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# West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit Agenda

# 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



H.E. Honourable Jeremiah Kpan Koung

Vice President, Liberia



H.E. Honourable John Abdulai Jinapor

Minister for Energy & Green Transition, Ghana



H.E. Honourable Adebayo Adelabu

Minister of Power, Nigeria



H.E. Honourable Dr. Abdul Rahim Jalloh

Minister of Energy, Sierra Leone



H.E. Honourable Dr. Dele Alake

Minister for Solid Minerals Development, Nigeria



H.E. Honourable Nani Juwara

Minister of Petroleum, Energy & Mines, Gambia



H.E. Honourable Dr. Kandeh K. Yumkella

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Kandeh K. Yumkella,
Chairman, Presidential
Initiative for Climate
Change, Renewable
Energy & Food Security,
Sierra Leone



10:45 – 11:15 Networking Coffee

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#### 11:15 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 Underwriter, ATIDI

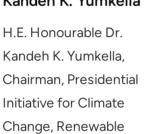
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Pamoussa Ouedraogo

Permanent Secretary,

National Council for

Sustainable Development,

Burkina Faso



Eunice Biritwum

Executive Secretary,
Energy Commission,
Ghana



Diouma Kobor

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

# Session Switch Over

# Adlon Ballroom 1

12:15

# 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.

# 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

Director, Business
Development, Siemens
Energy



Jillian Foerster

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



13:15 – 14:45 **Networking Lunch** 

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#### 14:45 Adlon Ballroom 1

#### 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.

# Speakers



Cheick Oumar Diallo
Underwriter, ATIDI



Kobby Bentsi-Enchill

Head of Investment

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Ghana



Sarah Lane
MD, Denham Capital



Principal Deal Originator
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Sylvia Monthe

Coverage Director

(Francophone & Central

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Amana Bawa

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



Roger Stuart

Head of Regional

Representation, European
Investment Bank (EIB)

# 16:00 Adlon Ballroom 3

#### **16:00 – 16:30 Networking Coffee**

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# 16:30 Adlon Ballroom 1

# 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

Head, Client Coverage, Corporate & Investment Banking, Stanbic Bank Ghana

# Speakers



H.E. Honourable John Abdulai Jinapor

Minister for Energy &
Green Transition, Ghana



Yussif Sulemana

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



Moses Asaga

Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC), Ghana



Erik Granskog

CEO, Endeavor Energy Holdings



Charles Wilfried Abedier

Senior Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

#### Cedar Garden

17:30 – 19:00 Welcome to Ghana – Networking Party

# Day Two – Wednesday 3 December 2025

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#### 08:00

#### **Adlon Ballroom 3**

#### 08:00 - 09:30 Registration & Networking

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# 09:30 Adlon Ballroom 1

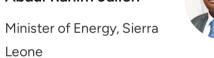
#### 09:30 - 10:45 Public and Private Sector Collaboration to Boost National Transmission & Regional Interconnection

- 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?

# Speakers



H.E. Honourable Dr. Abdul Rahim Jalloh





Sule Abdulaziz

MD & CEO, Transmissi

MD & CEO, Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Nigeria



Mark Baah

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



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



Loïc Ehua

Business Development

Director, Gridworks

**Partners** 



Peter James
CFO, Cenpower
Generation

# 10:45 Adlon Ballroom 3

# 10:45 – 11:15 Networking Coffee

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# 11:15 Adlon Ballroom 1

# 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?

# Speakers



H.E. Honourable Nani Juwara





Acting CEO, Volta River
Authority (VRA), Ghana



Milton Gegbai

Director General,
Electricity Generation &
Transmission Company
(EGTC), Sierra Leone



Karimou Chabi Sika

Director General,

Communauté Électrique
du Bénin (CEB), Benin



Arnaud Gouet

Senior Vice President

Utilities, Release by

Scatec



Rushaiya IbrahimTanko

Project Director (PPA
Transparency), Energy for
Growth Hub

#### Capitol Room & Papillon Restaurant

#### 12:30 – 14:00 **Networking Lunch**

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#### 14:00 Adlon Ballroom 1

#### 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 Al and smart technologies?

#### **Speakers**



Bangaly Maty

Energy & Infrastructure

Adviser, Prime Minister's

Office, Guinea



William Amuna

Board Chairman,

Electricity Company of
Ghana (ECG), Ghana



Rekhiat Momoh
CEO, Eko Electricity
Distribution Company
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Francis Agoha

MD & CEO, Ibadan

Electricity Distribution

Company (IBEDC), Nigeria



Ete Pinnick

MD & CEO, Port Harcourt

Electricity Distribution

(PHED), Nigeria

# 15:00

# Adlon Ballroom 3

# 15:00 – 15:30 **Networking Coffee**

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# 15:30

# Adlon Ballroom 1

# 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**



H.E. Honourable Dr. Dele Alake Minister for Solid Minerals

Development, Nigeria



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



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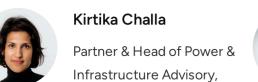




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Authority for the Energy Faso



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

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16:45 - Close of WAECS