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3 – 5 DECEMBER 2024 • LOMÉ, TOGO

Combined GDP:
US\$2.091 trillion (2022)

Potential renewable energy
capacity: 2,000 GW

Population:
450,145,917

A regional energy market:
12 national power grids united

POST SUMMIT REPORT





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Dear Colleagues,

The West Africa Energy Corporation Summit (WAECS) held in Togo under the Patronage of the President of the Togolese Republic brought together over 270 delegates representing 33 countries in regional collaboration to accelerate priority energy projects.

The summit was opened by H.E. Honourable Victoire Tomegah Dogbé, the Prime Minister of the Togolese Republic and H.E Honourable Sédiko Douka, Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy and Digitalisation, at ECOWAS.

The summit highlighted significant investment interest in energy projects, particularly in regional electricity interconnectors and renewable energy sources. Panellist also discussed options to maximise the region's gas potential, efficient development of energy storage, replicating successful PPPs at regional level, rural electrification and first-hand insights into M300 objectives in the region.

As part of EnergyNet WAECS also hosted 100 youth from Togo's colleges in a workshop lead by H.E Honourable Abdul Fahd Fofana, Minister Delegate of Grassroots Development, Financial Inclusion, Youth & Youth Employment, of the Togolese Republic. The workshop was designed to educate the youth on the hundreds of different job types in the energy sector and how they can prepare now to succeed as tomorrow's leaders.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, the Government of the Republic of Togo, World Bank, AMEA Power, ATIDI, JESA, EDF, Kekeli Efficient Power, Contour Global Sun King.

We look forward to continuing the discussions at WAECS in Accra in December 2026.

The West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit team

“As a pivotal energy hub in West Africa, our country is uniquely positioned to lead in advancing regional energy cooperation. The West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit will be a cornerstone event where we can collectively shape the future of energy infrastructure, fostering growth that transcends borders and benefits all.”

H.E. Honourable Robert Koffi Messan Eklo, Minister of Mines and Energy Resources, Togolese Republic



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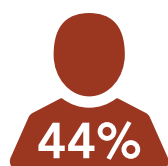
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“As the developers behind Togo’s first utility-scale renewable energy project, AMEA Power is ex-cited to be part of this pivotal summit, and we anticipate fruitful discussions and solutions that will advance renewable energy in West Africa.”

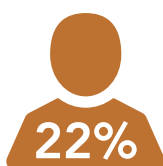
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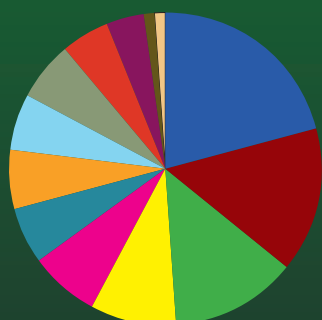


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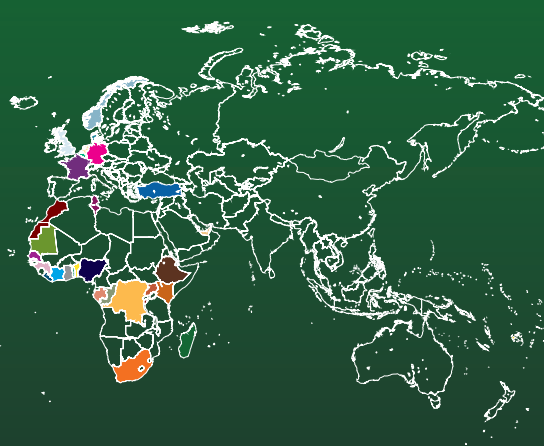
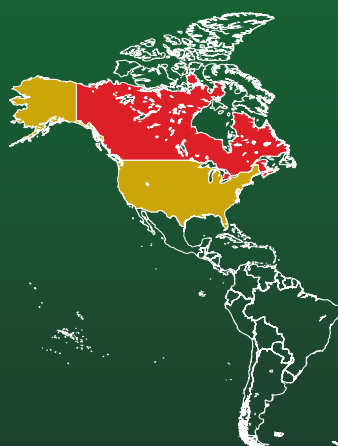


Early Career
Professional

Attendee breakdown by industry



Ministry	21%
Developers	15%
Financial Institutions	13%
Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC).....	9%
Technology Provider	7%
Press / Media	6%
Professional Services.....	6%
SME / Entrepreneurs.....	6%
State Owned Enterprises (SOE, Utility, etc)	6%
Associations / NGO / Research.....	5%
Oil and Gas.....	4%
Regulators.....	1%
Large Scale Energy Users	1%

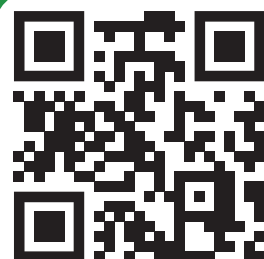


Countries

Belgium	Gambia	Nigeria
Benin	Germany	Norway
Burundi	Ghana	Senegal
Canada	Guinea	South Africa
Congo	Kenya	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Lebanon	Tonga
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Liberia	Tunisia
Denmark	Madagascar	Turkey
Ethiopia	Mauritania	Uganda
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DAY ONE: TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024

Remarks from the MC: Patrick Amendah

National Anthem of Togo

EnergyNet Welcome Remarks

Regional Host Sponsor Opening Remarks  **WORLD BANK GROUP**

Scene Setting Regional Overview & State of the Market

Host Country Ministerial Opening Remarks

High-Level Host Country Presidential Opening Remarks

Presidential Welcome Gala Dinner Hosted by  **JESA**
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DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024

West African High Level Ministerial and Governments Roundtable: Bolstering Cross-border Collaboration to Meet the Energy Needs of the Nations

Scaling up Renewable Energy Projects to Meet Country and Regional Needs

Maximising the Regions Gas Potential

Energy Projects with Impact: Challenges and Opportunities for Transforming Communities Hosted by  **EDF**

Building Robust, Interconnected Power Systems

The Off-Grid Project Pipeline for Energy Access & Exploring Successful Financing Models

DAY THREE: THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2024

Mission 300: Connecting 300 Million Africans to Electricity by 2030 – What is Strategy for West Africa?

Hosted by:  **WORLD BANK GROUP**

Youth Focus Workshop: Empowering the Youth to Succeed in the Energy Sector

Unleashing Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Energy Infrastructure

Energy Storage: Opportunities, Market Dynamics, Financing and Regulation

Site Visit The 100 MW ContourGlobal Togo Thermal Power Plant & Palais de Lomé

Energy Efficiency to Cut Costs, Reinforce Energy Security and Meet SDG Goals

Mitigating Currency Risk to Support Project Development

Closing Ceremony



INSIDE THE MEDIA

Pre-summit coverage:



595 articles/news
[English **52%**, and French **48%**]



272,485
PR impressions



5,104
PR unique views /reach

Post-summit coverage:



94
articles/news



171,200
PR impressions



26,780
PR unique views /reach

18 Togolese & Pan-Africa/International media attended

Togo



Pan Africa & International Media





PR COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS





PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

EGYPT GAZETTE

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West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit (WA_ECS) Celebrated as Milestone for Sustainable Energy Development, with Two Projects Signed

The West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit (WA-ECS), held in Lomé, Togo, from December 3-5, brought together governments and international energy leaders for three days of discussions and debate, addressing project development challenges in the ECOWAS region, promoting sustainable energy growth across West Africa, with two projects already signed.

LOMÉ, TOGO – EQS Newswire – 11 December 2024 – On Tuesday 3 December, after welcome remarks from Abdoulaye Sylla, Portfolio Manager & Head of Corporate Development, EnergyNet, the work began.

Speaking on behalf of the World Bank Group, Kwawu Mensan Gaba, Practice Manager, Africa West Energy Unit, expressed the Group's strong commitment to building a sustainable energy future for West Africa.

"Since 2020, we have mobilised more than \$5 billion for energy projects in West Africa. Through our Mission 300 initiative, launched in Washington DC in April 2024, in partnership with the African Development Bank Group, we aim to gather large-scale and innovative financing to deliver universal access to electricity in the region. This initiative, which is integral to our vision of a just energy transition, combines investments, reforms, and technological solutions to guarantee reliable, sustainable and affordable energy for all."

H.E. Honourable Sédiko Douka, Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy, and Digitalisation, ECOWAS, highlighted the challenge for communities in the ECOWAS region where, despite the vast energy resources available, only 56% of households have access to electricity.

"The recent initiative by the African Development Bank and the World Bank to provide electricity to 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa – half the continent's population without access – is highly commendable. We hope to receive a proportionate share of this effort, which will benefit 100 million people in West Africa, based on the size of our population and current levels of access."

H.E. Honourable Robert Koffi Messan Eklo, Minister of Mines & Energy Resources, Togolese Republic, gave the ministerial opening and called for commitment and change.

"The time has come to turn words into action. I solemnly call on all the stakeholders present to make a solid commitment to embrace this energy transformation. To policymakers, I urge you to create the favourable conditions for investment and innovation. To private investors, I call upon you to seize the opportunities offered by our rapidly changing energy sector. And to technical and financial partners, I call upon you to provide continuous support for our efforts."



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EGYPT GAZETTE (CONTINUED)

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The summit was honoured by the presence of H.E. Honourable Victoire Tomegah Dogbé, Prime Minister, Togolese Republic, who highlighted Togo's significance in the region.

"Togo stands out as a major energy hub, thanks to its world-class infrastructure dedicated to the transshipment and storage of hydrocarbons. Its dual expertise, both port and offshore, provides a secure fuel supply for both West Africa and the entire Atlantic corridor. Under the visionary leadership of His Excellency Mr Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic, Togo is fully committed to facilitating investment by providing a transparent and attractive regulatory framework, encouraging local innovations so that our energy solutions can be adapted to our current needs, and fostering regional and international exchanges so that we can move forward together."

By the close of the summit, on Thursday 5 December, progress had already been made,

Tchapo Singo, Director General of Energy, Ministry of Mines & Energy Resources, summarised findings and actions to be taken, including guidelines for securing fuel and energy supplies, strengthening inter-state cooperation, committing to policy and regulatory reforms, focusing on skills developments, and increasing the role of natural gas, a key component of the region's energy future.

"We are delighted that the Summit provided an ideal framework for Togo to take concrete action by signing two memorandums of understanding: one with HAIER as part of a partnership to strengthen Togo's technological capacity in the field of renewable energies, particularly for solar power plants; and another with RELP, providing technical and institutional support to the Ministry of Mines & Energy Resources with the aim of providing universal access to electricity. Togo has also made a commitment to young people in the energy sector by immediately offering internships and jobs to 50 young people."

Closing the ceremony, H.E. Honourable Mawusi Kakatsi, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Mines & Energy Resources, expressed his thanks to the World Bank Group and said:

"We all understand that it is together, in a spirit of cooperation, that we will be able to accelerate the process and achieve the results desired by each of our countries, as well as to build the sustainable and prosperous energy future that is expected by our respective populations. Once again, I would like to reiterate the heartfelt gratitude of the Togolese Government to each and every one of you for taking part."

Please allow me to extend our congratulations to the leaders of EnergyNet, our partner in organising this summit."



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Prime Minister Announces Major Renewable Energy Expansion

By Fiacre E. Kakpo



In Togo, 137 MW of new renewable energy projects are under development. Prime Minister Victoire Tomegah-Dogbé revealed this on December 3 in Lomé. This was during the West Africa Energy Cooperation Summit (WA-ECS) held from December 3 to 5.

In her address, PM Dogbé highlighted Togo's commitment to renewable energy development through ambitious projects. Some of the country's flagship renewable energy projects include Blitta's PV plant, one of the largest in West Africa. It currently produces 50 MW, but this capacity is being expanded to 70 MW.

There is also the Dapaong solar power plant, under construction in northern Togo. This plant should produce 25 MW and have a 40 MWh storage system. It will benefit around 60 rural communities in the Savanes region.

Since 2020, Togo has increased its electrification rate from 52% to 69%, providing thousands of rural household's electricity through solar kits and the Blitta solar power plant.

Challenges Remain

While Togo's electrification rate nears 70%, about half of West Africa's population still lacks electricity access, with some rural areas having rates below 10%. The Prime Minister emphasized that reliable and affordable energy is not just an economic necessity but also "a matter of social justice."

The WA-ECS summit, organized by EnergyNet in partnership with the Togolese government and supported by the World Bank, focused on three main priorities: interconnecting power grids, integrating renewable energy, and mobilizing \$30 billion in financing for approximately 60 projects by 2030.



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NEW AFRIQUE

New Afrique
La Nouvelle Africa

Togo - Lomé accueille le premier sommet WA-ECS pour une révolution énergétique en Afrique de l'Ouest

By Jeremy Ahossou

Le premier sommet ouest-africain sur la coopération énergétique (WA-ECS) s'est ouvert hier mardi 3 décembre 2024 à Lomé, sous la présidence de la cheffe du gouvernement togolais, Victoire Dogbé. Pendant trois jours, ministres de l'Énergie, investisseurs et experts débattront des défis et opportunités liés au développement énergétique en Afrique de l'Ouest. Cet événement ambitionne de renforcer les infrastructures régionales et de promouvoir un développement énergétique durable.

Dans son allocution d'ouverture, Victoire Dogbé a mis en lumière les défis de la région en matière d'accès à l'énergie, tout en appelant à une action concrète. « L'Afrique de l'Ouest se trouve à un moment charnière de son histoire énergétique. Avec une population dépassant les 400 millions d'habitants et une demande énergétique croissante, nous n'avons pas le choix. L'énergie est la clé de voûte de notre avenir et de nos ambitions de développement économique. » a confié Victoire Dogbé.

Elle a également insisté sur la justice sociale comme fondement de l'accès à l'énergie. " Pour nos populations vulnérables, l'accès à l'électricité n'est pas un luxe, mais une nécessité vitale. C'est une question de justice sociale et de résilience régionale face aux crises multiples que nous traversons. " Victoire Dogbé a rappelé l'importance d'un partenariat public-privé pour surmonter les obstacles structurels.



Les officiels à la cérémonie d'ouverture du premier sommet ouest-africain sur la coopération énergétique (WA-ECS)



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NEW AFRIQUE (CONTINUED)

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Le sommet, placé sous le thème « Renforcer la croissance de l’Afrique de l’Ouest grâce à un partenariat stratégique dans l’énergie », met un accent particulier sur les énergies renouvelables et l’intégration régionale. Les participants discuteront de projets majeurs tels que le système d’échange d’énergie électrique ouest-africain et le gazoduc ouest-africain, visant à optimiser les ressources et harmoniser les politiques énergétiques des pays membres.

Victoire Dogbé a également profité de cette plateforme pour présenter les avancées du Togo dans le domaine de l’électrification. « Le Togo est fier d’avoir porté son taux d’électrification de 50 % en 2020 à 69 % en 2024, tout en doublant sa capacité installée à 267 MW. Nous avons lancé le Fonds Cizo pour rendre l’électricité accessible à nos ménages vulnérables, et nous visons une couverture universelle d’ici 2030 grâce à un mix énergétique durable. »

Selon Dogbé, la jeunesse africaine doit être au cœur de cette transformation: “Nous devons former nos jeunes aux métiers de l’énergie et encourager les solutions adaptées à nos réalités. L’avenir énergétique de l’Afrique de l’Ouest appartient à sa population, et nous devons œuvrer ensemble pour bâtir une région plus forte.”

La première ministre a également salué les initiatives solaires du Togo, comme la centrale photovoltaïque de Blitta, qui alimente des milliers de foyers. Ces projets illustrent l’engagement du pays en faveur d’une transition énergétique respectueuse de l’environnement. Dogbé a insisté sur la stabilité politique et économique du Togo, conditions nécessaires pour attirer les investisseurs et garantir des infrastructures modernes.

Le sommet WA-ECS, qui se clôturera le 5 décembre, marque une étape majeure dans la coopération énergétique en Afrique de l’Ouest. Les discussions visent à aboutir à des solutions concrètes et innovantes pour répondre aux besoins énergétiques croissants de la région tout en assurant un développement durable.



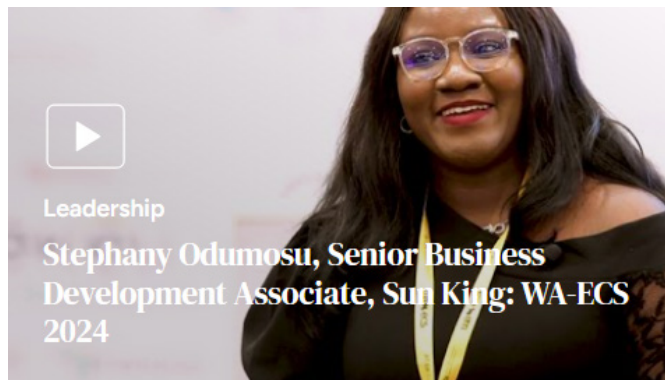


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