clean Cooking White Paper** • Harmonisation of CC Policies and Standards – WG 1 and WG2 • Harmonisation of CC Policies and Standards – WG 2 - *Select Working Group Chair and Rapporteurs for WG 1 and WG2* **Discussion, Q/A**	• EED Presents • All participants
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch**	
14:00 – 14:30	• **Presentation of the findings of the White Paper Group Work with and list pathway to adoption** • Discissions / Q&A and Recommendations	• WG1 and WG2 Presents • All participants
14:30 – 15:00	• **Presentation of Community of Practice** • Discussions / Q&A and Recommendations	• ECREEE Presents • ECREEE Presents • All participants
15:00 – 16:00	**Clean Cooking for School Feeding: Regional Experiences and Opportunities for Synergies in West Africa** ▪ **Introductions to the session objectives, by** ▪ **Presentation of the PMAI** ▪ **Sharing Experiences and Challenges (30 min.)** • ***Discussions (5 minutes)*** • **Verbal presentation of national experiences** • **Presentation by the private sector (10 min)** • ***Discussions (5 minutes)***	▪ By ECREEE (3 min) ▪ RAAF/ARAA (5 min) ▪ ANAN (5min), Dedras (5 min) and PAM/WFP (5 min) ▪ NFPs (10 minutes) ▪ Alliance pour la cuisson propre au Benin – Feu Vert (5 min) and BURN Manufacturing (5 min) ▪ PMAI-AO (ARAA) and ReCCAWA (ECREEE)

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16:00 – 16:30	**Coffee Break**
16:30 – 17:00	**Review and Adoption of Meeting Reports on Decisions**
17:00 – 17:15	**Closing Remarks and key take aways by Chairperson**

Thursday 12 November		
FORUM EVENT – Novotel Hotel		
8:30 – 09:00	**Welcome & registration**	
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09:00 – 09:30	• **Official opening ceremony & Welcoming (Master of Ceremony):**
	• **Welcoming remarks:**
	  ○ Welcome message by Hon. Amin Amidu Sulemani, Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization (CIED), ECOWAS Commission
	• **Opening remarks:**
	  ○ Remarks by Christian Frigaard Rasmussen, Head of Investments and EU Climate Pact, EUD Benin;
	  ○ Official Opening Remarks by Benin Minister of Energy, Water & Mines
		○ Benin Minister of Energy, Water & Mines
		○ EU Head of the Investments and EU Climate Pact, Benin
		○ ECOWAS Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization;

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09:30 – 10:00	• **Presentations (MC: Arkadius Koumoin, ECOWAS Commission DEM):** 1. ACT61029 ECOWAS Energy Support Programme, Laura Lindoro, Prograr Manager - Transport and Energy, EUD to Nigeria and ECOWAS: • Comp. C: Regional Energy Governance and Information System for WA Africa (REGIS-WA), Arkadius Koumoin, ECOWAS Commission DEM • Comp. D ECREEE Support Programme & Masterplan, Mawufemo Modjinou – Ag. Director of Operations, ECREEE 2. Regional Clean Cooking Action in West Africa (ReCCAWA), Yannick Kedowide, Clean Cooking Consultant ECREEE Discussion/ Q &A	○ Representative EUD Nigeria and ECOWAS/ ○ Representative ECOWAS DEM ○ Representative of ECREEE ○ Representative of ECREEE
10:00 – 10:10	**Joint Ceremonial Moment for the Three Projects**	○ Representatives of ECOWAS, ECREEE, EUD, GIZ, EF, RVO and AECID
10:00 – 10:15	**Family photo ECOWAS – EU Partnership** **Modern Clean Cooking stall photo moment**	○ Communication team and All
10:15 – 10:30	**Press Moment**	○ Communication team, Benin Delegation and Heads of Agencies and CIED
10:30 – 11:00	**Networking Coffee**	

Thursday 12 November		
FORUM EVENT – Novotel Hotel		
11:00 – 12:30	**Panel Discussion Session:** **Driving Energy Transition in West Africa: Governance and Harmonization through REGIS-WA and Scaling ReCCAWA Action for Regional Impact** **Moderator: Representative of ECREEE** **Panelists:** ○ *Arkadius Koumoin, Director, Energy and Mines, ECOWAS Commission* ○ *Mawufemo Modjinou – Ag. Director of Operations, ECREEE* ○ *Representative Ministry of Energy, Water and Mines of Benin* ○ *André Roenne, Country Director, GIZ Benin* ○ *Victor Franco, Deputy Dir. Cooperation for Sub-Saharan Africa, AECID*	Moderator: Representative of ECREEE
12:30 – 13:00	**Investment in productive uses of energy in West Africa** ○ **Introduction by MC** ○ **Award ceremony:** Regional Pilot Project on Circular Economy, Benin projects (ECREEE)	Representative of ECREEE Representatives of Benin projects given award by CIED and AECID All participants
13:00 – 14:15	**Lunch**	

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14:15 – 16:15	**Special Panel Session:** **Pathways for Energy and Food Sovereignty in ECOWAS.** *** With the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalization of the ECOWAS Commission as a special guest** **Introductory Remarks:** ○ Víctor Franco, Deputy Dir. Cooperation for Sub-Saharan Africa, AECID ○ Deedi SOGBOHOSSOU, Director of Cabinet Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries of the Republic of Benin or Representative ○ Minister of Energy Water and Mines of the Republic of Benin or Representative (Tbc) **Panel 1 Topic: From Policy to Investment: Advancing regional Cooperation for Energy and Food Sovereignty in WA** **Moderator:** Santiago Ormeño, General Coordinator AECID Nigeria & ECOWAS ○ *Representative of Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food* ○ *Representative Ministry of Energy, Water and Mines of Benin* ○ *Research Professor, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Enrique Playan (Hybrid)* ○ *Representative of ECREEE, Guei Guillaume Kouhie, PO Renawable Energy* **Panel 2 Topic: Mobilizing private capital for clean energy, water security and agritech through public-private partnerships.** ○ *Michelle Zombory, PUE Specialist, TRAMA TecnoAmbiental:* ○ *Justin Beleoken, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank Group:* ○ *Elayo Hyacinth, Programme Officer, Policy, ECREEE* *Special remarks from Christian Frigaard Rasmussen, Head of the Investments and EU Climate Pact, EUD Benin* *Special and ROW interventions: Pioneering Beninese companies and industry leaders supported under ECREEE's RPCE Call for Proposals ○ **Closing and take away from sessions**	Moderators and ECREEE ED

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16:15 – 16:30	**Coffee Break**	
16:30 – 17:15	○ **Presentation of the ECOWAS Energy Transition in Food Systems Facility** ○ **Call for Proposals, Innovation projects**	Loide Mendes – Renawable Energy Expert, ECREEE Claudino Mendes - Certification and Capacity Building Expert
17:15 – 17:30	○ **Closing Ceremony** **Closing Remarks by Benin Minister of Energy, Water & Mines**	
18:30 – 20:00	**Networking Cocktail**	

Friday 13 November		
Donors meeting – Novotel Hotel/ WAPP Center		
8:30 – 09:00	**Welcome & registration**	
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Donors meeting – Novotel Hotel/ WAPP Center		
09:00 – 11:00	**5th ECOWAS Donor Consultation Committee Meeting for ECREEE**: Platform for ECOWAS and its development partners to exchange updates on ongoing and planned initiatives in the energy sector, identify opportunities for strategic coordination and strengthen alignment between regional priorities and donor support. Discussions will focus on funding priorities, complementarities between programmes, resource mobilisation and opportunities to enhance synergies across regional energy initiatives, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean cooking. The meeting will also support dialogue on improving coordination mechanisms, avoiding duplication of efforts and maximising the collective impact of development cooperation in advancing the ECOWAS regional energy agenda. • Opening Remarks: Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and • Digitalization Introduction of Committee Members • Adoption of Agenda • Short video documentary on ECREEE (2010-2025) • Implementation status: Recommendations of the third and fourth • Meetings • Review of 2025 Work Plan execution and financial performance • 2026 Work Plan implementation status, budget execution and key • challenges	Visit West African Power Pool (WAPP) Information and Coordination Centre (ICC): The visit will showcase the Centre's operational and technical functions, including regional power system monitoring, information management and coordination among national electricity utilities. The center promotes regional electricity market integration and cross-border power exchange.
11:00 – 11:20	**Coffee Break**	

Friday 13 November		
Donors meeting – Novotel Hotel/ WAPP Center		
11:20 – 13:20	**5th ECOWAS Donor Consultation Committee Meeting for ECREEE** *(Continued)* • Overview: 2027 Work Plan and Budget • Discussions • Overview of partner-funded projects and outlook • Statements and strategic perspectives of five major funding partners: AECID, AfDB, EU, RVO & UNIDO • Discussions • AOB	Visit to Clean Cooking Companies (Abomey Calavi – Cotonou – Porto Novo)
13:20 – 14:20	**Lunch**	
14:20 – 16:20	**ECOWAS Donor Consultation Committee Meeting for ECREEE** *(Continued)* • Report writing	Visit to Clean Cooking Companies (Abomey Calavi – Cotonou – Porto Novo) - Continued
16:20- 17:20	Report review & adoption	
17:20	**End of visit**	