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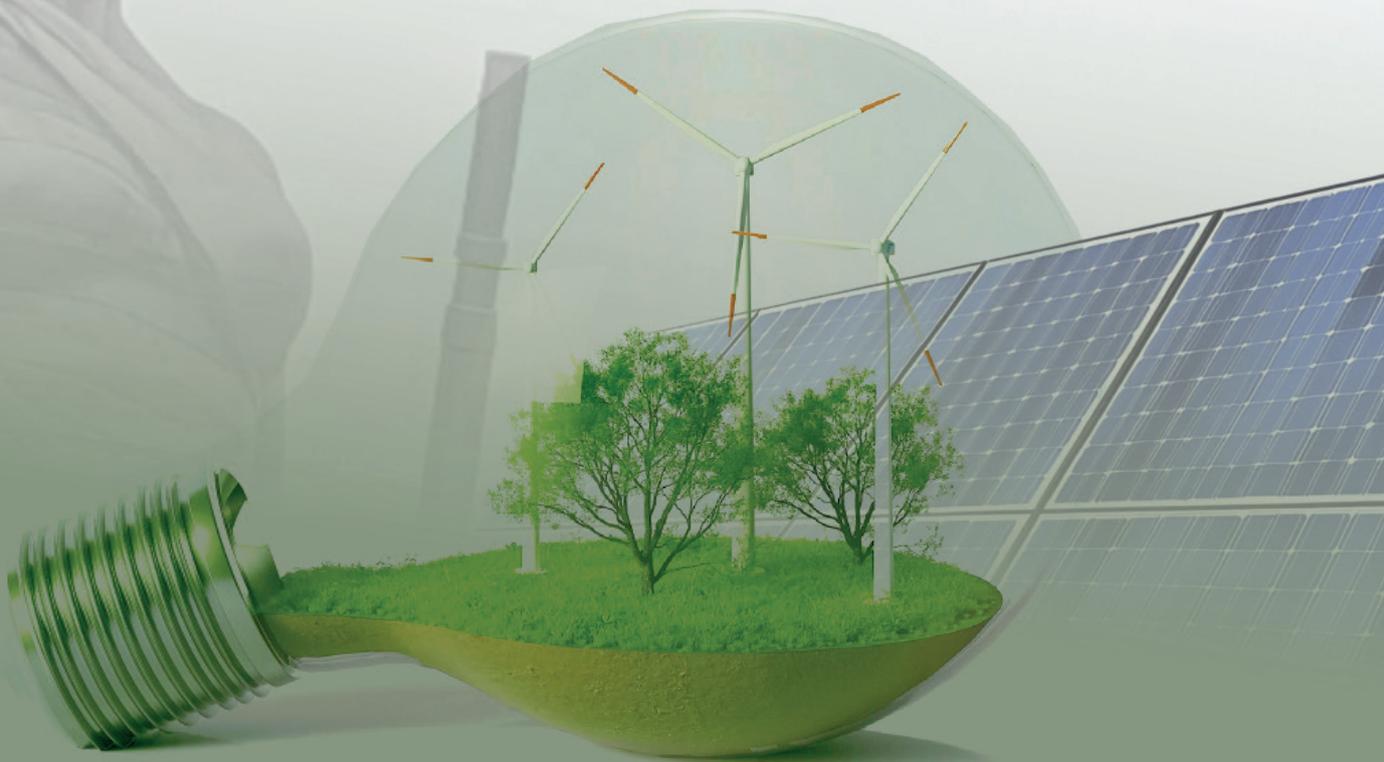


# WEST AFRICA POWER AND ENERGY COOPERATION CONFERENCE 3<sup>rd</sup> EDITION



**03-05 DECEMBER**

**BENIN 2025**



**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ACCELERATE ACCESS TO MODERN ENERGY THROUGH NEW APPROACHES IN PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICES**



**Facilitators:**



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# DAY 1 | WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER

## OFFICIAL CEREMONY & OPENING SESSIONS

**Objective: Official launch, keynote speeches, innovation, and networking.**

<p><b>02:30 PM- 03:30 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to key themes and presentation of the participants</li> <li>• Official speech by representatives of the Beninese government</li> <li>• Showcasing regional innovations</li> </ul>
<p><b>03:30 PM- 05:00 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session 0: Keynote Speech – Sustainability &amp; the Future of Energy in West Africa</b></p> <p><b>Session Summary</b> – Keynote Speech: Sustainability &amp; the Future of Energy in West Africa This keynote will explore how sustainability and innovation can accelerate access to modern energy across West Africa. It will highlight new approaches in energy production, distribution, and services, providing a strategic vision for universal energy access, low-carbon development, and regional economic growth. Participants will gain insights to guide policies, investments, and technologies that shape the future of energy in the region.</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Richard Gyan Mensah (MP), Deputy Minister for Energy and Green Transition</li> <li>• Organizing Committee</li> <li>• Venture Konect Limited</li> <li>• ECOWAS Energy Commission</li> <li>• Eng. Abel Tella – Director General of the Association of Power Utilities of Africa</li> <li>• Mr. Gerda Abderhahim, Chief Executive Officer, Vinci Énergies Cotonou – Official Sponsor of WAPECC25</li> <li>• CEO Official Sponsor WAPECC25 Exhibition</li> <li>• Mr. Serges Ekue Chairman BOAD (expected)</li> <li>• Dr. George Agyekum Donkor, President, BIDC (expected)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ministers Keynote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Richard Gyan Mensah (MP), Deputy Minister for Energy and Green Transition Republic of Ghana</li> <li>• H.E. Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly, Minister of Mines, Petroleum, and Energy - Republic of Ivory Coast invited</li> <li>• HE Aboubacar Camara, Minister of Energy, Hydraulics, and Hydrocarbons of the Republic of Guinea invited</li> <li>• H.E. Professor Amadou Haoua is the current Minister of Energy of the Republic of Niger invited</li> <li>• HE Birame Souleye Diop, Minister of Energy, Petroleum&amp;. Mines of the Republic of Senegal invited</li> <li>• HE Boubacar Diane, Minister of Energy and Water of the Republic of Mali</li> <li>• HE Eng. Alexandre Dias Monteiro, Minister of Industry, Trade, and Energy, Cape Verde invited</li> <li>• Hon. Cyril Arnold Grant, Minister of Petroleum and Energy- Republic of Gambia invited</li> <li>• HE Adebayo Adelabu, Minister of Power Republic of Nigeria invited</li> <li>• HE Charles Umehai, Deputy Minister for Energy, Ministry of Mines and Energy Republic of Liberia invited</li> </ul> <p><b>Main Speech :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. - Minister of Energy, Water, and Mines, Benin - Host Welcome Address and National Energy Strategy</li> </ul>
<p><b>05:00 PM- 06:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome Cocktail &amp; Networking - Sponsored by</b> </p>

## DAY 2 | THURSDAY 04TH DECEMBER

### TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS & REGIONAL COLLABORATION

<b>09:00 AM-10:30AM</b>	<b>Session I - Africa's Energy Future: Balancing Low-Carbon Development with Industrialisation. Lessons from Global Transitions and a Unique Path for West Africa</b>
	<p><b>Format: Plenary keynote &amp; discussion</b>            Session Summary – Africa's Energy Future            This session will explore how West Africa can navigate its energy transition while balancing low-carbon development with industrialization. Starting with the moderator's framing of what energy transition means for the region, participants will examine lessons from global transitions, discuss policy and investment strategies, and identify pathways to achieve sustainable, inclusive, and climate-aligned energy systems tailored to West Africa's unique context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Industrialisation-Decarbonisation Dilemma</li> <li>• Learning Without Copying</li> <li>• Balancing industrial growth with carbon emission reduction</li> <li>• The Role of Renewable Energy in Industrialisation</li> <li>• Policy Pathways for a Dual Objective</li> <li>• Strategies for a green industrial revolution in West Africa</li> <li>• Advancing the Energy Transition: The Role of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator :</b> Ms. Melvine AHOUSSOUSSI, Energy Engineer, African Development Bank (AfDB)/Benin</p> <p><b>Participants :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Emeric Tokoudagba- Director General - Societe Beninoise de Production d'Electricite- SBPE</li> <li>• Senior Advisor, Africa, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)</li> <li>• Mr Hyacinth Elayo, Sustainable Energy Policy Officer ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</li> <li>• Rep Vinci energies</li> <li>• Rep, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> <li>• Ministry of environment of Benin</li> </ul> <p><i>Industrials, consultancy, Development partners, UNIDO, EU, GIZ</i></p>
<b>10:30 AM-11:00 AM</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; NETWORKING</b> 
<b>11:00 AM-12:30 PM</b>	<b>Session II - Driving Innovation &amp; Technology to Unlock West Africa's Energy Potential</b>
	<p><b>Format: Plenary / panel with tech demos</b>            This session will explore how innovation and technology can transform West Africa's energy sector, improving access, reliability, and efficiency. Participants will examine emerging technologies, smart grids, and digital solutions, while sharing best practices and strategies to overcome technical, financial, and regulatory challenges. The discussion will highlight actionable approaches to accelerate energy access and promote sustainable regional development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Digitalisation and data in energy planning</li> <li>• Innovations in mini-grids and off-grid systems: Digitalization and Smart Grids for Improved Energy Access,</li> <li>• Smart grids and energy storage solutions</li> <li>• Fintech and mobile platforms for energy access and payment</li> <li>• Local innovation ecosystems and tech hubs</li> <li>• Upskilling and workforce development for a tech-enabled energy sector</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Mr Hyacinth Elayo</b>, Sustainable Energy Policy Officer, ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Hatim ZOUGARY: Chief Sales officer <b>NETIS Group</b></li> <li>• Rep. JA Solar</li> <li>• Rep Vinci Energies</li> <li>• Rep. Sun King</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 PM-1:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH &amp; NETWORKING (IN PROCESS) BY SBPE</b>

<p><b>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session III : Powering West Africa Together</b> <b>Regional Cooperation, Infrastructure, Regulatory and Policy Frameworks</b></p> <p><b>Format:</b> Plenary panel / roundtable  Session Summary – Powering West Africa Together  This session will explore strategies for enhancing regional cooperation, cross-border infrastructure, and harmonized regulatory and policy frameworks to accelerate energy access in West Africa. Participants will discuss best practices, investment opportunities, and collaborative approaches that strengthen regional electricity trade, improve reliability, and promote sustainable energy development across the region.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Mme Joy O. Ojay, Directrice générale de l'Association des sociétés de production d'électricité (APGC) du Nigeria</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Abdoulaye Dia, Secretary General, WAPP - West African Power Pool -</li> <li>• Mr Kocou Laurent Rodrigue Tossou, Chairman of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA)- Ghana</li> <li>• Ing. Abel Tello – Directeur Général de l'Association des Sociétés d'Électricité d'Afrique (ASEA)</li> <li>• Mr. Papa Toby Gaye General Director - SENELEC</li> <li>• Rep Transco CLSG Company</li> <li>• Rep. Vinci Energies</li> <li>• Genesis</li> <li>• Rep OMVS</li> <li>• Mr Jie Tang, Practice Manager, Energy – West &amp; Central Africa World Bank invited</li> </ul>
<p><b>3:00 PM- 3:30 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AFSEC case studies capacity building</b></p>
<p><b>3:30 PM- 4:00 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; NETWORKING</b> </p>
<p><b>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session IV: Capital Meets Capacity: Financing Reliable and Affordable Energy in West Africa</b></p> <p><b>Format:</b> Plenary panel discussion</p> <p><b>Session Summary – Capital Meets Capacity</b>  This session will explore innovative financing solutions to support reliable and affordable energy in West Africa. Participants will discuss public-private partnerships, blended finance, and risk mitigation strategies to mobilize capital effectively, enabling the development of bankable energy projects and accelerating regional energy access and sustainable growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridging the investment gap, Developing bankable projects, PPP- AXIAN ENERGY</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> M. Assani Dahouenon</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Ngone Tall, Business Development Director, West and Central Africa, AXIAN ENERGY</li> <li>• Representative of the German Development Agency (GIZ)</li> <li>• BOAD Climate Finance Facility</li> <li>• BIDC</li> <li>• AFD</li> <li>• Rep Ginger Sofreco, Mazars</li> </ul>
<p><b>7:30 PM - 10:00 PM</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GALA DINNER BY</b> </p>

**DAY 3 | FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**  
**Building Local Capacity: Benin Focus, Sector Projects Showcase & Regional SME Empowerment in Off-Grid Energy**

**9:00AM - 10:30 AM**

**Session VI : Country Focus - Benin at the Forefront: Innovative Pathways to Universal Energy Access and Sustainable Development (Presentations and Q&A)**

**Session Summary – Country Focus: Benin**

This session will explore Benin’s innovative pathways to universal energy access and sustainable development, highlighting strategies, solutions, and partnerships that are driving the country’s energy transformation. Key stakeholders, including SBEE, will share experiences on renewable integration, off-grid solutions, and sustainable financing models. Participants will gain insights into scalable approaches and collaborative strategies to accelerate energy access and promote regional sustainability

- Driving Sustainable Energy in Benin: SBEE’s Strategies and Solutions- SBEE
- Innovating Electricity Production: SBPE’s Role in Benin’s Energy Transition-SBPE
- ARE Benin: Driving Policy and Regulation for Universal Energy Access=AARE Benin
- Empowering Rural Communities: PER’s Role in Sustainable Energy Development-PER Benin

**Moderator:** Mr Hatim ZOUGARY: Chief Sales Officer NETIS Group

**Participants:**

- Mr Hippolyte Ebagnitchie, General Director, Utility & Distributor: Societe Beninois d’Energie Electrique (SBEE)
- Mr. Emeric Tokoudagba, Director General of the Benin Electricity Production Company (SBPE)
- Mr Edwards Dahoumé, Chairman of the Energy Regulatory Authority
- AFD
- Management consulting company

**10:30 AM- 11:00 AM**

**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING BY TBC**

**11:00 AM 12h30 PM**

**Session VI : Harnessing Synergies – Mining, Industries, and Power for a Sustainable Energy Future in West Africa**

**Format:** Plenary panel / roundtable

**Session Summary:** This session will explore how the mining, industrial, and power sectors can collaborate to drive sustainable energy in West Africa, including co-financing, PPPs, off-grid solutions, and demand aggregation. Participants will gain insights into innovative technologies, investment models, and operational strategies that enhance energy reliability, sustainability, and low-carbon development. The discussion will generate recommendations for policies and regulations to accelerate energy access, support industrial growth, and strengthen regional collaboration.

- Complementarity between gas, mining, and energy infrastructure
- Sustainable energy solutions for the mining industry, with a focus on gas as a transition fuel
- The role of natural gas in energy security and its integration with renewables
- Cross-sector collaboration opportunities to optimize resources and drive economic growth
- Government policies to maximize the potential of these sectors in the energy transition.

	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Serge Diomand</p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eng. Abel Tella - Director General, Association of Power Utilities of Africa (APUA)</li> <li>• Mr David Pappoe Jr. President for Ghana at the African Energy Chamber (AEC)</li> <li>• M Abdoulaye Dia, SG-WAPP</li> <li>• Mr. Papa Toby Gaye General Director - SENELEC</li> <li>• Rep - ECOWAS Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy &amp; Digitalization –</li> <li>• WAPCO</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:30 PM - 2:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH &amp; NETWORKING BY TBC</b></p>
<p><b>2:00 PM - 3:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Session VII: Empowering Local SMEs and Women to Lead Off-Grid Energy Solutions in West Africa</b></p> <p>Roundtable – Empowering Local SMEs and Women in Off-Grid Energy  This session will explore how local SMEs and women-led enterprises can drive off-grid energy development in West Africa, highlighting inclusive business models and best practices. Participants will discuss policy, financing, and partnership opportunities to scale sustainable solutions. The roundtable aims to generate actionable recommendations for gender-responsive, locally driven energy projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving Inclusive Off-Grid Energy Solutions</li> <li>• SMEs and Women Leading the Energy Transition</li> <li>• Policy, Financing, and Partnerships for Local Energy Development</li> <li>• Scaling Sustainable and Gender-Responsive Energy Projects</li> <li>• From Innovation to Implementation: Lessons from the Field</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Mrs. Joy O. Ojay, Chief Executive Officer Association of Power Generation Companies (APGC) Nigeria</li> <li>• Pr: By the GIZ</li> <li>• Mr Hyacinth Elayo, Sustainable Energy Policy Officer ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE)</li> <li>• PER Benin</li> <li>• Rep ADEPME</li> </ul>

**Session VIII: Leveraging Energy Security to Strengthen Food Security: Exploring PPP Models in West Africa: Sponsor by GENESIS**

**Format: Roundtable**

**Session Summary:** This session will explore the critical link between energy security and food security in West Africa, highlighting how PPP models can drive sustainable solutions. Participants will discuss investment strategies, technological innovations, and collaborative approaches to strengthen agricultural value chains while ensuring reliable and efficient energy delivery

- Linking Reliable Energy to Agricultural Productivity
- Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Food and Energy Systems
- Innovative Financing and Investment Models
- Technologies and Solutions to Strengthen the Energy-Food Nexus
- Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Integrated Development

**Moderator:** TBC

**Participants :**

**4:00 PM -  
6:00 PM**

**Session IX: Closing & Torch Handover Ceremony to the Next Host Country. WAPECC25 Celebration &. B2B Networking Sessions Official Close of WAPECC25, by CEB**

Summary of Key Conference Points

Official Closing Ceremony

Final Networking Session



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