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West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit Agenda

Day One – Tuesday 2 December 2025

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07:30

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07:30 – 09:00 **Registration & Networking**

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Opening Ceremony

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

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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



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



H.E. Honourable
Charles Umehai
Deputy Minister of Mines
& Energy, Liberia



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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10:45 – 11:15 **Networking Coffee**

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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
Underwriter, ATIDI

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

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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
Ag. Director, Power, Ministry of Energy & Green Transition, Ghana



Edmond Kombat
MD, Tema Oil Refinery (TOR), Ghana



Hamis Ussif
Deputy CEO, Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), Ghana



Baboucarr Njie
MD, Gambia National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC), Gambia



Wale Yusuff
MD, Wärtsilä Marine & Power Services, Nigeria



Michael Konadu
Business Development Director, EMEA, GE Vernova



Patrick Udechukwu
Director, Business Development, Siemens Energy



Jillian Foerster
Regional Manager (Sub-Saharan Africa), U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

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Capitol Room & Papillon Restaurant

13:15 – 14:45 **Networking Lunch**

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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 Africa

Speakers



Amana Bawa
Director, Partnerships & Private Sector Engagement, Rockefeller Catalytic Capital (RFCC), Mission 300



Roger Stuart
Head of Regional Representation, European Investment Bank (EIB)



Michelle Patrick-Akinrinade
Anglophone West Africa Lead, DFC



Kobby Bentsi-Enchill
Head of Investment Banking, Stanbic Bank Ghana



Sarah Lane
MD, Denham Capital



Lindiwe Zwane
Principal Deal Originator (East, West & Central Africa), Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)



Prashant Murthy
Investment Manager, British International Investment (BII)

16:00 – 16:30 **Networking Coffee**

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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



Sydney Nii Ayitey Tetteh
Executive Head, Client Coverage, Corporate & Investment Banking, Stanbic Bank Ghana

Speakers



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Yussif Sulemana
Technical Advisor to the Minister of Petroleum, Ministry of Energy & Green Transition, Ghana



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Charles Abedier
Senior Investment Officer, IFC



Louis Josiah
Ghana Country Manager, Endeavor Energy Holdings

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,
Electricity Company of
Ghana (ECG), Ghana

Speakers




Sule Abdulaziz

MD & CEO, Transmission
Company of Nigeria
(TCN), Nigeria & Chairman
of the Board of Directors,
WAPP




Charles Ndiaye

Council Member,
ECOWAS Regional
Electricity Regulatory
Authority




Mark Baah

Ag. Chief Executive,
Ghana Grid Company
(GRIDCo), Ghana




Friday Sule

Deputy Director, Nigerian
Electricity Regulatory
Commission (NERC),
Nigeria



Loïc Ehua

Business Development
Director, Gridworks
Partners



Peter James

CFO, Cenpower
Generation


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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



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H.E. Honourable Nani Juwara
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Milton Gegbai
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Karimou Chabi Sika
Director General, Communauté Électrique du Bénin (CEB), Benin



Arnaud Gouet
Senior Vice President Utilities, Release by Scatec



Rushaiya Ibrahim-Tanko
Project Director (PPA Transparency), Energy for Growth Hub

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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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