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Day One – Tuesday 2 December 2025

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07:30

Adlon Ballroom 3

07:30 – 09:00 Registration & Networking

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Adlon Ballroom 1

Opening Ceremony

09:00

09:00 – 09:10 EnergyNet Opening Remarks

09:10 – 09:30 High-Level Host Country Welcome Remarks

Speakers



H.E. Honourable John
Abdulai Jinapor
Minister for Energy &
Green Transition, Ghana

09:30

Adlon Ballroom 1

09:30 – 10:45 Ministers Roundtable: Maximising the Power of Regional Collaboration to Scale up Energy Development

WAPP vision: *"To integrate the national power systems into a unified regional electricity market with the ultimate goal of providing, in the medium and long term, a regular and reliable energy at competitive cost to the citizenry of the ECOWAS region."*

- How is the ECOWAS region working together to fulfil their energy needs at national and regional level?
- What are the needs and solutions for regional interconnection?
- Making standardised energy trading a reality through WAPP

Moderator



Kweku Awotwi
Board Chairman, United
Bank for Africa (Ghana) &
Co-Founder & Director,
Cenpower Generation

Speakers



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Charles Umehai
Deputy Minister of Mines
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H.E. Honourable
Adebayo Adelabu
Minister of Power, Nigeria



H.E. Honourable Dr.
Abdul Rahim Jalloh
Minister of Energy, Sierra
Leone



H.E. Honourable Nani
Juwara
Minister of Petroleum,
Energy & Mines, Gambia

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Adlon Ballroom 1**11:15 – 12:15 Unleashing the Region's Renewable Energy Potential for a Just Energy Transition**

- From tenders to financial close for solar and wind projects – where are the most promising opportunities?
- Insights into tenders in Benin (MCC), Burkina Faso (World Bank) and more
- What does Just Energy Transition mean for different countries in the region? E.g. Nigeria is mostly run on diesel generators vs Ghana which is 89% electrified.
- What is the state of storage? What are lessons learnt from recent projects (Malawi, Sierra Leone etc.)
- How can World Bank's 800 MW scaling solar in Côte d'Ivoire be replicated in West Africa?

Moderator

Aliyu Alhassan Yahaya

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Speakers**H.E. Honourable Charles Umehai**
Deputy Minister of Mines & Energy, Liberia**Bangaly Maty**
Energy & Infrastructure Adviser, Prime Minister's Office, Guinea**Eunice Biritwum**
Executive Secretary, Energy Commission, Ghana**Ngoné Tall**
Business Development Director, West & Central Africa, AXIAN Energy**Session Switch Over**

12:15

Adlon Ballroom 1**12:15 – 13:15 Gas Strategies, Infrastructure and Financing as the Backbone of Regional Energy Development**

- What are the updates on the Nigeria-Morocco Gas Pipeline, the Trans-Saharan gas pipeline and the expansion plans for the West Africa Gas Pipeline?
- Fit for purpose – where are the opportunities to upgrade old existing infrastructure?
- How is the financing discussion changing? Are global and local investors ready to unleash capital post-US elections?
- HFO to gas in Senegal's Bel Air power plant and Ghana's Tema, what next?
- Regional outlook for oil and gas production as the world moves away from fossil fuels, raising concerns about long-term economic stability and investment.

Moderator**Erik Granskog**
CEO, Endeavor Energy Holdings**Speakers****Sulemana Abubakari**
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MD, Wärtsilä Marine & Power Services, Nigeria**Capitol Room & Papillon Restaurant****13:15 – 14:45 Networking Lunch****Hosted by**

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14:45 – 16:00 Financiers Roundtable: What are DFIs and Commercial Investors Looking for to Say "YES"

- What are the debt, currency and macro-economic factors exclusive to the region, and is the financial community prepared?
- With Power Africa's withdrawal creating a significant gap, what opportunities exist for financiers?
- How can local commercial capital, sovereign wealth funds and pension funds lead the way and strengthen international investor confidence?
- Local currency funding as the way forward to improve the capacity, efficiency, and management.
- Blended financing solutions.

Moderator



David Ofosu-Dorte

Senior Partner, AB & David
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Speakers



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Sarah Lane
MD, Denham Capital

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16:30 – 17:30 Ghana Country Spotlight: From Economic Crisis to Winning Back Investor Confidence

Ghana's economic reforms and debt restructuring efforts under President John Mahama's leadership is making fast progress. Its economy is cooling inflation faster than anyone expected from more than 50% in 2022 into the low teens in 2025. And in 2024, Ghana's GDP growth exceeded expectations, reaching 5.7%, a significant improvement from the 3.1% recorded in 2023.

- The Volta Economic Corridor, 24-hour economy and a \$10 billion infrastructure program, how is Ghana delivering these ambitious programmes and specifically where are the energy projects?
- What is Ghana doing to win back investor confidence?
- What are investors looking for to move forward?

Moderator



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Capitol Room

Day Two – Wednesday 3 December 2025

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09:30 – 10:45 Public and Private Sector Collaboration to Boost National Transmission & Regional Interconnection

- How can private sector investments in transmission boost the overall system?
- Success stories from Uganda and South Africa – what lessons can be transferred?
- Moving from bilateral to regional trading, what needs to be in place?
- Opportunities from the CLSG 225-kilovolt line connecting Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- Opportunities from the OMVG 225-kilovolt interconnector linking Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Senegal.
- Upgrading old infrastructure – a quick fix?

Moderator



William Amuna
Board Chairman,
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Speakers



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MD & CEO, Transmission
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Charles Ndiaye
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Peter James
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Generation

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11:15 – 12:30 Utilities Rising to the Challenge

- West Africa's utilities are thinking bolder and getting creative – is this enough?
- How are utilities working to re-structure debt and clear payment backlogs?
- Which utilities are successful and why?
- How are utilities preparing to soak up additional generation?

- How are utilities partnering with private sector solutions?

Moderator



Amana Bawa
Director, Partnerships &
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14:00 – 15:00 Energy Efficiency to Cut Costs and Boost Energy Security

- Which distribution systems are working, and which aren't? Why?
- Is there a place for private sector players to become solution providers?
- What are successful strategies to set cost-reflective tariffs?
- What is the role of AI and smart technologies?

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15:30 – 16:45 Filling the Gaps with Off-Grid Solution for Energy Access and Captive Power

- Exploring the roles of renewables and gas for off-grid projects. Is solar enough?
- What are the greatest needs for captive power plants?
- Can Off-Grid fill the rural electrification gap and for how long?
- Are Off-Grid solutions financially viable? What can be done to make them more profitable and attractive to investors?

Moderator



Anita Otubu

Senior Director, Universal Energy Facility (UEF), SEforALL

Speakers



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16:45 – Close of WAECS