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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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**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

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 John Abdulai Jinapor**  
Minister for Energy & Green Transition, Ghana



**H.E. Honourable Adebayo Adedun**  
Minister of Power, Nigeria



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



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

10:45

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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



**Maxmillian Kwarteng**  
Director, Renewable Energy, Bui Power Authority

#### 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

#### Speakers



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



**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)

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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



**H.E. Honourable Richard Gyan-Mensah**  
Deputy 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



**Charles Abedier**  
Senior Investment Officer, IFC



**Louis Josiah**  
Ghana Country Manager, Endeavor Energy Holdings

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Capitol Room

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 – 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**



**Charles Ndiaye**

Council Member,  
ECOWAS Regional  
Electricity Regulatory  
Authority



**Benjamin Kingsford**

Director, Procurement,  
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

10:45

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10:45 – 11:15 **Networking Coffee**

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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**



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



**Abdul Noor Wahab**  
Director, Water Resources & Renewable Energy, Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana



**Modeste Agnekethom**  
Director Projects, 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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**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 AI and smart technologies?

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**Sam Edoho**  
Chief Commercial Officer, Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), Nigeria



**Francis Agoha**  
MD & CEO, Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC), Nigeria



**Ete Pinnick**  
MD & CEO, Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution (PHED), Nigeria



**Islam Sharawy**  
Country Manager, Anglo West Africa, Elsewedy Electric

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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**



**Abba Aliyu**

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



**Samuel Bocay Nagbe**

Executive Director, Rural & Renewable Energy Agency (RREA), Liberia



**Ngozi Beckley-Lines**

Country Manager (Sierra Leone), SEforALL



**David Ndungu**

Principal, CrossBoundary



**Leticia Insaideo**

MD for Ghana, Bboxx

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16:45 – Close of WAECs