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Day One – Tuesday 2 December 2025

Note: Topics, timings and speakers may be subject to change as the agenda develops.
French Translation will be available throughout the agenda.

07:30

Adlon Ball Room 3

07:30 – 08:30 **Registration & Networking**

Adlon Ball Room

Opening Ceremony

08:30

08:30 – 08:45 **EnergyNet Opening Remarks**

08:45 – 09:00 **High Level Host Country Welcome Remarks**

Speakers



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

09:00 – 09:20 **High Level Regional Opening Remarks**

09:20

Adlon Ball Room

09:20 – 09:35 **West Africa's Short – Medium – Long-Term Geopolitical and Economic Outlook. Is the Future Bright?**

09:35

Adlon Ball Room

09:35 – 11:00 **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

Speakers



H.E. Honourable Jeremiah Kpan Koung
Vice President, Republic of Liberia



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

11:00

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11:00 – 11:30 **Networking Coffee**

11:30

Adlon Ball Room 2

11:30 – 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 Côte d'Ivoire's scaling solar be replicated?

Speakers



Diouma Kobor
Director General, National Agency for Renewable Energies (ANER), Senegal

Adlon Ball Room 1

11:30 – 12:15 **Gas Strategies in a World of Changing Investor Sentiments**

- What gas infrastructure projects are available for partnerships?
- Fit for purpose – where are the opportunities to upgrade old existing infrastructure?
- Gas as an enabler of the energy transition – how far has West Africa come?
- Building new infrastructure pipelines: What are the next set of game-changing projects?
- How is the financing discussion changing? Are global and local investors ready to unleash capital post-US elections?

Speakers



Wale Yusuff
Wale Yusuff, MD, Wärtsilä Marine & Power Services, Nigeria



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



Aliyu Alhassan Yahaya

Underwriter, ATIDI

12:15

Papillon Restaurant

12:15 – 13:45 **Networking Lunch**

13:45

Adlon Ball Room 2

13:45 – 15:00 **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

Speakers



Cheick Oumar Diallo

Underwriter, ATIDI

15:00

Adlon Ball Room 3

15:00 – 15:30 **Networking Coffee**

15:30

Adlon Ball Room 2

Adlon Ball Room 1

15:30 – 16:30 **Hosted Session**

15:30 – 16:30 **Session Hosted by African Union: Green Hydrogen Focus**

16:30

16:30 – 16:40 **Session Switch Over**

16:40

Adlon Ball Room 2

16:40 – 17:40 **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?

Moderator



Sydney Nii Ayitey

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Executive VP, Energy & Infrastructure/Real Estate
Client Coverage, Ghana & Côte d’Ivoire, Stanbic

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17:40 – 19:00 **WAECS – Networking Party**

Day Two – Wednesday 3 December 2025

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08:00

Adlon Ball Room 3

08:00 – 09:30 **Registration & Networking**

08:00

Adlon Ball Room 1

08:00 – 09:15 **Session Hosted by African Union: AfSEM Focus**

09:30

Adlon Ball Room 2

09:30 – 10:40 **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?

Speakers



Edward Obeng-Kenzo
Acting CEO, Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana

10:40

10:40 – 10:45 **Session Switch Over**

10:45

Adlon Ball Room 2

Adlon Ball Room 1

10:45 – 11:45

Public and Private 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?
- Is West Africa ready to welcome the private sector?
- Upgrading old infrastructure – a quick fix?
- What should trading of power through WAPP look like from a private sector perspective?

Speakers



Loïc Ehua
Business Development Director, Gridworks Partners



Peter James
CFO, Cenpower Generation

10:45 – 11:45 **Energy Access – Filling the Gaps with Off-Grid Solutions**

- What Off-Grid initiatives are looking for private partners?
- 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



Abba Aliyu
MD & CEO, Rural Electrification Agency (REA), Nigeria



Ngozi Beckley-Lines
Country Manager (Sierra Leone), SEforALL



Leticia Insaideo
MD for Ghana, Bboxx

11:45

Adlon Ball Room 3

11:45 – 12:05 **Networking Coffee**

12:05

Adlon Ball Room 2

Adlon Ball Room 1

12:05 – 13:15 **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?

Speakers



Francis Agoha
MD & CEO, Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company, Nigeria

12:05 – 13:15 **Regulators Roundtable: Creating an Efficient Enabling Environment**

The session is designed as a working group for regulators to share knowledge and learnings on creating efficient markets.

Speakers



Moses Asaga
Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Ghana

13:15

Papillon Restaurant

13:15 – 14:30 **Networking Lunch**

14:30

YES! Exhibition Hall

14:30 – 16:00 **YES! On the Road Ghana Opening Ceremony**

All registered delegates for WAECs and YES! are invited to join the celebratory ceremony.

Details to follow